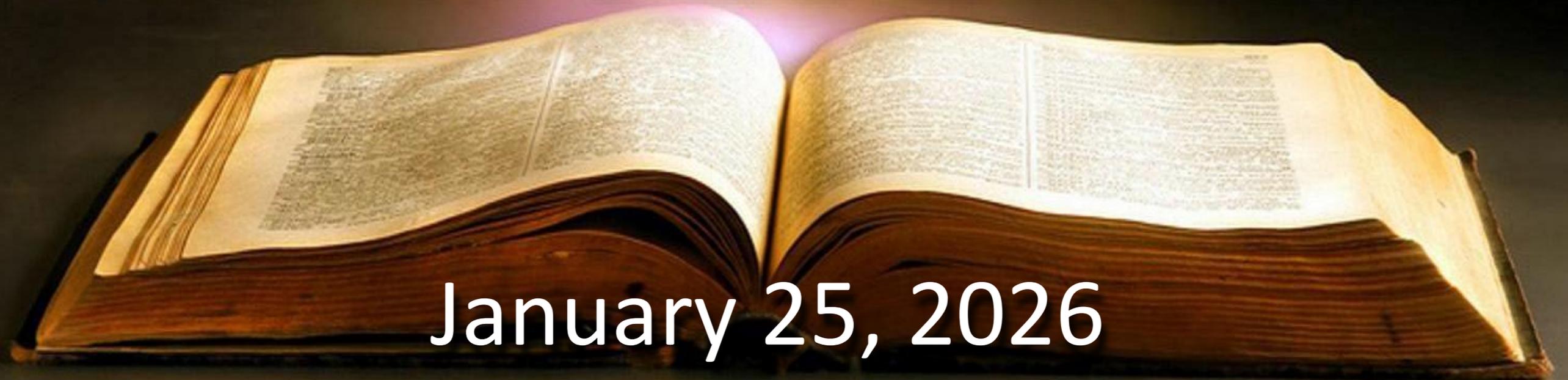


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“Love Your Enemies”

Luke 6:27-36 (NKJV)

²⁷ “But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. ²⁹ To him who strikes you on the *one* cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold *your* tunic either. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask *them* back.



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³¹ And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. ³² “But