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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

Love and Righteousness

Matthew 5:43–48

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Lev. 19:18, “You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

Mark 12:29, “Jesus answered him, ‘The first of all the commandments is: “Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Mark 12:30, “ ‘ “And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” This is the first commandment.

Mark 12:31, “ ‘And the second, like it, is this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’ ”

Matt. 5:44, “But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

Matt. 5:45, “that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”

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φιλέω *phileō*

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affection for; a more

intimate love

John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Rom. 5:8, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

1 John 4:10, “In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

1 Cor. 13:4, “Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant,

1 Cor. 13:5, “does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered,

1 Cor. 13:6, “does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

1 Cor. 13:7, “bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

Positively: Patient, kind, rejoices with the truth, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.

Negatively: Not jealous, does not brag, not arrogant (self-absorbed and self-promoting), does not act unbecomingly or inappropriately, does not seek its own (self-absorbed and self-justifying), is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness.

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Veracity

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Conclusion: Love is only as valid as the integrity of the character behind it.

John 13:34, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 13:35, “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Gal. 5:14, “For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

Gal. 5:15, “But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

Gal. 5:16, “I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

Gal. 5:22, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Gal. 5:23, “gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”

1 John 4:10, “In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 4:11, “Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

Matt. 5:45, “that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”

**υἱός *huios*
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**Matt. 5:9, “Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called sons of God.”**

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Matt. 5:46, “For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?”

Matt. 5:47, “And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so?”

Matt. 5:48, “Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.”

τέλειος *teleios*

“complete, mature, full”

Gen. 17:1, “When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, ‘I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.’ ”

Deut. 18:13, “You shall be blameless before the LORD your God.”

Matt. 5:48, “Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.”

Be holy or righteous in reflection of the character of God.

Lev. 11:45, “For I am the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.”