

Questions for Matthew 5:43-48

1. What is the original Old Testament principle that Jesus is referencing here to love your neighbor and hate your enemy? (Verse 43)

2. How does this principle that Jesus is now giving shift the focus away from God's people being an earthly nation? (Verse 44)

3. Why do people become our enemies and treat us badly? What does it prove to them when we do not retaliate in kind? (Verses 44-45)

4. Are earthly possessions reflective of heavenly blessings or curses? (Verse 45)

5. In what ways do loving your enemies and doing good to those who hate you separate us from the rest of society? (Verses 46-47)

6. How can we be perfect (or complete) in the same way the God our Father is? (Verse 48)