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? ³² “But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ And if you lend *to those* from whom you hope to



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receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. ³⁶ Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.



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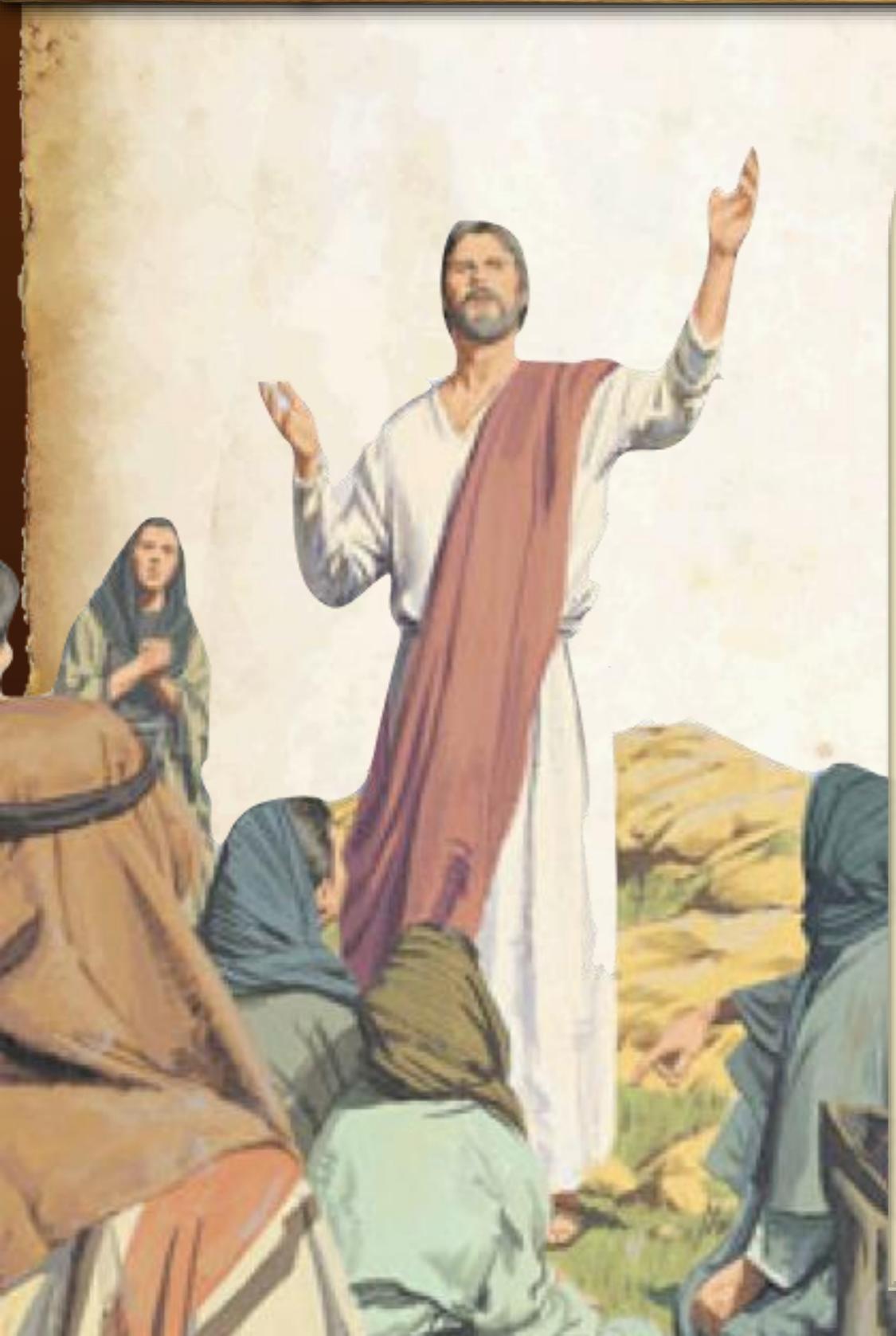
- ❖ One of the Hardest Commandments!
- ❖ It Runs Against Our Nature!
- ❖ Being Like Our Heavenly Father Is Not Easy!

