

# 24-0616a - Detailed Summary

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**Bible Readers:** Tom Freed and Roger Raines

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## Love Your Neighbor, Part 1

Summary of Transcript (0:05 - 36:58)

### Scripture Readings:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading (0:05 - 0:29), Tom Freed

##### First Reading

The speaker reads from Deuteronomy 10:18-19, emphasizing God's justice for the vulnerable and love for aliens, reminding listeners to love aliens as they were once aliens in Egypt.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading (0:34 - 1:31), Roger Raines

##### A second scripture

Romans 12:17-20 is read, advocating for peace, against revenge, and to overcome evil with good.

## Summary

**Preacher:** Mike Mathis

(1:36 - 8:07) **Health Updates**

**The speaker expresses gratitude for divine blessings and health updates:**

- Wally's eye healing.
- Kevin's sinus operation.
- Ruth's positive medical report.
- The speaker's own clear CT scan post-kidney surgery where cancer was found and removed.
- Mention of ongoing health issues within the congregation and a specific request for prayers for Linda Noble:
- Linda suffers from arthritis, restricted in medication use due to a heart murmur, leading to constant pain.

### **(8:11 - 9:23) Introduction to the Lesson**

- Recap of the previously discussed first commandment: loving God with all one's heart, soul, strength, and might.
- Introduction of today's topic, the second commandment from Leviticus 19:15-18: to love your neighbor as yourself.

### **(9:25 - 13:32) Explanation of Neighborly Love**

- Detailed reading and explanation from Leviticus 19:
- No injustice in judgment; no partiality to the poor or the mighty.
- Emphasis on righteous judgment of neighbors, not spreading gossip or standing against a neighbor's life.
- Prohibition against hating in one's heart, importance of rebuking a neighbor in love, and not bearing sin due to their actions.

### **(13:32 - 24:28) Definitions and Implications**

#### **Discussion on the meaning of "neighbor":**

- Someone living nearby.
- A fellow human being.
- One who shows kindness.
- Analysis of how these verses from Leviticus instruct on treating neighbors with love, fairness, and without vengeance or grudges.
- Reference to Leviticus 19:33-34, extending the neighbor concept to include strangers, reminding of their own history as strangers in Egypt.

### **(24:30 - 25:16) Love as the Underlying Motive**

- The importance of love as the motivator for actions towards neighbors and strangers, supported by 1 Corinthians 13 where acts without love are described as empty or noisy distractions.

### **(25:16 - 27:51) Love Your Enemies**

- Jesus, as mentioned in Matthew 7:43, instructs to love enemies, contrasting with the old saying of hating enemies.
- Reference to Exodus 23:4-5 where helping the enemy's livestock shows that the principle of aiding enemies predates New Testament teachings.

### **(27:53 - 30:12) Proverbs on Loving Enemies**

- Proverbs 25:21-22 advises to feed and provide for one's enemy, leading to divine rewards.
- This aligns with Romans 12:20, where Paul quotes Proverbs, indicating that the idea of loving one's enemy is consistent across Old and New Testaments.

**(30:12 - 31:48) Clarification on Old Testament Teachings**

- The speaker debunks the notion that the Old Testament taught to hate enemies, highlighting God's perspective of just treatment for all, including enemies.

**(31:48 - 35:50) Love as the Foundation of Action**

- Emphasis on performing good deeds out of love, not just obligation.
- Love should be the motivation for all actions towards neighbors, including those who might not reciprocate kindness.

**(35:50 - 36:58) Call to Action**

- Encouragement for the congregation to love God fully and to extend that love to others, even when it is not returned.
- Invitation for those who haven't yet to become children of God through faith, repentance, and baptism, to live out these commandments of love.