

Love Your Enemies!

Matthew 5:43-48

Introduction: Every great sermon is like climbing a high mountain. Each thought is like a step that takes you higher and higher toward the summit. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus has been taking ordinary people up, up, up the mountain of His kingdom. It's been a challenging climb!

Six laws in God's kingdom contrasted to self-righteousness.

The command to love your enemies. (vs. 43-44a)

How are we to love our enemies? (vs. 44b)

**Three reasons why we are to love our enemies.
(vs. 45-47)**

1. It reveals your true identity as sons of God. (vs. 45a)
2. It reflects the heart of God to those who hate Him. (vs. 45b)
3. It reminds you that you are different than the world. (vs. 46-47)

The extent to which we are to love our enemies. (vs. 48)

Conclusion: If your enemy knew that you loved him/her what difference would it make in their understanding of God?