

**Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for July 15, 1984**

**Love Your Enemies
Part 2
Matthew 5:43-48
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1. What the Jews understood.

Without yielding to Jesus we will be constantly protecting ourselves. Psychology teaches that we have seven defense mechanisms that automatically protect our self-image.

We are to treat our enemies as our brothers. **Job 31:29**, Job did not rejoice when evil befell his enemy.

Psalms 35:12-14, David prays and grieves for enemy when they were sick.

Do we rejoice when our enemies are being blessed? We can in Christ for the truth has set you free.

2. What the Jews did not understand.

Genesis 13:7-8, Strife between Abram and Lot's herdsmen. Abram tells Lot to take what he will.

1 Samuel 24:1-11, How does David treat his enemy, the one who is seeking to kill him?

How can we accomplish this in our flesh? We cannot. Only by relying completely on and trusting in Christ is it possible.