

# MATTHEW

October 10, 2021

Matthew 5:43-48

## READ

Matthew 5:43-48      Luke 10:30-37

## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Where would the rationalization to “hate your enemy” come from (v. 1)?
2. How do we make the leap from loving our neighbor to loving our enemies? Read Luke 10:30-37. What does this suggest about our neighbor/enemies?

3. Where do we all start out in life (Romans 5:10)?

Despite this, what is God’s attitude toward us (John 3:16; Romans 5:8)?

4. How does God’s love work (1 John 4:10)? What does this suggest about love (*agapao*)?
5. How do we express our love for our enemies (Luke 6:27-28)? (What might this look like in action?)
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  - (2)
  - (3)

6. Where do we look for our example of love (v. 45)? (And where do we *not* look for our example of love, vv. 46-47?)

What does that look like?

7. What is the key word in v. 47 that amplifies our love? (What does that suggest?)

8. Check a study Bible or commentary on the meaning of “perfect” (v. 48)? How does the NT word differ from our typical English usage?

How do we, according to Jesus, arrive at, or exhibit, this perfection?

### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

I will do good to my enemy this week by . . .

I will bless my enemy this week by . . .

I will pray for my enemy this week by . . .