

LOVE WINS
MATTHEW 5:43-48
6-23-24

KEY THOUGHT: Righteousness in the Kingdom determines how well we love others.

I. YOUR RESPONSE TO THOSE WHO HATE YOU IS TO BE MARKED BY LOVE AND PRAYER (43-44)

“love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you . . .”

II. HOW DOES LOVE WIN IN YOUR LIFE? (45-48)

“be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

A. Your love for your enemies confirms that you know God (45)

“that you may be children of your Father in heaven.”

B. Your love for your enemies distinguishes itself from the love of the world (46-47)

“If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?... And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others?”

C. Your love for your enemies establishes your spiritual maturity (48)

“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”