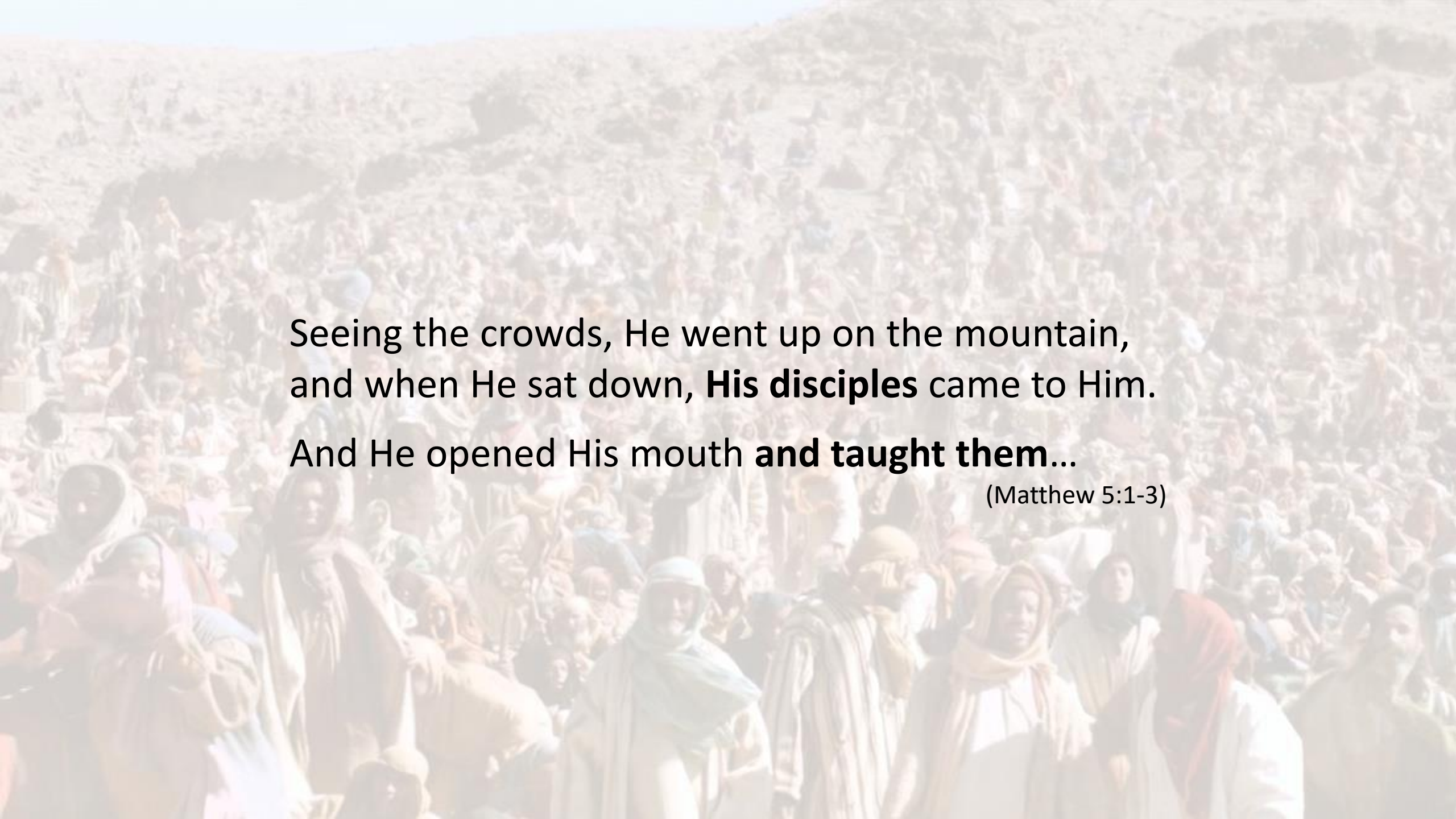


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The Sermon on the Mount

(Matthew 5 to 7)

5 Therefore be perfect...

A large, dense crowd of people in a desert setting, representing the disciples and the crowd mentioned in the text. The people are wearing traditional, simple clothing, and the background shows a vast, open landscape under a bright sky.

Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain,
and when He sat down, **His disciples** came to Him.
And He opened His mouth **and taught them...**

(Matthew 5:1-3)

Matthew 5:17-20



Do not think

that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets.

I did not come to abolish them

but **to fulfill** them.

For I tell you,

unless **your righteousness exceeds**

that of the scribes and Pharisees,

you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

True righteousness

True righteousness

Is the righteousness
that the law requires
relevant to us?

By sending His own Son...
God condemned sin in the flesh,
in order that
the righteous requirement of the law
might be fulfilled in us,
who **walk** not according to the flesh
but according to the Spirit.

(Romans 8:3-4)


True righteousness

What is the righteousness that the law requires?

