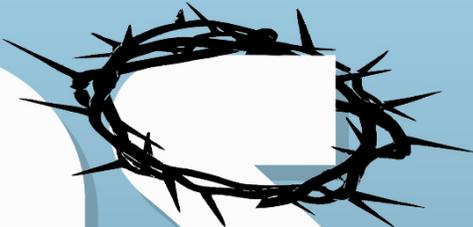


Kings the Speech



Examining Jesus' teachings from the Sermon on the Mount

"You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy.

I say, love your enemies!

Pray for those who persecute you!



"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."



"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."



"But you are to be perfect, even as your
Father in heaven is perfect."



“If you are kind only to your friends,
*how are you different
from anyone else?*

Even pagans do that.” Matthew 5:47



"Don't be like them,

for your Father knows exactly what you
need even before you ask him!

Matthew 6:8

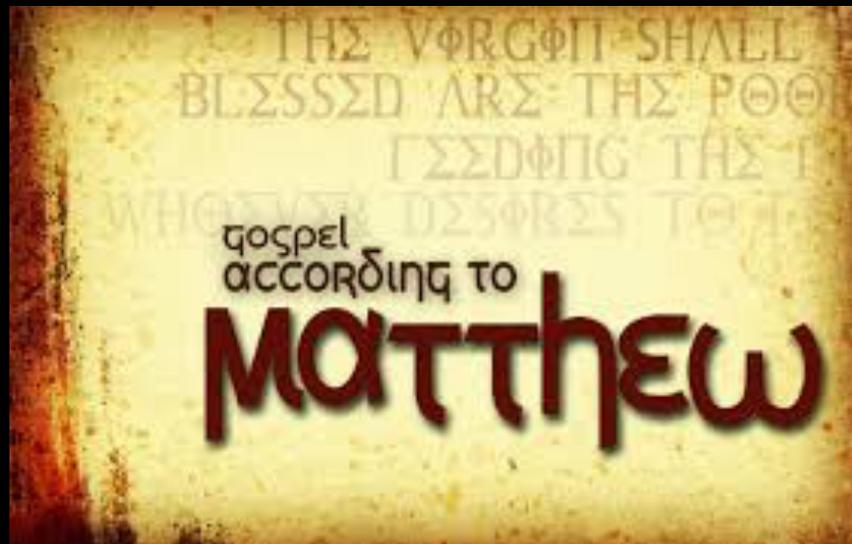


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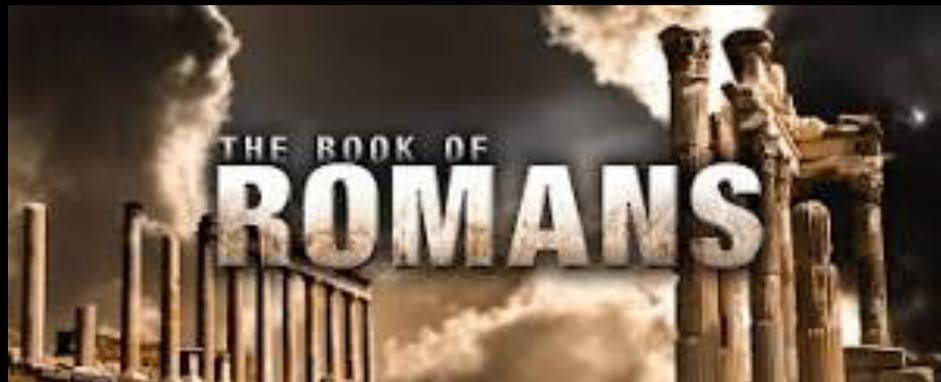


"Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" 37 Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments." Matthew 22



"Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God's law. 9 For the commandments say, "You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet." These—and other such commandments—are summed up in this one commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God's law.

Romans 13:8-10





God doesn't expect you to love them *philia*, like a friend.



