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Matthew 5:43-48

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I. The Clear Command

Leviticus 19:18 "Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: I *am* the LORD."

II. The Misinterpretation (vs 43)

- a. God's Clear Command was Omitted
- b. God's Clear Command was Added To

III. Christ's True Interpretation (vs 44)

- a. Christian Love Loves Its Enemies

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

- b. Christian Love Blesses Its Cursers
- c. Christian Love Does Good to Its Haters
- d. Christian Love Prays for Its Persecutors

IV. The Importance of Love (vs 45)

- a. Love is a Proof of Salvation

1 John 4:16 "And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."

John 13:35 "By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

1 John 4:20 "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

- b. Love is a Proof of God's Love

1 John 4:10 "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins."

Psalm 145:15-16 “The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. <sup>16</sup> Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.”

- V. The **Challenge** of Love (vs 46-47)
- VI. The **Completeness** of Love (vs 48)
- VII. The **Application** of Love
  - a. An Application for the **Lost**
  - b. An Application for the **Saved**