

In Matt 5:38-42 Jesus teaches us to reform our outward actions to people around us

Veres 43-48 Jesus teaches us to reform our hearts

We're coming out of:

"You have heard it said" / "but I say" teaching

Teaching of the Pharisees/ Teachings of Jesus

Incorrect interpretation/ Correct interpretation of the Torah

Love your enemies!

Sometimes the Word is difficult to understand w/o studying and digging deep, other times it's easy to understand just hard to accept!

43 Lev. 19:18 "love your neighbor as yourself" love is agape (unconditional love)(not a love that comes from yourself but that only comes from God in you) not of their actions but their soul (high standard) love NOT based on feelings but choice

"Hate your enemies?" Not in Scripture, most likely pharisees
Romans 12:17-18, Exodus 23:4-5; Luke 6:27

Nobody is irredeemable

Jesus example on the cross

44 Love your enemies/ parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25–37, woman at the well John 4:1–42, Roman centurion Matthew 8:5–13 and Luke 7:1–10

A) Bless them (speak well of them)

B) Do good to them, Rom 12:17-18

C) Pray for them, give them to God, Paul's example while in prison

Before we came to Jesus, we were enemies of God. Romans 5:10 (NIV): "For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!"