



PARTICIPANT HANDOUT: CLIFFHANGER

Session 4: Mount of Beatitudes

Jesus' Words Found in the Rubble

From the Mount of Beatitudes, Jesus' call to join him in Kingdom living continues today. Shortly after the bombing of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, a New York fire-fighter made a startling discovery in the rubble of the Twin Towers. It was an open King James Bible fused into a heart-shaped shard of metal. Amazingly, the two exposed pages were from Matthew 5—the Sermon on the Mount. In plain sight are the teachings of Jesus on the law of retaliation and a small portion at the bottom of the page on the law of love.

Here are the words of our Lord Jesus Christ—as spoken from the rubble of the greatest terror attack our country has ever known:

Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

(Matthew 5:38-39 KJV¹)

Further down the page begins his teaching on the law of love. A portion is visible, but most is obscured by damage. The full text from this section of teaching reads:

Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine 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 which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

(Matthew 5:43-45 KJV)

Many persons consider the finding of this Bible a true miracle, especially with the word of God so plainly visible for all see in the midst of such tragedy.

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