He doesn't expect you to love them
storgē, like your own family.



He doesn't expect you to love
them *eros*, affectionate love



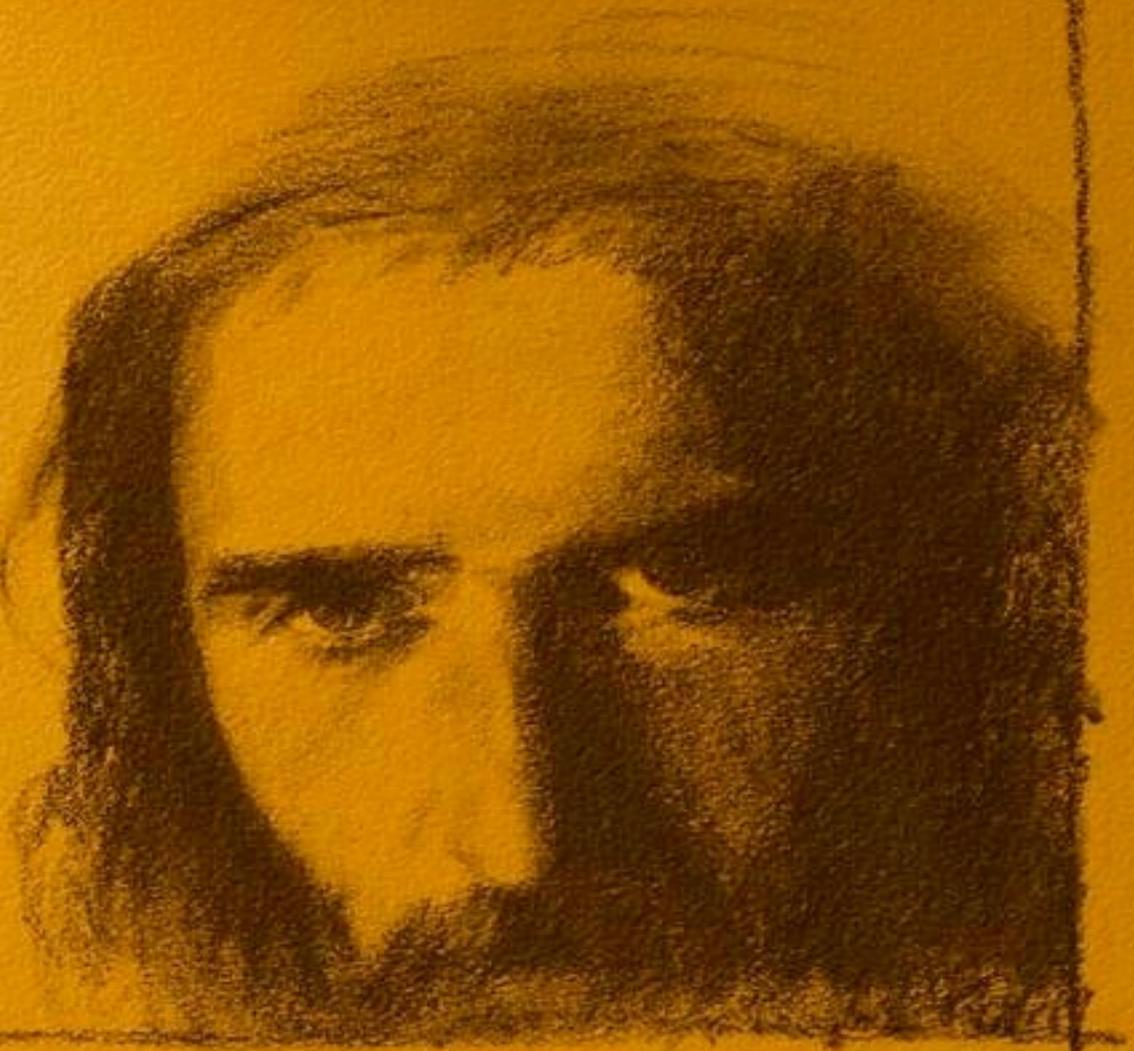
But what He does say is to love
them *agapaō*,

which is a love that seeks their
highest good and seeks to serve
their needs.

