

MATTHEW 5:48

# SERMON ON THE MOUNT

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Like  
Father  
Like  
Son

The "impossible" command?  
Who can be perfect?  
Who can be holy?  
Who can like God?

When God makes a command:  
He does for our good  
He wants us to obey  
He makes possible

Getting a handle on "perfect"  
Not: Perfectionism  
Absolute perfection  
Sinless perfection  
But: Desire of the heart  
Condition of growth  
Fulfilment of purpose

Examples of a pure heart:  
Controlled anger  
Guarding of desire  
Commitment to vows  
Unquestionable integrity  
Unwillingness to retaliate  
Love the unlovable

The realities of perfection  
Begins with cleansing  
Requires infilling  
Filled with passion  
Demands expression  
Needs renewal

Just like my dad:  
Because of genetics  
Because of time  
Because of modeling

"Be perfect,  
therefore, as your  
Father in Heaven  
is perfect."  
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N A Z A R E N E

Never settle for less than God's best for me!