



**Lesson 71: 2 Samuel 1:17-27 Lamentation**

Read Luke 6:27-36. As you read these verses, replace “enemy” with the name of that person who you might consider your enemy. Then, read them again and replace “enemy” with the name of that person you don’t like on “that other” political party.

Are you praying for those people, as these verses command? Are you blessing them, not cursing them? Are you withholding good or materials from those people?

What does verse 36 tell us we are showing when we do bless those who persecute us? Who are we emulating when we do this?

Read 1 Peter 3:8-17. If we have unity of mind, how will we treat our brothers and sisters in Christ?

What benefit is it to us if we repay insults with blessings?

Does this mean we won’t face any suffering?

What will result from our suffering?

Read Romans 12:9-21. As you read through this passage, consider what it will look like in your life and in your relationships if you:

- show love genuinely.
- hate what is evil.
- cling to what is good.
- rejoice with those who rejoice.
- weep with those who weep.
- live in harmony with one another.
- associate with the lowly.
- don’t put your own wisdom above others.
- repay evil with good.
- as far as it depends on you, live at peace with all.
- do not avenge yourselves.
- feed your enemy.

Read Ephesians 6:10-12. What type of battle are we fighting?

Who is our enemy?

Where does our strength to fight that battle come from?

Is your spouse your enemy? Is your child your enemy?

Is your boss your enemy? Remember the type of battle we are fighting and who your *true* enemy is.

As you spend time with God today, check back over that list today, is there a situation or a name that comes in to your mind as you read those words?

Is there someone you need to show genuine love to?

Is there a situation where you need to take a firmer stance on right versus wrong, or evil versus good?

Is there someone who you are not rejoicing with because of your own hurts? Is there someone you are not comforting?

Are you putting yourself above someone else, considering yourself above talking with them?

Are you feeding your enemy? Are you finding ways to get your own vengeance?

Write those names/situations next to those things on the list, and make an effort to pray about those things and seek God's will for what action you need to take to repair that situation or relationship. Remember, always, that your enemy is the devil, not any human. Pray for your enemy.