

Love Your Enemies

Sunday, September 18th, 2022

Text: Matthew 5:43-48

- Luke 6:27

1. The Human Standard being taught - v.43

- Exodus 23:4-5
- Proverbs 25:21
- Leviticus 19:18
- Luke 10:31
- Luke 10:32
- Luke 10:33-35
- Psalm 139:19-22
- Psalm 35:12-13
- Psalm 109:4-5
- 1 Corinthians 16:22
- Luke 10:12
- Psalm 97:10
- Psalm 119:163

2. The Divine Standard to live by – v. 44

- 2 Timothy 3:12
- John 15:20
- Romans 12:20
- 1 Corinthians 10:31
- Luke 23:34

3. 6 Motivations for Loving our Enemies – v. 45-48

1) It reveals we are children of God – v. 45

- John 13:34-35
- 1 John 4:8, 16, 20
- Ephesians 5:1-2

2) It reveals believers live by a higher standard than the world - v. 46-47

- Matthew 5:46-47

3) It reveals God's perfecting work in our lives - 48

- Matthew 5:20
- 1 Peter 1:15-16

4) Loving our enemies is primarily an act of love to God, and secondly to our enemies.

- John 14:15
- John 14:21

5) Loving our enemies allows God to rule our hearts and not our enemies.

6) It Reveals what and who controls our hearts

7) We should love our enemies because we were enemies who were loved by God.

- Romans 5:10