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**Sermon
On The Mount**

Week 5 - Matthew 5:33-48


Walking In The Word


Sat, 7.30pm
Sun, 8.30am

Last Week

Antithesis:

It is a teaching that is the direct opposite of or transcends the moral standard of a traditional teaching.

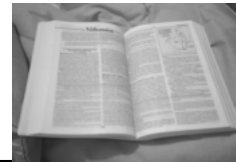
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Last Week – 1st Antithesis

The Issue Of Murder (Matt.5:21-26)

- Invectives spoken or hatred hidden within our hearts are tantamount to murder in the standard of the Kingdom.
- Live to seek reconciliation with those who may have strained relationship with us.



Last Week - 2nd Antithesis

The Issue Of Adultery (Matt.5:27-30)

- The sin of adultery can be committed in our minds without the physical act of doing it.



Last Week - 2nd Antithesis

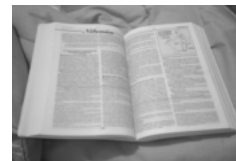
- Guard our mind from allowing the thought of sin to take root.
- Victory over sin must first take place in our minds before it can be expressed in our outward behaviors.



Last Week - 3rd Antithesis

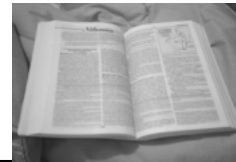
The Issue Of Divorce (Matt.5:31-32)

- We have to guard the original intent of God for the permanence of marriage.
- Divorce is never an easy way out for believers and it must never be entertained without first seeking for reconciliation and forgiveness.



Last Week

- Every antithesis would start with the phrase – “You have heard that it was said”.
- Jesus would give the antithesis with the phrase – “But I say to you”.



Last Week

Through the antithesis, Jesus was directly demonstrating His authority as the Messiah to interpret the Law.



4th-6th Antithesis

- ◆ **4th Antithesis: The Issue Of Oath (Matt.5:33-37)**
- ◆ **5th Antithesis: The Issue Of Revenge (Matt.5:38-42)**
- ◆ **6th Antithesis: The Issue Of Loving Our Enemy (Matt.5:43-48)**



4th Antithesis: The Issue Of Oath

Matthew 5:33-37 (NIV)

³³ *“Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.’*

³⁴ *But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne;*



4th Antithesis: The Issue Of Oath

³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.

³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black.

³⁷ Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.



4th Antithesis: The Issue Of Oath

The Old Testament basis for oath making can be found in:

- **Lev.19:12**
- **Ps.49:14**



4th Antithesis: The Issue Of Oath

Two categories of oaths:^[1]

- ◆ An assertive oath → one affirms or denies having done something
- ◆ Promissory oath → one swears to do/use or not to do/use something

[1] Guelich, Robert. (1982). *The Sermon On The Mount* (Page 249). Dallas: Word Publishing



4th Antithesis: The Issue Of Oath

- ◆ Every oath was made in God's name to give backing and endorsement to the oath.
- ◆ Yet the Jews were fearful to break the 2nd commandment of using God's name in vain.
- ◆ Instead, the Jews would use symbols that represented God.
ie. temple, Jerusalem, heaven.



4th Antithesis: The Issue Of Oath

Oath is made because:

- ◆ people do not trust each other with the words spoken
- ◆ requiring someone of greater moral standing to vouch for the words spoken.



4th Antithesis: The Issue Of Oath

The Lord requires us to live with integrity so that when we say “YES”, it means a YES and when we say “NO”, it is a NO.



5th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Revenge

Matthew 5:38-42 (NIV)

³⁸ *“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’*

³⁹ *But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.*



5th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Revenge

⁴⁰ *And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.*

⁴¹ *If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.*

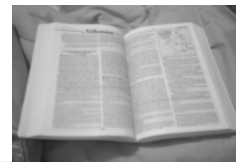
⁴² *Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.*



5th Antithesis: **The Issue Of Revenge**

The 5th Antithesis deals with:

- ✦ a traditional teaching on revenge
- ✦ has its basis in Ex.21:24 & Lev.24:20.



