

# Sermon on the Mount (Treatment of Enemies)

**In what way is our righteousness  
to exceed that of the Scribes  
and Pharisees???**

**Matt. 5:20**



# The Interpretation from the Scribes and Pharisees.

Jesus proclaims again the,  
Oral Traditions

“you have heard that it was said”

**Matt. 5:43**



# Scribes and Pharisees

Interpretation of the Law of Moses:

“Love your neighbor and Hate your  
Enemy.”

But, is this what the Old Law said???



# Old Testament Teachings

**“Love your neighbor as yourself”**

**Leviticus 19:18**

**“Kindness to be shown to your enemies”**

**Exodus 23:4-5/ Proverbs 25:21-22**



# The Scribes and Pharisees MISAPPLIED THE LAW

Since Love had to exist

So does Hate

Let's look at how Jesus clarifies their  
Ignorance, and see what He Teaches.



# Jesus' Teaching

**Matt. 5:43-48**

**What does Righteousness Demand  
concerning our Enemies???**



# Jesus' Teachings cont.

**Love your enemies**

**Show Good will**

**Bless those who  
curse us.**

**Speak well of them**

**Do good to those that  
hate us.**

**Treat them Kindly**

**Pray for those who  
use and persecute**

**Notice we are to Pray  
FOR them not just  
about them.**

**US**

**Expansion of vs. 38-42**

**Don't seek Vengeance**

**Instead,**

**React by manifesting Love**



**Why should we Respond to our  
Enemies with Love and kindness?**

**“That you may be son’s of God”**

**vs. 45**

**We should demonstrate ourselves to be  
True children of God.**



**Good and Evil People exist**

**God brings rain and sun on Both.**

**vs. 45**

**“God is Kind to the unthankful and Evil”**

**Luke 6:35-36**



Think about what God has done for  
mankind (sinners)

**Romans 5:8-10**

**“Offered His Son while we are sinners.”**

**1 John 4:10**

**“He loved us first”**



We should therefore Imitate God

**1 John 4:11**



**We have to be Different  
than the World**

**Matt. 5:46-47**

**Love more than those you already love**

**Greet more than those you already greet**



Only then will we be  
perfect (complete)

**Matt. 5:48**

**Perfect means:**

**Brought to completion,  
Full-grown,  
Lacking nothing**



# Passages to Consider

**Colossians 1:28**

**Ephesians 5:1-7**

**When we display Love and mercy to our enemies,**

**We are full-grown and demonstrating God's Love**



# God's Ways

**Are not Easy.....Matt. 6:14**

**Should not be taken Lightly....Matt 6:15**

**Should be taught.....Acts. 20:27**  
**Completely**

**Should be Imitated.....1 John 4:11**

# Do you Believe that Jesus' way is Right???

If so do something about your life.

Hear	Romans 10:17
Believe	John 3:16
Repent	Acts 2:38
Confess	Matt. 10:32-33
Be Baptized	Acts 22:16
Live Faithfully	Revelation 2:10

