



“One who injures another is liable to pay compensation for five things: physical injury, pain, medical costs, loss of income, and humiliation.”

(*m. Bava Kamma 8.1*)

“The justice of ‘an eye for an eye’ is more apparent than real: one man’s eyesight may be stronger or weaker than the other’s, and by taking one eye for the other, true equivalent justice is not being served....Also, if a blind man takes another’s eye, or a cripple without legs destroys someone else’s leg, how can justice be served? Further, when an eye or any organ is extracted from a living body it causes serious incidental injury, often endangering the individual’s life, and the Torah said ‘an eye for an eye,’ not ‘an eye and a soul for an eye.’”

(R. Moshe Shamah, *Recalling the Covenant*)

The Sermon on the Mount

Men Open Their Mouths
To Jeer At Me; They
Strike My Cheek In Scorn
And Unite Together
Against Me.

Job 16-10

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I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. “For the Lord GOD will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed.
Isaiah 50:6-7

Let Him Offer His Cheek
To One Who Would
Strike Him, And Let Him
Be Filled With Disgrace.

Lamentations 3-30

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Matthew 5:38-41 ESV

³⁸ “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ ³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹ And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.

“One who slaps another’s face must give him 200 zuz, and if it is with the back of the hand he must give him 400 zuz.”
(m. Bava Kamma 8.6)