



“Return Ready: Living with Honor”

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“Go and learn what this means: I desire mercy and not sacrifice.” Matthew 9:13

Four biblical observations on self-defense:

1. God APPOINTED protective measures for the innocent.
Numbers 35:9-34, Proverbs 6:17, 1 Samuel 19:10, Acts 9:25,
John 8:59

2. God ALLOWED a show of force to protect His people and
deter the enemy.
Nehemiah 1:4, 2:12, 4:17-18

3. God ARRANGED for defensive and protective measures
through civil law.
Esther 8:11, 9:16

4. Jesus ADVISED taking precautionary defense measures.
Matthew 5:39, Luke 22:35-38, 49-51, Exodus 22:2-3, Matthew
9:13

Concluding thought:

It is biblically and morally ADMISSABLE for Christians to
honorably defend themselves with discernment and mercy.

Questions to Consider:

- What is my position on self-defense?
- Have I prayed for a heart of discernment and mercy in
the event I must defend myself?