

Matt. 5:43-48

43. You have heard that it was said, “Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.”

44. But I am saying to you: Love your enemies, and pray on behalf of those persecuting you, 45. in order that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.

Because He causes the sun to rise over evil ones and good ones. He causes it to rain over righteous ones and unrighteous ones. 46. For if you love the ones loving you, what reward do you have? Are not the tax collectors doing the same thing?

47. And if you only welcome your brothers, what exceptional thing are you doing? Are not the gentiles doing the same thing? 48. Therefore, You, be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect.