

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40

- ³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.
- ³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**
- ³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.
- ³⁶**Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**
- ³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.
- ³⁸**Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**
- ³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.
- ⁴⁰**Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:38-48

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³⁸“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ ³⁹But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; ⁴⁰and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; ⁴¹and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴²Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”