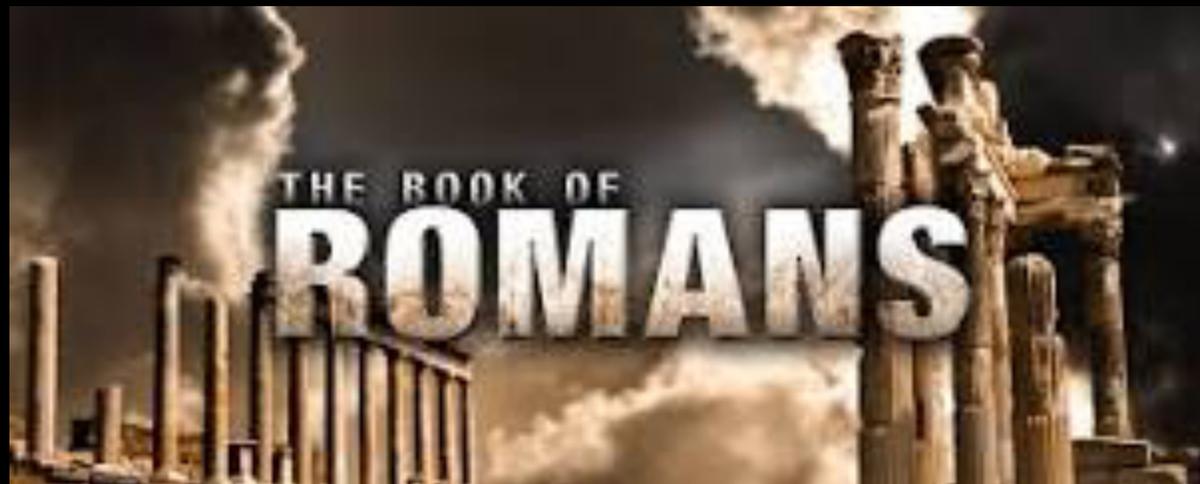


Jesus' 5 Commands:

Love
your
enemies!



"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 12:20



“You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy.”



Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. 11 But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with such filth?"

