

Trinity Bible Church
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Lesson 33

Dispensational Transitions

- I. From the Dispersion into Babylon to the close of the Old Testament
- II. Between the Testaments.
- III. The New Testament World.
 10. The Sermon on the Mount.
 - O. Six Contrasts In Interpreting The Law. Matt 5:21-37
 6. Hate And Love. Matt 5:43-48 & Luke 6:27-36

Matt 5:43 = The Sixth Premise.

L.T. = "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor, and you shall hate your enemy.'

Summary:

1. Jesus is confronting false doctrine which may have actually come from the Qumran community.
2. David proclaimed that he hated those who hated the Lord. Psa 139:19-24
3. There is no Biblical command to hate one's enemy, so this statement is from man, not God. Lev 19:17-18
4. Hating the Lord is a problem often displayed by disobedience.
Exo 20:5; Deut 5:9; 7:10; 30:7; 32:41 cf John 14:15,22,23
5. Love and Hate are antonyms.

Principle: Dogmatic assertions should be researched.

Matt 5:44 = The Call to the Greatest Love.

L.T. = but, I am saying to all of you, actively love your enemies and keep praying on behalf of those who are persecuting all of you

Summary:

1. The proper response to persecution is prayer, both for intercession and petition, seeking God's will for both.
2. The prayer is to last as long as the persecution.
3. It is to be a loving prayer for one's enemies, leaving their discipline in the Lord's hands. Rom 12:20-21
4. The one being persecuted needs to evaluate:
 - A. If one is an enemy of God through friendship with the world. Jas 4:4
 - B. If one's mind is set on earthly things. Php 3:17-20

Principle: God calls us to active love, not simply responsive love.

Matt 5:45 = The Call To The Father's Love.

L.T. = in order that you may become sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

Summary:

- 1. Faith in Christ makes us a "son of God," so we are called to act like one.**
- 2. God's grace is available to all mankind, who are all enemies at one time, even those who don't know or appreciate it. Rom 5:8-10**
- 4. We should desire God's grace to be received by all mankind.**
- 5. Actions associated with that attitude are:**
 - A. Doing good to those who hate you. Luke 6:27**
 - B. Blessing those who curse us. Luke 6:28**
 - C. Turning the other cheek. Luke 6:29a**
 - D. Overcoming evil with good. Luke 6:29b**
 - E. Giving. Luke 6:30**

Principle: Treat people the way you desire to be treated. Luke 6:41

Matt 5:46 = The Call To The Rewarding Love.

L.T. "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax-gatherers do the same?"

Luke 6:32-34 "And if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. (33) "And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. (34) "And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, in order to receive back the same amount.

- Returning evil for good is devilish.**
- Returning good for good is human.**
- Returning good for evil is divine.**

Matt 5:47 = The Call To Extend That Love.

"And if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?"

Matt 5:48 = The Call To Perfect Love.

"Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

In Summary. Luke 6:35-36

"But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men. (36) "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Principle: Our life should testify to the Father's grace.

Principle: We are called to imitate our heavenly Father.

Summary:

- 1. How to test your love for your enemies. 1 Cor 13:4-7**
- 2. Spiritual Love for one another is the fulfillment of the principle of valid law. Rom 13:9-10**
- 3. Spiritual Love for one another goes beyond convenience. Rom 15:1-3**
- 4. Spiritual Love for one another does not "chew" on others. Gal 5:14-15**
- 5. Spiritual Love speaks truth to one another. Eph 4:25**
- 6. Spiritual Love that is increasing indicates growth. Jas 2:8**
- 7. Spiritual Love removes the sin of invalid judging. Jas 4:12**
- 8. God's loved us while we were His enemies. Rom 5:8-10**
- 9. Jesus Christ will subdue all His enemies. 1 Cor 15:25**
- 10. Selfishness makes one a functional enemy of Christ. Php 3:18-19**
- 11. Friendship with the world makes one an enemy of God. Jas 4:4**
- 12. God's Love desires all to be saved and become spiritually mature. 1 Tim 2:3-4; 2 Pet 3:9**