

## **A Great Day in the Kingdom – July 9, 2021**

Have you ever heard the scripture quoted that tells us to “Love your enemies”? The God of Abraham and Isaac created us and in doing so knows what we are as well as, how we are. There has not been a person created on this earth who did not eventually encounter an antagonist in their life. Matthew 5:43-45a, speaks of this, loving those who, well, let’s face it, get under our skin. The rest of verse 45 speaks to God’s roll in dealing with those who mean well and those who don’t. However, Matthew is the second continuation of an Old Testament Book.

What if the Old Testament gave us instructions, in line with God’s will, to instill frustration toward an antagonist? Folks who antagonize are begging for conflict, much like vultures over a carcass. If we remove their incentive with the Love of Christ, there is no conflict payoff. If they cannot lead us to conflictive narrative, like it or not, their frustration level grows. By the way, this is all Biblically sound in practice. **Proverbs 25:21-22, “If your enemies are hungry, give them bread to eat; and if they are thirsty, give them water to drink; for you will heap coals of fire on their heads, and the LORD will reward you.”**

My prayer for You all this week is that you turn on the heat to someone trying to antagonize you.

**PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, help us to Love as Jesus Loved. Help us to heap coals upon the heads of our enemies. Lead us into your will. In the name of the risen Christ Jesus we pray, AMEN!