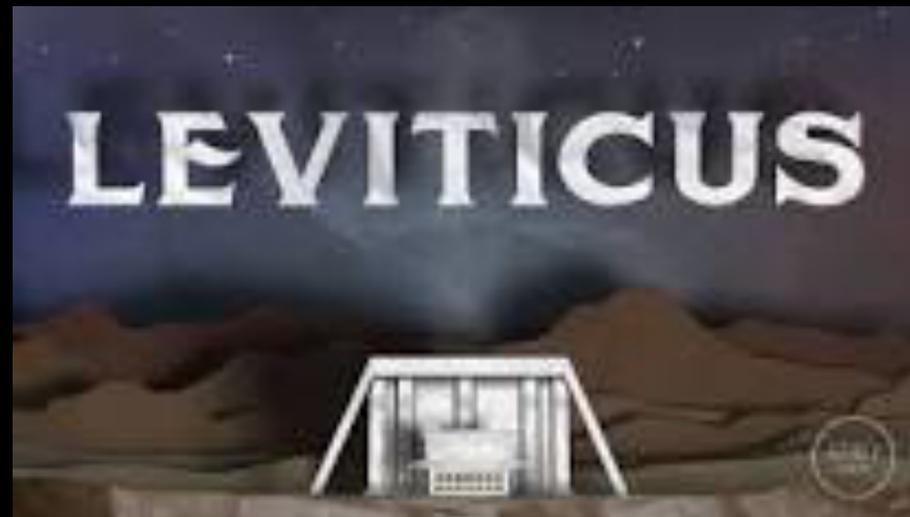
Matthew 9:10,11



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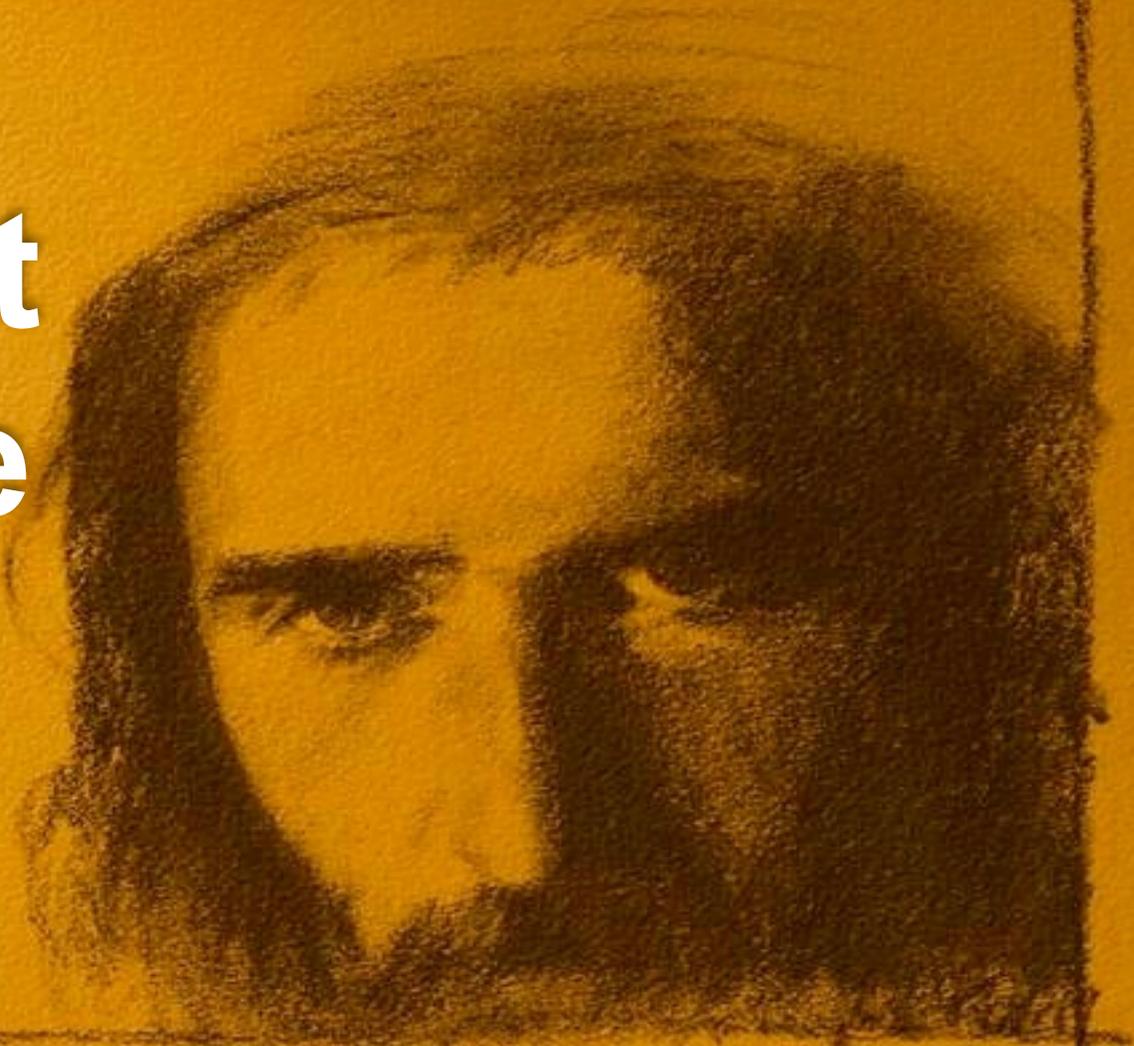