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- ❖ Jesus had enemies – John 15:18-21
- ❖ So will we – 2 Tim. 3:12
- Our wrongs – Mat. 5:23,24
- Their envy – Mat. 27:18
- Their sin – Mat. 18:15-17
- Disagreements – Gal. 2:11-14

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Instruction:

- ❖ Love those who hate you, 27a
- ❖ Do good to those who hate you, 27b
- ❖ Bless those who curse you, 28a
- ❖ Pray for those who abuse you. 28b

Meaning:

- ❖ Willful love (agape).
- ❖ What is Agape Love?

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AGAPE LOVE

"Christian love, whether exercised toward the brethren, or toward men generally, is not an impulse from the feelings, it does not always run with the natural feelings, nor does it spend itself only upon those for whom some empathy is discovered. Love seeks the welfare of all, Rom. 15:2, and works no ill to any, Rom. 13:8-10; love seeks opportunity to do good to 'all men, and especially toward them that are of the household of the faith,' Gal. 6:10. "

[* From Notes on Thessalonians, by Hogg and Vine, p. 105.] - Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old Testament and New Testament Words.

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Luke 6:27,28

²⁷ “But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.

- ❖ Love is more than a feeling –
- ❖ Seeks eternal good of others –
- ❖ Love is active –

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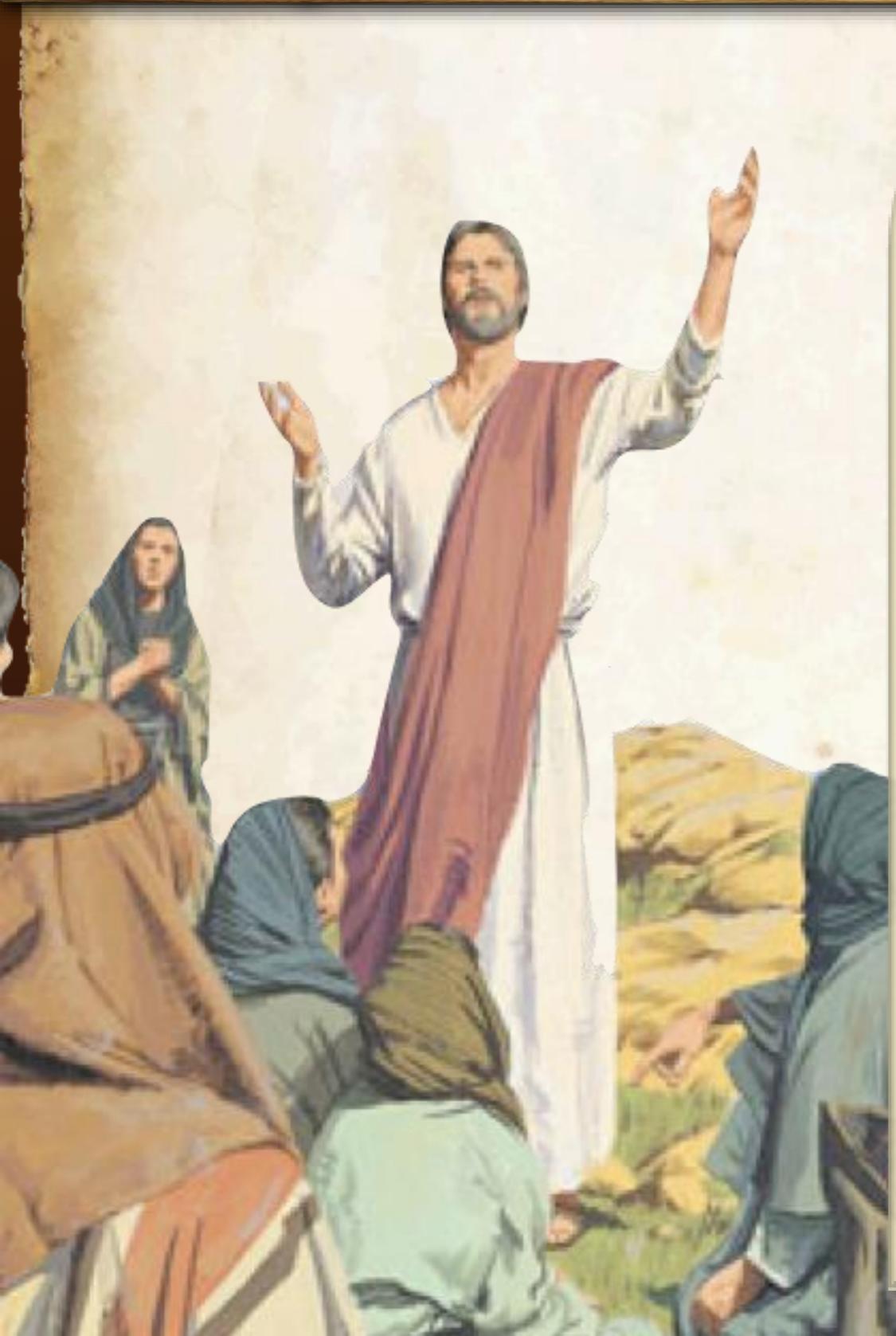
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- ❖ "Love" - (i.e., show "active good will" towards them - Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37)
- ❖ "Bless" - (i.e., to speak well of - but more than speech - 1 Cor. 4:12,14)
- ❖ "Do good" - (i.e., treat them kindly - more than "don't hurt them" - or do nothing - cf. Rom 12:20,21)
- ❖ "Pray" - (we are to pray FOR them, not just about them - pray for their well-being - Stephen, Acts 7:60)

