

PARKWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
BIBLE STUDY – March 14, 2007

Topic: Serving God upon This Mountain...In Spite of Our Foes – Attacks

Passage: Matthew 5: 43-48

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INTRODUCTION

- a) How possible is it to live peaceable with everyone?
- b) This passage falls in the section commonly known as the Beatitudes which teaches the principles and standards of the Kingdom of God.
- c) The matter of relationship with one's enemies is tackled here.
- d) The common way of treating with one's enemy is set in opposition to God's way.
- e) Further the disciples were being called to demonstrate their relationship to God by the way they saw and related to their enemies.

INVESTIGATION

- Verse 43 - Popular Saying – Measure for Measure
Verse 44 - Path Stated – Merciful Manner
Verse 45a - Prove Sonship – Manifest Makeover
Verse 45b - Practice of Sovereign Lord – Magnanimous Mover
Verses 46&47 - Practice of Sinners – Mean-spirited Movers
Verse 48 - Point for Saints – Motivated by Heavenly Father

IMPLICATION

In dealing with our Foes we have...

- a) Something to Prove - That we have Accepted Christ
- b) Something to Pattern - The Adherence to the Commands of Christ
- c) Something to Press For - The All-Inclusive Caring Approach of Heavenly Father

INTEGRATION

- a) To what extent do you believe we respond to our foes as SAVED people?
- b) Do you think Christians generally and earnestly consult the SCRIPTURES in dealing with foes?
- c) How committed are Christians to the STANDARD of the Kingdom in dealing with their foes?

INTERCESSION

- a) What is the most troubling thing for you in dealing with your foes?
- b) Pray for each other according to what was shared.