

TRUE LOVE

I. The Description of true love, 38-44

A. Law of Moses. Ex 21:24; Lev. 24:20; Deut 19:21.

Just recompense, moderation in revenge. Saducees applied lit., Phar, monetary equivalent. In OT before judges, now

B. Law of love. in areas /applied to indiv by Phar

1. in Indignities, 39.

by evil one(s). Can oppose evil Eph 5:11. No justice for self. Can seek it for others. Includes phy pain but mostly injured honor. Hold temper. Vb=strike with palm.

2. in injustice, 40. /turning other shows not merely

prob unjust but /passive acceptance, but active
poor might have several tunics
wins case. 1 Cor 5. Tunic-toga. (used at night, Ex22:26

3. in inconvenience, 41. Officials entitled to demand unpaid service. Prob military official. Maybe carry baggage. Same word in Mt 27:32. Roman mile 1600 yds. Lex talionis was designed to end feuds. X shows better wa
Significance of this advice for Jews under Romans.

4. in indigence, 42. Doesn't say give everything he asks. But don't be impatient with poor.

5. In injuries, 43-44. From Lev 19:18 and Deut 23:36; 7:2. No Gentiles loved. Enemies=natl, private, rel. Persecution=religious. Acts 7:60.

II. The Distictivenesses of true love, 45-48

A. It is unbiased, 45. God makes no distinctions in love. rain
Jews did, Lk 10:29. 1 Tim 5:21. Jas 2. Impartial

B. It is unexcelled, 46-47. Publicans hated bec rep Rome. /uncommon/ Some were Gentiles.

III. The Design of true love, 48

To make us like Father. Mature, complete, measuring up to a standard. Can be mature, yet when measured by God's perfect morality, there is always room to grow.