

# The Heart of Kingdom Righteousness

Actual Jesus (Gospel of Matthew) – Part 46

Matthew 5:43-48

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<sup>20</sup> “For I say to you, unless your righteousness exceeds<sup>1</sup> more than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you absolutely will not enter into the kingdom of the heavens!

[...[EXPOSITION #6]<sup>43</sup> “You heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor,<sup>2</sup> and you shall hate your enemy!’<sup>3</sup>

<sup>44</sup> “But I, I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> in order that you may prove yourselves<sup>4</sup> sons of your Father who is in the heavens, because His sun He makes

rise on wicked and good, and He sends rain on righteous and unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> “For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same thing? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet your brothers only, what are you doing in excess? Do not even the pagans<sup>5</sup> do the same thing?

<sup>48</sup> “Therefore, you shall be complete, as your heavenly Father is complete<sup>6</sup>!”

Matthew 5:20, 43-48

(Pastor Phillips’ translation)

**Introduction: do you know, you can be Biblical and un-Biblical at the same time?**

## I. The Law Spoke: *You Heard That It Was Said...* (v. 43)

### A. Rule

1. *First* part: fairly simple — from Leviticus \_\_\_:18
2. *Second* part: more complicated
  - a. On the one hand...

Exodus \_\_\_:4-5

Proverbs \_\_\_:17

Proverbs \_\_\_:21

Leviticus \_\_\_:34
  - b. On the other hand...

Genesis \_\_\_:30-31

Matthew \_\_\_:24

Luke \_\_\_:26

Deuteronomy \_\_\_:1-6; \_\_\_:16-18

Deuteronomy \_\_\_:3-6

Psalms \_\_\_:7-9

Psalms \_\_\_:5

Psalms \_\_\_:113

Psalms \_\_\_:21-22
3. Bottom line: the Bible \_\_\_\_\_ this—superficially
  - a. Illustrations
  - b. Conclusion: what Jesus is doing here

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<sup>1</sup> Or *abounds*.

<sup>2</sup> Leviticus 19:18.

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Psalm 26:5; 119:113; and especially 139:21-22.

<sup>4</sup> Or *become*.

<sup>5</sup> Usually *Gentiles*, but with a moral and spiritual rather than ethnic emphasis.

<sup>6</sup> Or *perfect*, or *mature*, both times.

B. \_\_\_\_\_

## II. The Lord Speaks (vv. 44-48)

### A. \_\_\_\_\_ Commanded (vv. 44-45)

1. *Heart*: \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 44a)
  - a. *Not ...*
    - i. A \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. A \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. But a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the other's \_\_\_\_\_
2. *Objects*: \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 44a)
3. *Expression*: \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 44b)
4. *Motive*: \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 45a)
  - a. Note what it *isn't*—
  - b. Note what it *is*
5. *Model*: God's \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 45b)

### B. Misconceptions Corrected (vv. 46-48)

1. First pair of questions: about “\_\_\_\_\_” (v. 46)
2. Second pair of (—odd!) questions: about “\_\_\_\_\_” (v. 47)
3. Climax (v. 48)
  - a. Scope
  - b. Basis  
  
Leviticus \_\_\_\_:2b  
  
Deuteronomy \_\_\_\_:13
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_:
  - d. Significance: