

The Sixth Antithesis – Loving Our Enemies

Matthew 5:43-48

I. The False Teaching of the Jewish Leaders vs. 43

Part 1

1. The scribes and Pharisees left out the words *as yourself*.

Leviticus 19:18
Leviticus 19:33-34

2. The scribes and Pharisees added the words *and hate your enemies*.

Psalm 139:19-22

II. The True Teaching of Jesus vss. 44-48

Compare Luke 6:27-28

1. Jesus tells us what the Old Testament really says (vs. 44a).

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

2. Jesus gives examples of His teaching in action.

vs. 44b “bless those who curse you”

Numbers 6:24-26

vs. 44c “do good to those who hate you”

Romans 5:8-11

vs. 44d “and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you”

3. Jesus stresses the importance of being like our Heavenly Father (vss. 45, 48).

Matt. 5:9
Matt. 5:16
vs. 48 – See Lev. 19:2

4. Jesus stresses the importance on *not* being like the heathen (vss. 46-47).

Matt. 5:12
Matt. 6:19-21

Part 2