

“LOVING YOUR ENEMIES”
MATTHEW 5:43-48
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I. INTRODUCTION

- a. 6 “But I say unto you statements
 - i. Murder
 - ii. Adultery
 - iii. Divorce
 - iv. Oaths/Truth
 - v. Revenge
 - vi. Love
- b. 5:47 “What do you more than others?”
- c. 6:8 “Therefore do not be like them”
- d. You are to be a different kind of people.
- e. Chosen people 1 Peter, Come out and be separate. (2 Cor)

II. FALSE TEACHING

- a. The Jewish religious leaders had twisted the Word of God, and watered it down to fit their crooked hearts.
- b. **LEV 19:18**
 - i. They had added to it just as they had changed and added to the other commandments Jesus spoke of in this chapter.

III. TRUE TEACHING

- a. We are given a new way to (really the old way) to treat our enemies. It is a different way than the world. Remember the two phrases?
- b. Four Commands on How to Treat our Enemies.
 - i. Love, Bless, Do Good, Pray

IV. LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

- a. 1 Cor 13
- b. Love is not a warm fuzzy feeling, but it is a decision to treat someone a certain way.

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- i. *(Amplified Bible) 1 Cor 13:4 Love endures with patience and serenity, love is kind and thoughtful, and is not jealous or envious; love does not brag and is not proud or arrogant. 5 It is not rude; it is not self-seeking, it is not provoked [nor overly sensitive and easily angered]; it does not take into account a wrong endured. 6 It does not rejoice at injustice, but rejoices with the truth [when right and truth prevail]. 7 Love bears all things [regardless of what comes], believes all things [looking for the best in each one], hopes all things [remaining steadfast during difficult times], endures all things [without weakening].*

V. BLESS THOSE WHO CURSE YOU

- a. Example of Adrian Rogers letter he received.

VI. DO GOOD TO THOSE WHO HATE YOU

- a. Example of David sparing Saul in cave
 - i. *1 Sam 24:16 (NKJV) So it was, when David had finished speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, “Is this your voice, my son David?” And Saul lifted up his voice and wept. 17 Then he said to David: “You are more righteous than I; for you have rewarded me with good, whereas I have rewarded you with evil. 18 And you have shown this day how you have dealt well with me; for when the Lord delivered me into your hand, you did not kill me. 19 For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him get away safely? Therefore may the Lord reward you with good for what you have done to me this day. 20 And now I know indeed that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand.*

VII. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU

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- a.** Stephen while being stoned.
- b.** *Acts 7:54-60 (NKJV) 54 When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth. 55 But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, 56 and said, “Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” 57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; 58 and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” 60 Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not charge them with this sin.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.*

VIII. CONCLUSION

- a.** Close with 5 min video clip of Corrie Ten Boom Testimony