

- (2) The way in which the Lord's people are useful is detailed in 5:13-16
- (3) The way in which they are taught and how the teaching applies in life is given in 5:17-20

b. 5:21-48..The Antithetical Sections

Note that the purpose of these is to indicate what true values are and to correct certain misapprehensions of the will of God. It is not a correction of the Old Testament, the Lord has already spoken to that, but a correction of the applications given in the nature of that day. It is significant that when we have found out what we are to be like we find out how it is applied in the world about us.

- (1) Rationalization vs. brotherly love, 5:21-26.
- (2) Human morals vs. Divine standards 5:27-32
- (3) Equivocation vs. precise speech 5:33-37
- (4) Legalism vs. absolute integrity 5:38-42
- (5) Vindictiveness vs. brotherly love 5:43-47

Summary: Be perfect as your father is perfect (5:48). And each of these points is instructive for us to that end.

c. Maturity lessons in religious affairs 6:1-18

Since pretense is very often seen in religious or spiritual matters, this is a very important section of notes by the Lord Jesus with great relevance to where we live today.