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“Matthew 5:38-48”
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The Sermon on the Mount demonstrates an important Old Testament **truth**: the **world's** ways are not **God's** ways.

Isaiah 55:8-9

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Jesus says that life will be **different** in His Kingdom.

Matthew 5:38-48

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

This section has some of the **most difficult** teaching in the entire Sermon.

Jesus draws a stark distinction between **world** living and **Kingdom** living.

- **Revenge** is the way of the world – **kindness** is the way of His Kingdom.
- **Hatred** is the way of the world – **love** is the way of His Kingdom.
- **Aggression** is the way of the world – **prayer** is the way of His Kingdom.

This week, I will _____.