

Be kind to your enemy.

PM Service Proverbs 25:21-22 March 25, 2018

Introduction

1. Royal Etiquette (25:1–15)
2. Interpersonal Relations (25:16–27)
3. Difficult People (25:28–26:28)
4. Faithfulness in Love (27:1–27)
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Interpersonal Relations (25:16–27)

Don't be a nuisance.

Three General Proverbs

1. The False Witness
2. Misplaced Confidence
3. Untimely Cheerfulness

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Kindness

It is the word Rahab used.

It is the word used in Ruth to describe God.

It is the word used by Boaz to describe Ruth.

It is used to talk of God's kindness to Gentiles.

It is what we ought to be.

It is part of the fruit of the Spirit.

Jesus' life and death is a demonstration of God's kindness.

Two Acts of Kindness

1. If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat.
2. If he is thirsty, give him water to drink.

II Kings 6:8-23

What are the results of being kind to your enemy?

1. You will heap coals of fire on his head.
2. The LORD will reward you.

*LORD
reward*

“Whether he relent towards you or no, *the Lord will reward you;*
He will forgive you who showed yourself to be
of a forgiving spirit.

He will provide for you when you are in distress (though you have
been evil and ungrateful), as you do for your enemy; at
least it shall be recompensed in the resurrection of the just,
when kindnesses done to our enemies shall be remembered
as well as those shown to God's friends.” Matthew Henry

What have we learned, and what should we do?

1. **God loves us with a consistent, ever-faithful, relentless, constantly-pursuing, lavish, extravagant, unrestrained, furious love!**
2. **God rewards those who show kindness to their enemies.**
3. **Be kind to our enemies.**

~ Pastor Mark D. Montgomery