

## Galilean Ministry—Sermon on the Mount: OT Law and the Heart (April – May 31)

Matthew 5:33–48

Luke 6:27–30, 32–36

**Vows**

33 “Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, ‘YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FALSE VOWS, BUT SHALL FULFILL YOUR VOWS TO THE LORD.’ [[Lev 19:12](#); [Num 30:2](#); [Deut 23:21](#)]

34 But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,

35 or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING. [cf. [Ps 48:2](#)]

36 Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.

37 But let your statement be, ‘Yes, yes’ or ‘No, no’; anything beyond these is of evil.

**Crime and Punishment**

38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.’

[[Exod 21:24](#); [Lev 24:20](#); [Deut 19:21](#)]

39 But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

40 If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also.

41 Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two.

42 Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.

**Love and Hate**

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR [[Lev 19:18](#)] and hate your enemy.’

44 But I say to you, love your enemies

and pray for those who persecute you,

45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous. [cf. [Acts 14:17](#)]

46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have?

Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

47 If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing *than others*?

Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

29 Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either.

30 Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back.

27 “But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

32 If you love those who love you, what credit is *that* to you?

For even sinners love those who love them.

33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is *that* to you?

For even sinners do the same.

34 If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is *that* to you? Even sinners lend to sinners in order to receive back the same *amount*.

35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil *men*.

48 Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.	36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
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