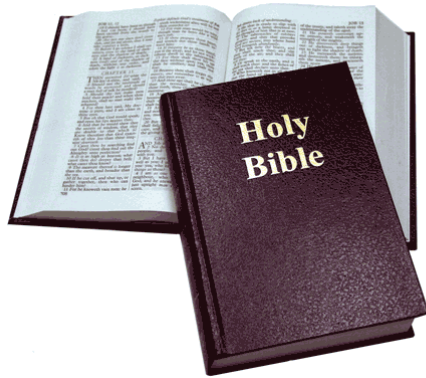


The Sermon on the Mount

STUDY 13

Reading: Matthew 5:43-48



Being sons of the Father

Home Fellowship Group Bible Study Questions

Tuesday 25th June/Wednesday 26th June 2013

- 1) Why is the teaching of Jesus in verses 43-44 so radical; and how do you think it relates to what the Jews understood to be in God's law?
- 2) What does Jesus mean in verse 45 when He relates 'loving our enemies and praying for them' with being sons of our Father in heaven?
- 3) Jesus' statement in the second part of verse 45 is often referred to as 'Common Grace'. *How would you explain this; and how is it different from what we call 'Saving Grace'?*
- 4) Comparing character with 'Tax Collectors' with 'Gentiles' is a common theme in New Testament teaching. *What is Jesus saying in verses 46-47, makes the disciple of Jesus different?*
- 5) Surely verse 48 is unattainable while we are here on earth! *What then does Jesus mean when He tells us to be 'perfect'?*
- 6) As we come to the end of this first chapter on the Sermon on the Mount, what have you learnt about the way you should live as a Christian today?