

**Introduction to the
Sermon on the Mount
Matthew 5 through 7
4/11/21
Elder Walt Cercavschi**

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5:43—Love your enemies

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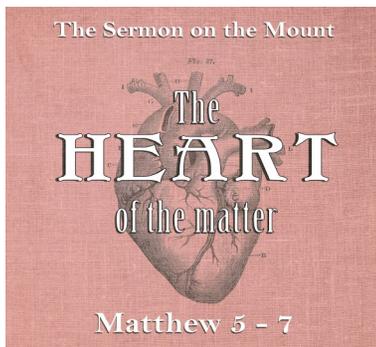
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