



# Before the THRONE

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Psalm 145:16

“You open Your hand, and satisfy the desire of every living thing.” Psalm 145:16

The nature of man is to bless his family and his friends. This is altogether good and right, but it is only love and life on a natural level.

Jesus said, “You have heard it said, “You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.” But I say unto you, “Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them who spitefully use you, and persecute you, that you may be the sons of your Father, Who is in heaven; for He makes His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain upon the just and the unjust. For if you *only* love them who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do that’s different than others? Be therefore, perfect, even as you Father, Who is in heaven, is perfect.” (Matthew 5:43 – 48).

Jesus never allows you to live on the natural plane of this life. He forever is calling you to higher and grander living. His call is for you to live life broadly and on His level – even to this completely opposite reference point from your natural understanding and desire – love your enemies! Yes, even your enemy has a family he loves; desires he longs to have fulfilled; needs that require an answer; and our Father freely opens His hand to meet every need!

“Lord, make me like You – loving the good and the bad, friend and foe, easy and hard, sweet and coarse. In Jesus’ name.”

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