

The Sermon on the Mount

Jesus' Thoughts on Oaths, Payback, and Love

Scripture: Matthew 5:33-48

Big Question: What standard of perfection are you seeking?

Big Idea: *Jesus shows His love to all people without distinction... and so should His disciples!*

Introduction: *Whose scorecard are you using?*

Changing the Scorecard

- V. #33-37 ***Oaths***
 - As followers of Jesus our word should be **backed by our character.**
- V. #38-42 ***Payback***
 - As followers of Jesus we are **ministers of reconciliation not retaliation.**
- V. #43-48 ***Love of Others***
 - As followers of Jesus we are to **love friend and foe.**

Applications: How do I take possession of this message and live it out in my life?

- Binge on the love of God poured out for you in Jesus Christ.
- Bring all persecution you receive from people to God in prayer.
- Be open handed with what God has given you.

But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,
Matthew 5:44