Treat them like native-born Israelites, and love them as you love yourself. Remember that you were once foreigners living in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God. Leviticus 19:34



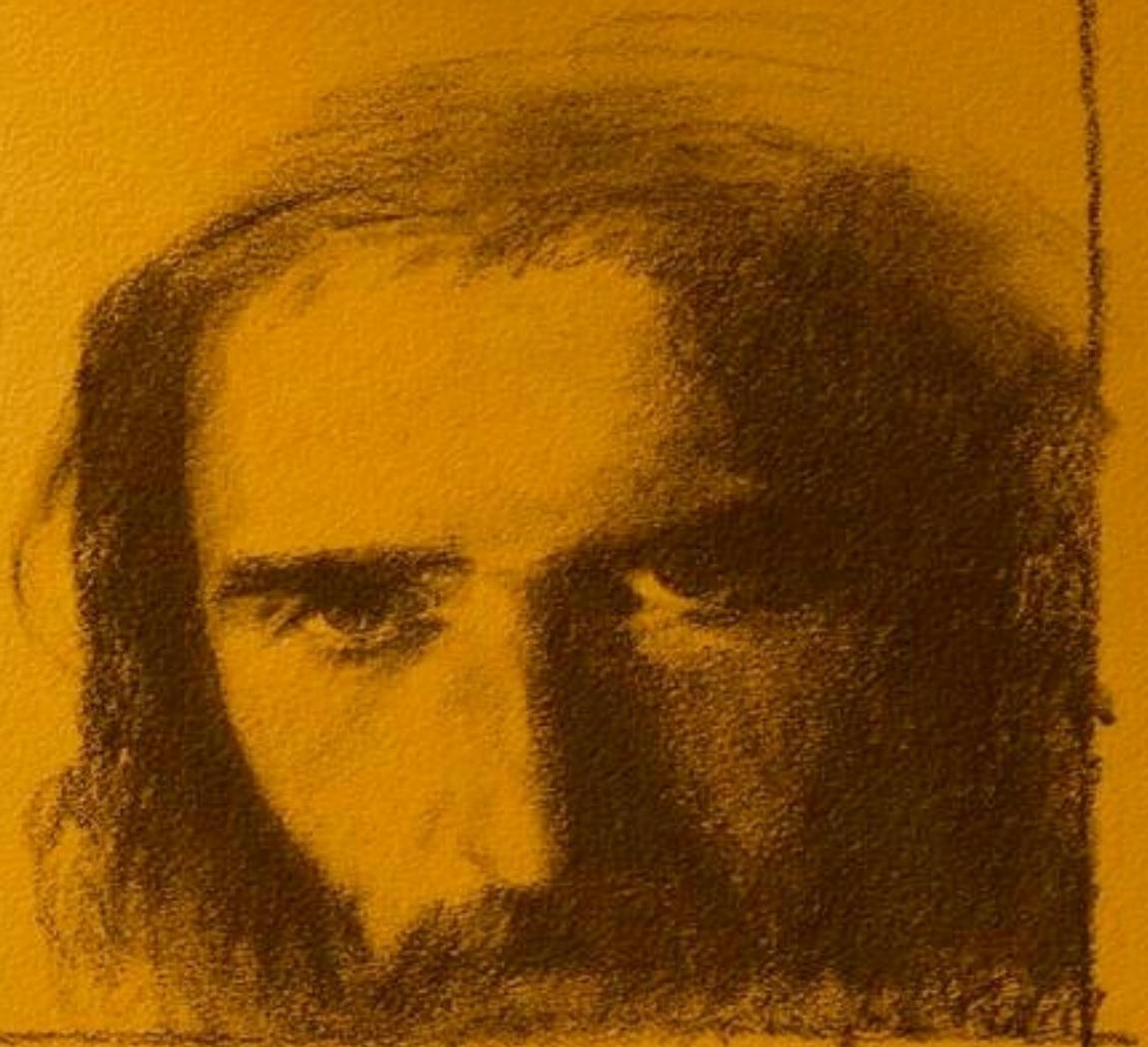
Jesus' 5 Commands:

Pray for
those that
persecute
you!