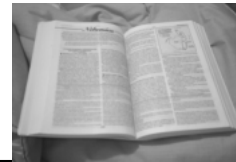
5th Antithesis: **The Issue Of Revenge**

- ✦ The traditional teaching was to protect any Israelite from the excessive retaliation of another fellow Israelite.
- ✦ This is done by limiting the extent of the revenge as seen in verse 38 of “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth”.



5th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Revenge

The 5th antithesis → **OUR RIGHTS**



5th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Revenge

Matthew 5:39 (NIV)

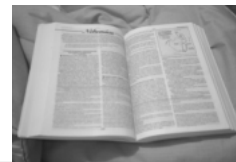
But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.



5th Antithesis: **The Issue Of Revenge**

✠ The word “resist” comes from the Greek word **ἀνθίστημι** (anthist mi).

➔ to oppose, to set against or to withstand.



5th Antithesis: **The Issue Of Revenge**

✠ “Evil person” here does not refer to the devil.

✠ It refers to someone who is doing any evil deed to you.

✠ Jesus gave 4 kinds of examples of evil deeds in verses 39 to 42.



5th Antithesis: **The Issue Of Revenge**

First kind of evil deed:

*“If someone strikes you on the right cheek,
turn to him the other also.”*

- *In any attempt to slap another person using the right hand will find the contact on the left cheek.*



5th Antithesis: **The Issue Of Revenge**

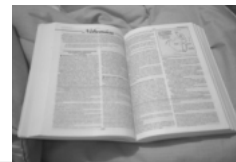
- ✠ In order to strike a person on the right cheek, one has to use the back of the right hand to slap a person.
- ✠ It is to further aggravate the insult.
- ✠ v.39 carries the implication that we are not to retaliate or take revenge even when it is our right to do so.



5th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Revenge

Matthew 5:40 (NIV)

*⁴⁰ And if someone wants to sue you
and take your tunic, let him have
your cloak as well.*



5th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Revenge

Second kind of evil deed:

People who sue us and take us to court.



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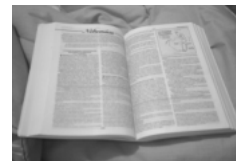
- ✠ A tunic is a shirt that the Jews wear and it fits very well on the body.
- ✠ A cloak is a loose wrap, more like a small blanket that is worn like an outer garment during the day and as bedding during the night.



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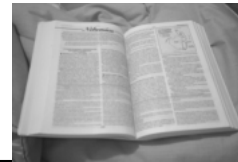
Exodus 22:25-27 (NIV)

- ²⁵ *"If you lend money to one of my people among you who is needy, do not be like a moneylender; charge him no interest*
- ²⁶ *If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, return it to him by sunset*



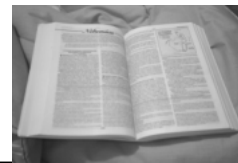
5th Antithesis: **The Issue Of Revenge**

²⁷ because his cloak is the only covering he has for his body. What else will he sleep in? When he cries out to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.



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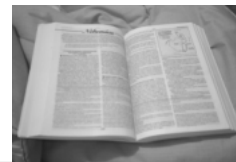
- ✦ The cloak is a very personal item.
- ✦ It was legislated by law that no one was allowed to deny one from having his cloak to sleep at night.
- ✦ It was the most basic need of an individual and no one was allowed to be denied of such a need.



5th Antithesis: **The Issue Of Revenge**

Matthew 5:41(NIV)

*⁴¹ If someone forces you to go one mile,
go with him two miles.*



5th Antithesis: **The Issue Of Revenge**

Third kind of evil deed:

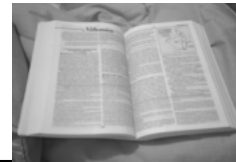
- ✠ A historical Roman practice where a Roman soldier could ask any civilian to carry out any wish of theirs for military purpose.
- ✠ Jesus taught that instead of just fulfilling their minimum requirement as demanded, go the extra mile for the oppressors.



5th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Revenge

Matthew 5:42 (NIV)

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



5th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Revenge

Fourth kind of evil deed:

- ⌘ People who ask things from us
- ⌘ People who borrow from us

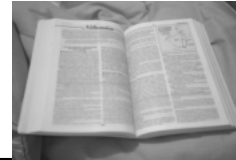


5th Antithesis: **The Issue Of Revenge**

Rather than demanding strict justice, or allowing for retaliation of any kind, the disciple of the kingdom defers to others. The disciple does not insist on personal rights.

