

Sermon: When a Friend Becomes an Enemy
Scripture: Psalm 55

Introduction

- I. Psalm 55: A Case Study
- II. Application: How should Christians respond when a friend becomes an enemy?
 - A. Our response to “the enemy”:
 1. Prayer (Matt. 5:44)
 2. Love
 - a. Live the gospel toward him (Rom. 5:11; 12:18)
 - b. Humble, Biblical confrontation (Matt. 18:15ff)
 - c. Deeds of kindness, not revenge (Matt. 12:19-21; I Cor. 13:6)
 - B. Our response to God:
 1. Prayer (Ps. 55:1,2,16,17)
 2. Keep covenant; be faithful.
 3. Self-examination before God (Ps. 139:23,24)
 - C. Our response with ourselves:
 1. Right thinking (Ps. 55:19)
 2. Believe and apply everything we know about God’s character, promises, and truth for our particular situation (Ps. 55. 16b, 18b, 22).
 3. Let God do the vengeance (Rom. 12:9).
 4. Do not allow your enemy to make you miserable (Rom. 12:18).
 5. Remember Christ is your best friend (Heb. 4:14-16).