

Message Notes

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Radical: Enemies
(Sermon on the Mount)
Matthew 5:38-48
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- ◆ This is about how we _____ God's _____ in this world.
- ◆ Jesus' disciples _____ even people we have every *right* to _____.

How to Defeat our Enemies

- ◆ *Lex Talionis*: put a _____ on _____. (Ex 21:24; Lv 24:20; Dt 19:21)

“But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person...Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” **Matthew 5:39a, 44 (NIV)**

- ◆ *Enemy* is a person who _____ our _____ - _____. (Ac 23:12)
- ◆ We defeat our enemies with a spirit of _____ - _____...
- ◆ Don't _____ to _____. (Mt 5:39; Pr 20:22; Ro 12:17; Is 53:7)
- ◆ Do _____ than is required to make things _____. (Mt 5:40; Lk 19:8)
- ◆ Treat _____ with _____. (Mt 5:41; Ro 12:20)
- ◆ Be _____ to _____ in need. (Mt 5:42; 1 Jn 3:17; 2 Thess 3:10)
- ◆ We defeat our enemies by _____ & _____ for them. (Mt 5:44)
- ◆ *Agape*: an act of the _____ regardless of how I may _____. (Ac 7:60)

Why Should I Care?

- ◆ Loving our enemies _____ us as God's _____ children. (Mt 5:45)

“In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in Heaven. For He gives His sunlight to both the evil and the good, and He sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.” **Matthew 5:45 (NLT)**

- ◆ Loving our enemies _____ others to _____. (Mt 5:46-47; Lk 23:47)

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. **Matthew 5:48**

- ◆ We're never _____ like the Father when we _____ our enemies!
- ◆ Lord, with Your _____, I _____ seek to love _____ enemies. (Pr 16:7)