

Treasure Hunt

- What is the relation between the two motives given for loving our enemies, v. 45 and vv. 46-47?
- What general principle is involved in the motive, “that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven”?
- How does v. 48 relate to the previous context?
- How does Romans 12 contribute to our understanding of the Sermon on the Mount today?

The Structure of the Sermon

	Setting	4:25-5:2	7:28-8:1
Consequences →	Blessings & Warnings	5:3-12	7:13-27
	Our Mission	5:13-16	
	Law & Prophets	5:17-19	7:12b
Conduct →	Toward Man	5:20-48 It was said ... but I say	7:1-12a
	Toward God	6:1-18 Be not as the hypocrites	6:19-34

Principle: the Lord is not *canceling* or *modifying* the OT law, but *reinforcing* and *explaining* it.

The Structure of 5:21-48

The Manward Contrasts

	21 Murder	27 Adultery	31 Divorce	33 Oaths	38 Revenge	43 Love
Ye have heard that	x	x		x	x	x
it was said	x	x	x	x	x	x
to them of old time	x			x		

- “it was said” → The Oral Law (Jewish tradition)
- “it is written” → The Written Law (the OT)

Principle: The Lord is challenging Jewish tradition, *not* the OT law.

The Structure of the Lord's Teaching

Love your enemies (4 commands)

That οπως ye may become the sons of God

For οτι he is kind to his enemies (2 examples)

For γαρ the sinners do not love their enemies (2 examples)

Motive 1: Be like God

Motive 2: Don't be like the sinners

“Child,” “Son” in the NT

Greek Word	Count	Strong's Number	Nuance
ΥΙΟΣ	381	5207	Son, legal heir
ΤΕΚΝΟΝ	99	5043	Child (generic)
ΠΑΙΣ	24	3816	Child, servant
ΝΗΠΙΟΣ	14	3516	Minor child, simpleton
ΒΡΕΦΟΣ	8	1025	Fetus, infant

The Difference between “**Child**” and “**Son**”

Gal 4:1 Now I say, *That* the heir, as long as he is a **child**, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; 2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. 3 Even so we, when we were **children**, were in bondage under the elements of the world: 4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of **sons**.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the **sons of God**. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the **children of God**: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together. 18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are not worthy to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the **sons of God**.

The Imitation of God

Lev 11:44 For I *am* the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and **ye shall be holy; for I *am* holy:**

Cf. Lev 11:45; 19:2; 20:26; 21:8

Eph 4:31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. 5:1 **Be ye therefore followers μιμηται of God**, as dear children;

God's gifts to all people:

Act 14:17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

The Scope of Matt 5:48

Recall the headings of the contrasts:

	21 Murder	27 Adultery	31 Divorce	33 Oaths	38 Revenge	43 Love
Ye have heard that	x	x		x	x	x
it was said	x	x	x	x	x	x
to them of old time	x			x		

Which ones encourage us to be like God? Consider ...

Psa 7:11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry *with the wicked* every day.

Hos 2:1 Say ye unto your brethren, Ammi; and to your sisters, Ruhamah. 2 Plead with your mother, plead: for she *is* not my wife, neither *am* I her husband:

Isa 50:1 Thus saith the LORD, Where *is* the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors *is it* to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.

Matthew and Luke

Matt 5, Sermon on the Mount

Luke 6, Sermon on the Plain

5:1-12, Beatitudes

5:21-48, Manward
Contrasts

38-42, No Revenge

43-47, Love Enemies

48, Summary

7:1-12a, Manward
Commands

27 Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, 28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

29 And unto him that smiteth thee on the *one* cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloke forbid not to *take thy* coat also. 30 Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask *them* not again.

31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

32 For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. 33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. 34 And if ye *lend to them* of whom ye *hope to receive*, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

Matthew 5 and Romans 12

Romans 12

1-2, Summary

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

3-8, The Gifts

4 For as we have many **members in one body**, and all members have not the same office: 5 So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. 6 Having then **gifts** differing according to the grace that is given to us, ...

9-21, The Graces

Matthew 5



Paul's Allusions to Matthew 5

Romans 12	Matthew 5
9 <i>Let</i> love be without dissimulation [hypocrisy].	33-37 (C4) truthfulness
Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.	6 (B4) hunger and thirst after righteousness
10 <i>Be</i> kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;	7 (B5) merciful
11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;	5 (B3) meek
12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation;	10-12 (B8) persecuted for righteousness' sake 44 (C6) love your enemies
continuing instant in prayer;	5 (B3) meek
13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.	7 (B5) merciful
14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.	44 (C6) bless them that curse you
15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.	4 (B2) they that mourn
16 <i>Be</i> of the same mind one toward another.	23-24 (C1) be reconciled to your brother
Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.	3 (B1) poor in spirit
17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.	38-42 (C5) resist not evil
18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.	9 (B7) peacemakers
19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but <i>rather</i> give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance <i>is</i> mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.	22 (C1) whoever is vainly angry with his brother ... 38-42 (C5) resist not evil 43-45 (C6) do good to them that hate you
21 <i>Be</i> not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.	(summary)