Love Your Enemies

[Matthew 5:38-48](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5%3A38-48&version=ESV)

Key Verse 44

*“But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,”*

V.38-42

1. What does “eye for an eye, and tooth for a tooth” mean? ([Leviticus 24:17-21](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=leviticus+24%3A17-21&version=ESV)) Is this how we define justice and fairness? What does Jesus say?
2. If someone who is evil slaps us, sues us, forces us, and begs us, how should we react? Why? ([Matthew 26:67-68, 27:11-14](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+26%3A67-68%2C+27%3A11-14&version=ESV))

V.43-48

1. The world says that we should love our neighbor and hate our enemy, but what does Jesus say?
2. Why should we love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us?
3. What prevents us from loving others or greeting others? How can we love and greet others, even our enemies?
4. How can we be perfect, as our heavenly Father is perfect?