Jesus' 5 Commands:

**Show
your true
colors!**



“But I say, ‘Love your enemies’ and
pray for those that persecute you
In that way, you will be acting as true
children of your Father in heaven.”



So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. 15 But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. 16 For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:14-16



“For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good,
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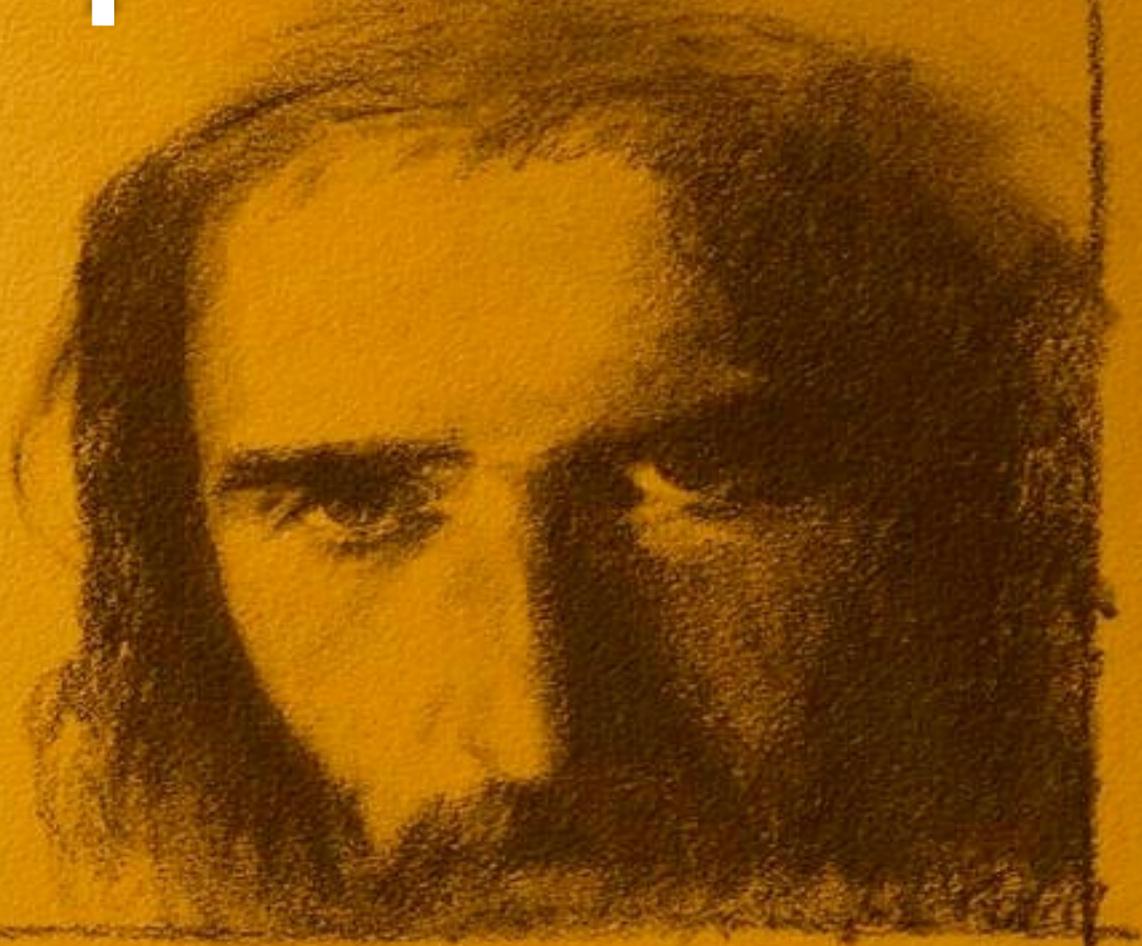
The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9



Jesus' 5 Commands:

Exceed expectations!



