

# The Sermon On The Mount v2

Lesson 11  
Enemies  
Mat 5:43-48

## Revenge

1. Their wrong tradition about revenge
2. Personal revenge forbidden by the Law
3. The Law and Jesus taught overcome evil with good
4. The gospel forbids personal revenge and teaches overcoming evil with good

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## Introduction

- In Mat 5:21-48, Jesus gives six examples where He contrasts the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees with the righteousness of His kingdom that was in harmony both with the Law of Moses and the gospel
- Their misguided shallow rebellious righteousness led them to deemphasize inward change while focusing on loosely following outward conduct

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## Introduction

- As Jesus said in Mat 5:20, our righteousness must surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees if we are going to enter His kingdom
- Their shallow view of God's Law had led them to believe that you should love your neighbor but hate your enemies

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## Introduction

- But the Law taught that their neighbor also included their enemies to whom they should show love
- Jesus also affirms love for enemies also repeated in the gospel

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## Their Wrong Tradition About Enemies

Mat 5:43 "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.'

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## Their Wrong Tradition About Enemies

- In the previous five examples, we see again the scribes and Pharisees misapply and add to the Law of Moses
- They wrongly limited loving their neighbor to the one they wanted to love, preferably their fellow Jews whom they favored over other Jews and of course the Gentiles
- They further taught that God approved of them hating their enemies, something that was not in the Law

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## The Law and Jesus Taught To Do Good Toward (Love) Your Enemies

- Instead, the Law commanded doing good to enemies as we saw in the previous lesson
- The Law also did not limit a neighbor who should be loved to being a Jew
- Jesus gives three reasons for loving our enemies

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## The Law and Jesus Taught To Do Good Toward (Love) Your Enemies

Lev 19:17 'You shall not hate your fellow countryman in your heart; you may surely reprove your neighbor, but shall not incur sin because of him.

Lev 19:18 'You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.

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Lev 19:33 'When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong.

Lev 19:34 'The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.

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Exo 23:4 "If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey wandering away, you shall surely return it to him.

Exo 23:5 "If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying *helpless* under its load, you shall refrain from leaving it to him, you shall surely release *it* with him.

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Pro 25:21 If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink;

Pro 25:22 For you will heap burning coals on his head, And the LORD will reward you.

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Mat 5:44 "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Mat 5:45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous.

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Mat 5:46 "For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

Mat 5:47 "If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing *than others*? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

Mat 5:48 "Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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Luk 6:27 "But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

Luk 6:28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

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Luk 6:29 "Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either.

Luk 6:30 "Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back.

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Luk 6:31 "Treat others the same way you want them to treat you.

Luk 6:32 "If you love those who love you, what credit is *that* to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

Luk 6:33 "If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is *that* to you? For even sinners do the same.

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## The Law and Jesus Taught To Do Good Toward (Love) Your Enemies

Luk 6:34 "If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is *that* to you? Even sinners lend to sinners in order to receive back the same *amount*.

Luk 6:35 "But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil *men*.

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The Gospel Teaches We Must Do  
Good Toward (Love) Our Enemies

Joh 13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

Joh 13:35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

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Luk 23:34 But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.

Rom 5:6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

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Rom 5:7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

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Act 7:58 When they had driven him out of the city, they *began* stoning *him*; and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

Act 7:59 They went on stoning Stephen as he called on *the Lord* and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!"

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Act 7:60 Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" Having said this, he fell asleep.

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Good Toward (Love) Our Enemies

1Jn 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1Jn 4:8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

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## The Gospel Teaches We Must Do Good Toward (Love) Our Enemies

1Jn 4:9 By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

1Jn 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1Jn 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

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## The Gospel Teaches We Must Do Good Toward (Love) Our Enemies

Rom 12:14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Rom 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

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## The Gospel Teaches We Must Do Good Toward (Love) Our Enemies

Rom 12:16 Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.

Rom 12:17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men.

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## The Gospel Teaches We Must Do Good Toward (Love) Our Enemies

Rom 12:18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

Rom 12:19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

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## The Gospel Teaches We Must Do Good Toward (Love) Our Enemies

Rom 12:20 "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD."

Rom 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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## Enemies

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