

Romans 12:14, 20-21

Dr. Mike Fabarez • Focal Point Radio Ministries • March 5 & 6, 2011 • Book of Romans w	veek 75 • CD 11-08	14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.
1. Anticipate	(vv.20b-21)	20 To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (ESV)
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2. Participate		(vv.14, 20-21)
3. Concentrate		(vv 14h 21a)

## **Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

- 1. Read **2 Peter 3:10-13** and **Revelation 21:1-8**. How does an increasing desire and a clearer picture of Christ's coming kingdom change the way you deal with present injustice and mistreatment?
- 2. Read **Acts 26:9-18** and **1 Timothy 1:1-16**. How can the story of Paul's conversion begin to change the way you think and personally act toward those who mistreat you?
- 3. Describe a situation when God worked in answer to your prayers and turned an enemy into a friend.
- 4. Read **Ephesians 4:31**. Which of these sins are most likely to find a place in your heart and mind when you allow yourself to engage in some form of personal revenge or retaliation?
- 5. Read **Matthew 5:43-48**. How does God himself motivate you to respond graciously to those who mistreat you?

## The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

## March 6th

Deut.1-2 & Mk.11:1-19

March 7th

Deut.3-4 & Mk.11:20-33

March 8th

Deut.5-7 & Mk.12:1-27

March 9th

Deut.8-10 & Mk.12:28-44

March 10th

Deut.11-13 & Mk.13:1-13

March 11th

Deut.14-16 & Mk.13:14-37

March 12th

Deut.17-19 & Mk.14:1-25

March 13th

Deut.20-22 & Mk.14:26-50

For sermons on MP3 go to FPR.info. The following are other available sermons related to today's subject matter.

CD # 9915 - How to Get Satisfaction without Getting Even

CD # 0651 - A Day of Reckoning: Understanding God's Judgment

CD # 0721 - Trusting God When Your Back's Against the Wall

CD # 0120 - Practicing Wholehearted Forgiveness

CD # 9609 - Lessons on Hate from the Old Testament

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Adams, Jay. From Forgiven to Forgiving. Calvary Press, 1997.

. How to Overcome Evil. P & R Publishing, 1978.

Bunyan, John. Seasonable Counsel: Advice to Sufferers. Reprint. RHYW Publishing, 2008.

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Henry, Matthew. The Pleasantness of a Religious Life: A Puritan's View of the Good Life. Christian Focus, 1998.

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Morgan, Christopher. Hell Under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents Eternal Punishment. Zondervan, 2004.

Peterson, Robert. Hell on Trial: The Case for Eternal Punishment. P & R Publishing, 1995.

Piper, John. Love Your Enemies: Jesus' Love Comand in the Synoptic Gospels. Baker Books, 1992.

Pritchard, Ray. The Healing Power of Forgiveness. Harvest House, 2005.

Sande, Ken. The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflicts. Baker Books, 1997.

Smith, William P. How to Love Difficult People: Receiving and Sharing God's Mercy. NG Press, 2008.

Thrasher, Bill. A Journey to Victorious Praying: Finding Your Discipline & Delight in Your Prayer Life. Moody, 2003.

Wilson, Doug. Joy at the End of the Tether: The Inscrutable Wisdom of Ecclesiastes. Canon Press, 1999.