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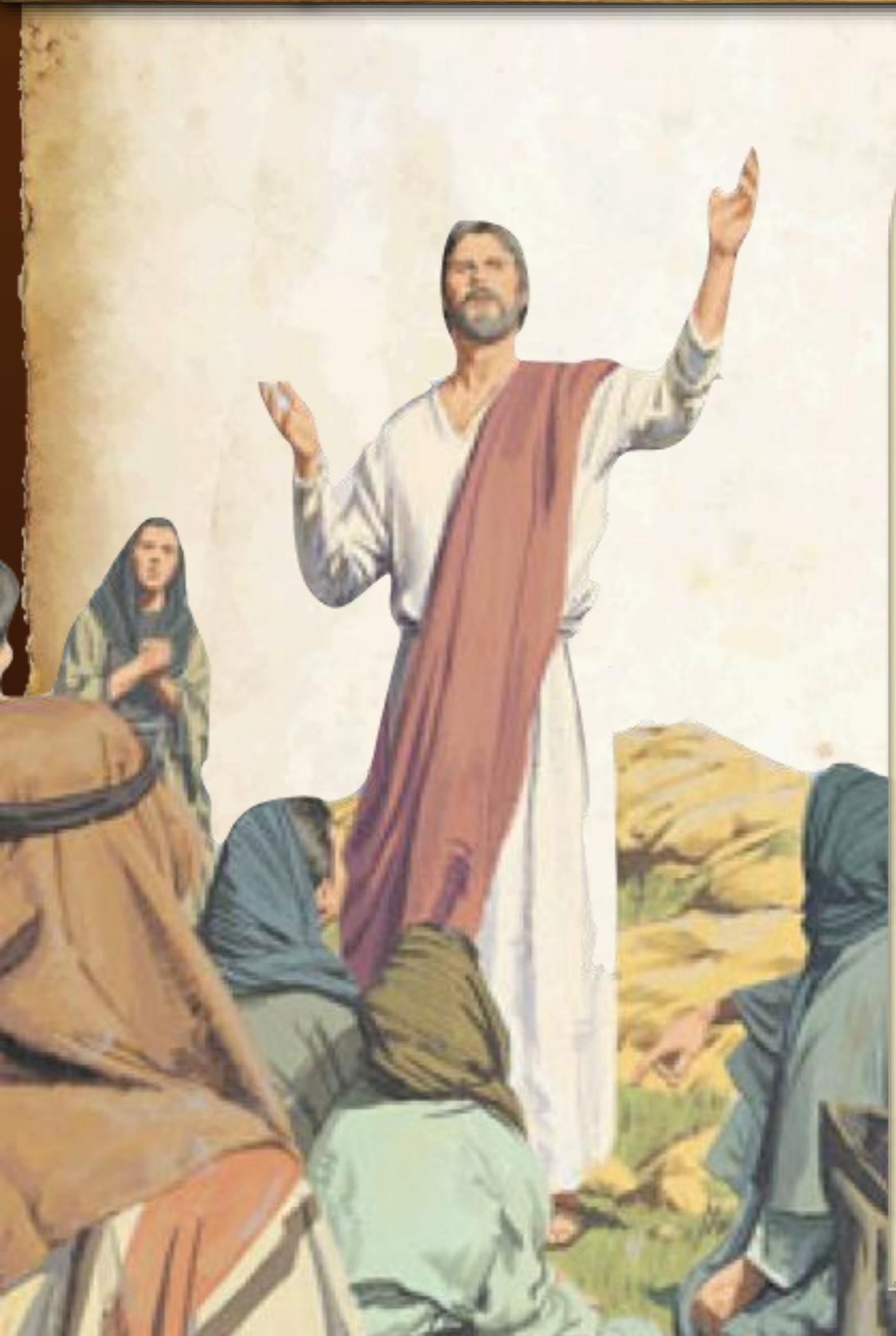
- ❖ Turn the other cheek when struck, 29a
- ❖ Give your cloak if your tunic is taken, 29b
- ❖ Lend without expecting repayment. 30

Meaning:

- ❖ Break the cycle of revenge
Romans 12:19-21,
- ❖ Give generously Hebrews
13:16.

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Meaning:

- ❖ The Golden Rule, 31 (Matt. 7:12).
- ❖ Loving only those who love you is not commendable, 32.
- ❖ Doing good only to those who do good to you is not meritorious, 33.
- ❖ Lending merely to receive back "as much again" is not Christian charity. 34.

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Love your enemies - bless them - do good - pray for them



Instruction:

- ❖ Active Love for Enemies, 35a,
- ❖ Divine Reward and Identity, 35b,
- ❖ Emulating Divine Mercy, 36.

Meaning:

- ❖ This is the core reason:
- ❖ Reflect the character of God.
- ❖ Who extends grace even to the undeserving!
- ❖ Our mercy mirrors His.

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Conclusion

- ◆ *As kingdom citizens we MUST:*
- ◆ *Love our enemies.*
- ◆ *Bless those who curse us.*
- ◆ *Do good to those who hate us.*
- ◆ *Pray for those who spitefully use us and persecute us.*
- ◆ *Are you “of God?”*

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How to Become a Citizen of the Kingdom.

Plan of Salvation

- ◆ Have you heard the true gospel of Christ? - John 8:32; Rom 10:17
- ◆ Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God? - Heb 11:6
- ◆ Repent of your sins! - Acts 17:30
- ◆ Confess Christ - Matthew 10:32
- ◆ Be baptized - Mark 16:16
- ◆ Added to His Church Acts 2:47
- ◆ Live for Christ who died for you - Revelation 2:10
- ◆ Walking In The Light 1 John 1:7,9