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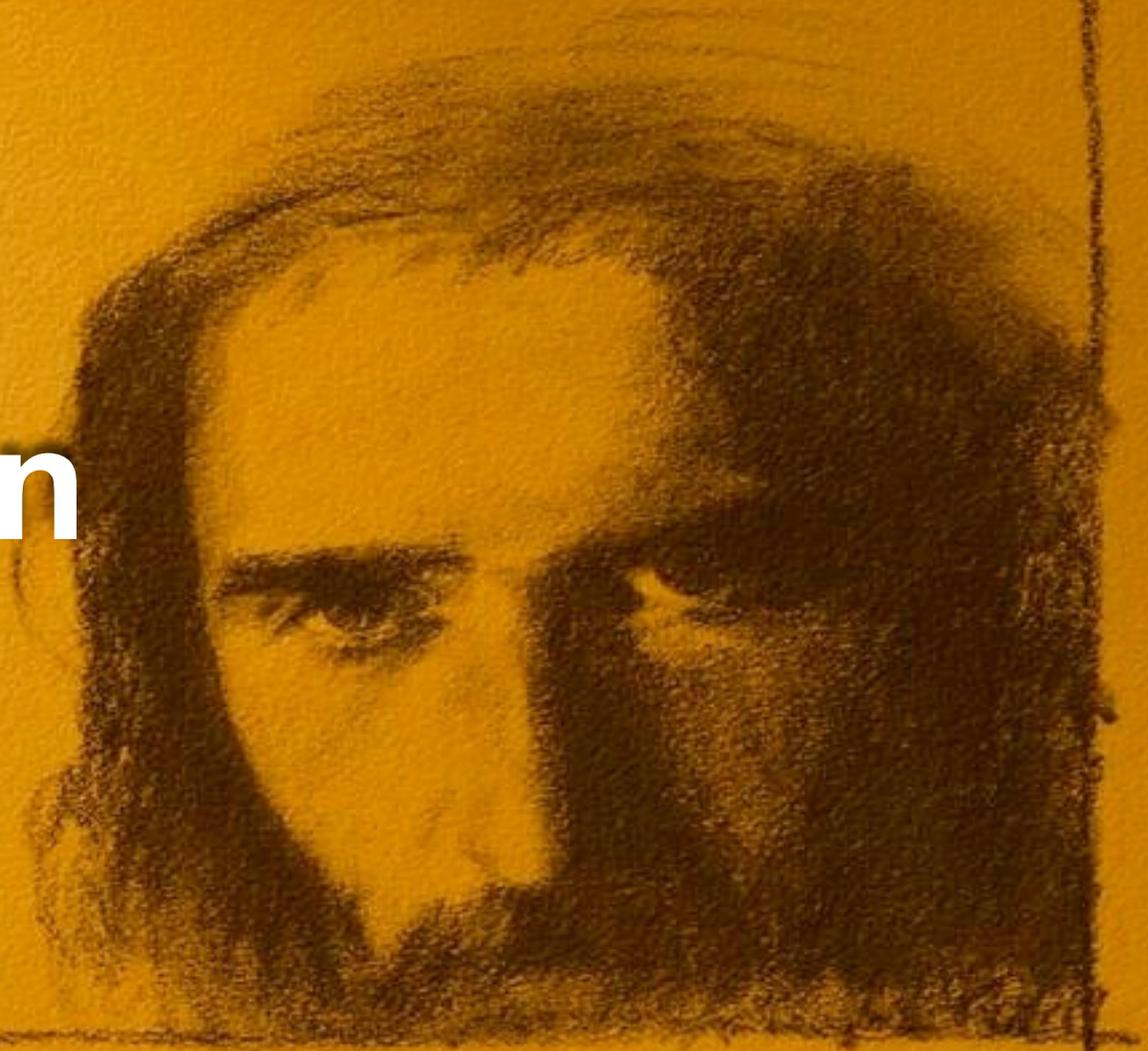


“If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that.”



