

MORE THAN OTHERS

“BUT I SAY UNTO YOU, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES,
BLESS THEM THAT CURSE YOU, DO GOOD TO
THEM THAT HATE YOU, AND PRAY FOR THEM
WHICH DESPITEFULLY USE YOU, AND
PERSECUTE YOU;”

MATTHEW 5:44

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INTRODUCTION

- STANDARDS ARE MEASUREMENTS OF QUALITY OR EXCELLENCE.
- MOST STANDARDS ENSURE SAFETY, SUCCESS, OR PROTECTION FOR CONSUMERS.
- FOR CHRISTIANS, JESUS IS OUR STANDARD, **1 PETER 2:21**.
- SINCE HE IS OUR PERFECT EXAMPLE, CHRISTIANS MUST MEET A HIGHER STANDARD THAN THE WORLD.

HIGHER STANDARD OF LOVE

OLD TESTAMENT STANDARD- **LEVITICUS 19:18**- AS SELF

NEW TESTAMENT STANDARD- **JOHN 13:34**- AS I LOVED

- **1 JOHN 3:16-17** LOVE INVOLVES SACRIFICE

HIGHER STANDARD OF LOVE

MATTHEW 5:43-44 (AGAPO) LOVE REQUIRES AN INNER COMMITMENT TO SEEK THE BETTERMENT OF OTHERS.

EPHESIANS 5:1-2 WE MUST IMITATE GOD, WHICH INCLUDES OUR CAPACITY TO LOVE.

WE CANNOT SEVER THE CONNECTION BETWEEN LOVE & OBEDIENCE, **JOHN 14:15; 21.**

HIGHER STANDARD OF KINDNESS

OLD TESTAMENT STANDARD- LEVITICUS 19:9-10 PROVISION

NEW TESTAMENT STANDARD- LUKE 6:35 MORE PROVISION

- LUKE 10:33 KINDNESS STRESSES GENEROSITY AND SHOULD TRANSCEND BARRIERS.

HIGHER STANDARD OF KINDNESS

- OLD TESTAMENT –KINDNESS TO ANIMALS DEUT. 22/25
- EXODUS 23:4-5 – “GUIDE GOODNESS TO ENEMY.”
- EXAMPLE: GENESIS 18:2- DID ABRAHAM OFFER “MINIMAL” KINDNESS?

HIGHER STANDARD OF THINKING

- OLD TESTAMENT STANDARD- **EXODUS 6:4-8** COVENANT
- NEW TESTAMENT STANDARD- **HEBREWS 9:15** BETTER COVENANT
- **PHILIPPIANS 2:5**- MINDSET OF HUMILITY, SERVICE, SELFLESSNESS

HIGHER STANDARD OF THINKING

- WRONG THINKING LEADS TO WRONG ACTIONS. **MARK 7:21-23**
- **ROMANS 12:1-2** “RENEWED MIND”-“RENEWED THINKING” **COLOSSIANS 3:10**
- EXAMPLE: NOAH **GENESIS 6** THOUGHT ABOUT OBEDIENCE

CONCLUSION

“HE THAT SAITH HE ABIDETH IN HIM OUGHT HIMSELF ALSO SO TO WALK, EVEN AS HE WALKED.”

1 JOHN 2:6

INVITATION

BECOMING GOD'S CHILD

- HEAR
- BELIEVE
- REPENT
- CONFESS
- BE BAPTIZED

RETURN AS GOD'S CHILD

- REPENT OF MISTAKES
- PRAY FOR FORGIVENESS
- LIVE FAITHFULLY