

GO FURTHER

“The Law says, ‘You shall not kill.’

But I say this to you.

Don’t hold anger against your brother or sister.

Anyone who calls a brother or sister names
or looks down on him or her as ‘good-for-nothing’

will be in danger of going to the fire of **hell**.

(based on Matthew 5:17, 20, 23-24)

The Law says, ‘An eye for an eye,
and a tooth for a tooth’.

But I say this to you.

Do not try to get your own back
when someone hurts you.

Always be generous and forgiving.

Never set out to get revenge.

If someone asks you for something,
give it and more.

If someone wants to borrow something,
lend it willingly.

(based on Matthew 5:17,20,23-24)

You have learned ‘You must love your neighbour
and hate your enemy’.

But I say this to you:

Love your enemies and pray for those who
persecute you;

in this way you will be sons and daughters of
God.

God’s love is like the sun, which rises each day
and gives warmth and light to everyone,
not just good people.

God sends rain to water the earth

and the rain falls on the honest and the
dishonest people alike.

Don’t just love people who love you!

Don’t just talk to the people who are your
friends!

No, I tell you, your love must be like God’s love.

God loves everyone no matter who they are
or what they do.

You must not put any limits on your love,
for the love of your Father in heaven is
never-ending, never-changing.

(based on Matthew 5:45-48)

Hell

Hell is the name we give to separation from God, and from the joy of knowing God’s love. God invites each person to share this love, but leaves each one free to accept or reject the invitation to love God and to love others for God’s sake. Artists and writers picture hell as a place of fire, smoke and darkness. These are metaphors for the loss of love and life with God.