Jesus' 5 Commands:

**Pursue
the
perfection
of God!**

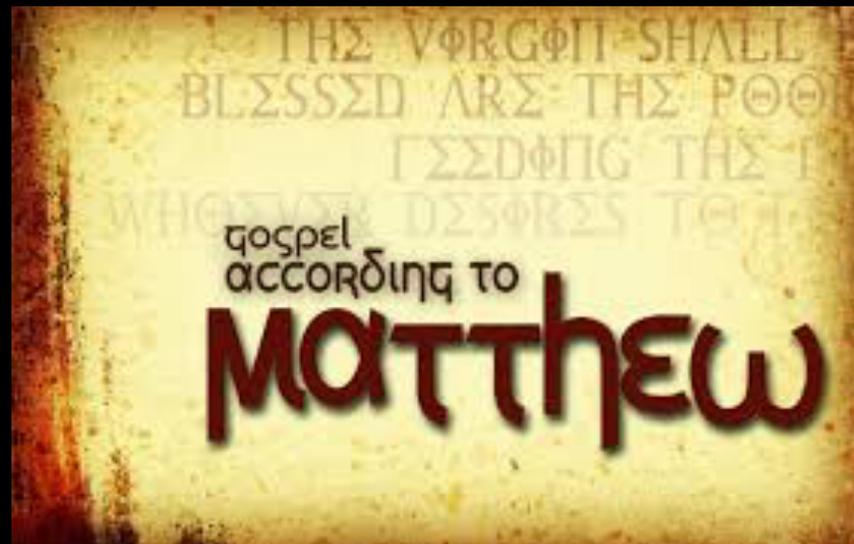


But you are to be perfect, even as your
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Matthew 5:48



Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you the truth, it is very hard for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. ²⁴I'll say it again—it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!" Matthew 19:23

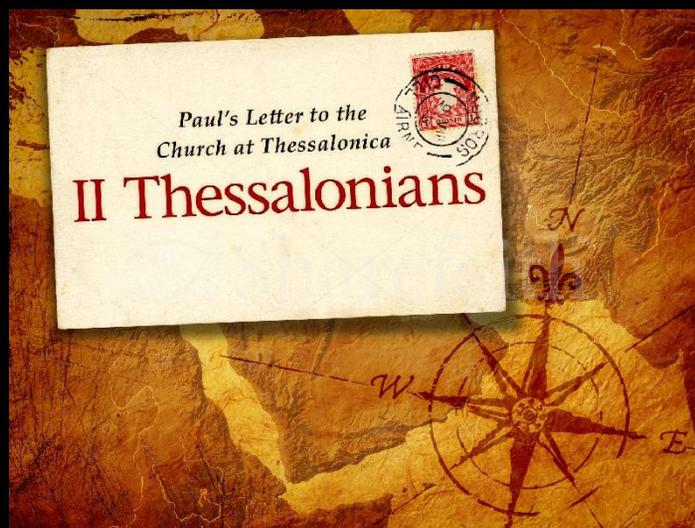


The disciples were astounded. "Then who in the world can be saved?" they asked.²⁶ Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible."

Matthew 19:25,26



That is why we always pray for you, asking our God to help you live the kind of life he called you to live. We pray that with his power God will help you do the good things you want and perform the works that come from your faith. 2 Thessalonians 1:11





*“Grace is not
opposed to effort,
it is opposed to
earning.”*

Dallas Willard