Furthermore, the true disciple does more than is expected. He or she is free from society's low standards of expectation, being subject only to the will of the Father. ^[1]

[1]Hagner, D. A. (2002). Vol. 33A: Word Biblical Commentary: Matthew 1-13. Word Biblical Commentary (Page 131). Dallas: Word, Incorporated.



5th Antithesis: **The Issue Of Revenge**

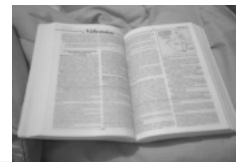
People of the Kingdom must not behave and react in the way the people of the world will.



5th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Revenge

Romans 12:19-21 (NIV)

¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.



5th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Revenge

²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



6th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Loving Our Enemies

Matthew 5:43-48 (NIV)

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

⁴⁴ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you



6th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Loving Our Enemies

⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?



6th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Loving Our Enemies

⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?

⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.



6th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Loving Our Enemies

The 6th antithesis deals with a traditional teaching found in Lev.19:19 and Deut.23:3-6.



6th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Loving Our Enemies

Leviticus 19:18 (NIV)

Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.



6th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Loving Our Enemies

Definition of “neighbor” (Lev.19:18) was referring to that of a fellow Israelite.



6th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Loving Our Enemies

Deuteronomy 23:3-6 (NIV)

³ No Ammonite or Moabite or any of his descendants may enter the assembly of the Lord, even down to the tenth generation.



6th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Loving Our Enemies

⁴ For they did not come to meet you with bread and water on your way when you came out of Egypt, and they hired Balaam son of Beor from Pethor in Aram Naharaim to pronounce a curse on you.



6th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Loving Our Enemies

- ⁵ *However, the Lord your God would not listen to Balaam but turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you.*
- ⁶ *Do not seek a treaty of friendship with them as long as you live.*



6th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Loving Our Enemies

This teaching of “hating your enemy” has its historical basis in the unfair treatments of the heathen nations towards Israel.



6th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Loving Our Enemies

The redefinition of neighbor can be found
in Luke 10:27-37 (The Good Samaritan)

- The Good Samaritan took care of a wounded Jew.
- This signify our enemies could be our neighbors.



6th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Loving Our Enemies

Matthew 5:44 (NIV)

*But I tell you: Love your enemies and
pray for those who persecute you*



6th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Loving Our Enemies

It runs contrary to what the tradition had taught with regards to the treatment of the enemies of the Jews.



6th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Loving Our Enemies

Matthew 5:45 (NIV)

⁴⁵ that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.



6th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Loving Our Enemies

Matthew 5:46-47 (NIV)

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⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?

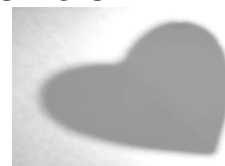


6th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Loving Our Enemies

Matthew 5:48 (NIV)

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

The word “perfect” does not refer to moral perfection where one has no sin.



6th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Loving Our Enemies

Qn. What is the meaning of “perfect”?

The Greek word is τέλειος (*teleios*).

➔ complete, mature.



6th Antithesis:
The Issue Of Loving Our Enemies

The meaning of “be perfect”

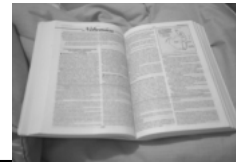
➔ to have completeness of relationship
with God and with others.



Summary

4th Antithesis: The Issue Of Oath (Matt.5:33-37)

- The Lord wants us to let our “YES” be a YES and our “NO” be a NO.
- We need to have integrity in our words.



Summary

5th Antithesis: The Issue Of Revenge (Matt.5:38-42)

- The Lord wants us to deny our rights to revenge and to live differently from the world.
- We are to allow the Lord to avenge for us.



Summary

6th Antithesis: The Issue Of Loving Our Enemy (Matt.5:43-48)

- Love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us.
- We are to be perfect in our relationship with God and with people around us.

