

The Heart of Kingdom Righteousness

Actual Jesus (Gospel of Matthew) – Part 46

Matthew 5:43-48

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²⁰ “For I say to you, unless your righteousness exceeds¹ more than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you absolutely will not enter into the kingdom of the heavens!

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

⁴⁴ “But I, I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you,⁴⁵ in order that you may prove yourselves⁴ 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.⁴⁶ “For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same thing?⁴⁷ And if you greet your brothers only, what are you doing in excess? Do not even the pagans⁵ do the same thing?

⁴⁸ “Therefore, you shall be complete, as your heavenly Father is complete⁶!”

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

Psalm ___:7-9

Psalm ___:5

Psalm ___:113

Psalm ___:21-22
3. Bottom line: the Bible _____ this—superficially
 - a. Illustrations
 - b. Conclusion: what Jesus is doing here

¹ Or *abounds*.

² Leviticus 19:18.

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

⁴ Or *become*.

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

⁶ 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: