

1-Bless them which persecute you:

1-Paul quotes from the Sermon on the Mount. Matt.5:44

2-The Law of resentment represents a low stage of moral development.

1-If religious people follow this law they are no better than the irreligious.. "The Publicans"

2-If Christian people follow it, they are no better than heathens. "The Gentiles."

3-We would expect to find this command classified among duties to persons entirely out side of the church-However-

The apostle's life reminds us that cursings were apt to come from those inside as well as those from without. 2-Cor.12:26;
1-In perils among false brethren.
ETC.....

4-Things diametrically opposed.

1-Love.....Hate

2-Good.....Evil

3-Bless.....Curse.

5-This Christian duty is so contrary to the ways of the world that it seems to be quite unnatural and unreasonable.

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2-Bless, and curse not.

1-In our natural state, this is a hard if not impossible task.

2-Unaided we cannot think kindly of the offender.

3-Unaided, our lips would ~~more~~/more easily form themselves into a curse than a blessing.

4-It was said by them of old time---
But I say unto you---And then follows a new law of a new society.

1-If love has the smallest room to work---

2-If forgiveness can find the narrowest foothold-----

3-Love and forgiveness are imposed on----Demanded of----the Christian here as everywhere else.

4-Love and forgiveness---- NOT
Penalty and hate..

5-Under this new Society the Christian is:

1-Not to begin to do wrong to any.

2-Not to return anything of what we have suffered.

3-Not to hate him of whom we suffer such things.

6-Under this new Society the Christian is:

1-To love him, Do good to him,

Pray for him, because the demand is great, the reward proposed is also great, namely, "to be made like unto God"

