

## **Overcoming Your Enemies**

Matt 5:43-44 NLT: "You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!"

Matt 5:45 NLT: "In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike."

Your enemy is a person created in image of God.

Matt 5:46-47 NLT: "If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that."

Romans 12:19 NLT: Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the Lord.

Romans 12:20 NLT: 20 "Instead, if your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads."

Romans 12:21 NLT: Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

Luke 23:34 NLT: Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing."

All scriptures referenced are from the New International Version (NIV) translation of the Bible unless otherwise indicated.