

## ***Peace and Nonresistance: The Kingdom***

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Notetaking Outline

1. New Testament foundations of nonresistance
  - a. The New Covenant and the Kingdom of God
  
  - b. Christ the author and example of nonresistance
  
  - c. Matthew 5
    - i. Modification of the civil code of Moses 21-37
  
    - ii. Emphasis on love and forgiveness 38-48
  
  - d. Romans 12
    - i. The transformed life 1-2
  
    - ii. Love 9-21
  
  - e. Matthew 22
    - i. The things which belong to Caesar
  
    - ii. The things which belong to God
  
2. But, what about the Old Testament?
  - a. The Garden of Eden and the two trees

- b. Was war in the Old Testament God's plan? Deuteronomy 20
  
- c. War as God's second best – Guy Hershberger on war in the OT
  - i. Exodus 20:13 two kinds of killing?
  
  - ii. Two levels of humanity
  
  - iii. The two covenants Hebrews 8:6-7
  
  - iv. The lower standards of the Old Covenant
    - 1. The case of divorce
      - a. The OT directive Deuteronomy 24:1-4
  
      - b. The NT directive Matthew 19:4-8
    - 2. Israel and the desire for a king 1 Samuel 8: 4-22
    - 3. OT wars due to Israel's sin
      - a. Exodus 23:20-23
        - i. Supernatural removal
  
        - ii. Gradual removal
  
        - iii. Strict obedience and peaceful penetration
  
  - v. War as God's judgement J. L. Stauffer's alternative to Hershberger
  
- 3. "The Peace Position" and the Kingdom of God