The Lord answers this by speaking about:

- ✓ Murder
- ✓ Adultery
- ✓ Marriage

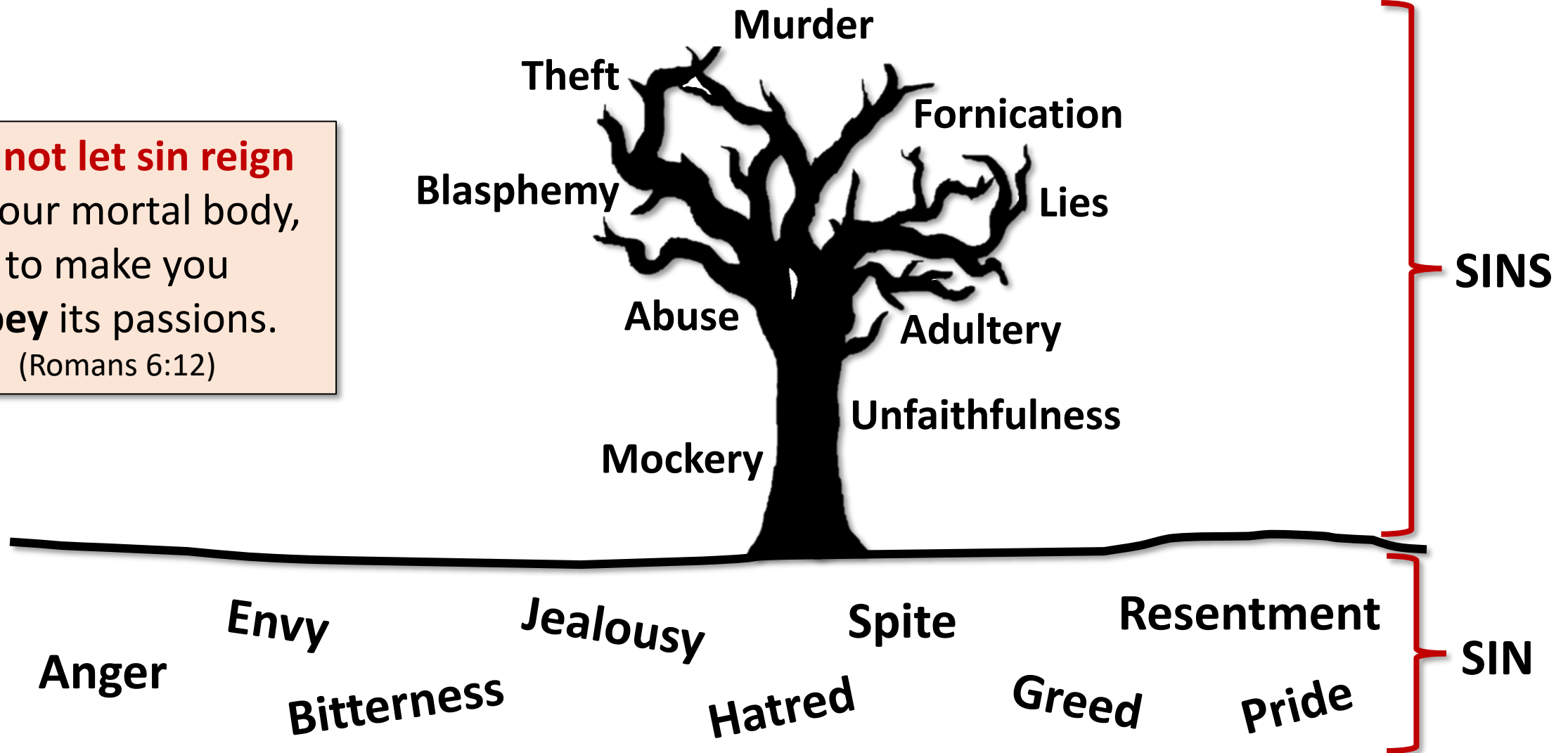
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- 
- Truthfulness
 - Retaliation
 - Love

(See Matthew 5:21-48)

Concerning SIN and SINS

Do not let sin reign
in your mortal body,
to make you
obey its passions.
(Romans 6:12)



Concerning OATHS

Matthew 5:33-37

Again **you have heard** that it was said to those of old,

*'You shall not swear falsely,
but shall perform to the Lord
what you have sworn.'*

But I say to you,

Do not take an oath at all,

Everything
goes back to
God Himself

either by **heaven**, for it is the throne of God,
or by the **earth**, for it is His footstool,
or by **Jerusalem**, for it is the city of the great King.
And do not take an oath by **your head**,
for you cannot make one hair white or black.

(Matthew 5:33-36)

Concerning OATHS

The emphasis
of the Pharisees



Leviticus 19:12:

You shall not swear **by My name falsely**,
and so profane the name of your God...

Concerning OATHS

I say to you,

Do not take an oath at all...

**But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,'
and your 'No,' 'No.'**

anything more than this
comes from evil.

Concerning OATHS **and SPEAKING THE TRUTH**

Examples:

- **I said** I would go,
but something better came up...
- **I said** I would try to get it done,
but I got distracted...
- **I said** I would help with that thing,
but I woke up late...
- **I told them** it wasn't me,
but they didn't believe me...

Concerning RETALIATION

Matthew 5:38-42

Deuteronomy 19:21

You have heard that it was said,

'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'

But I say to you,

Do not resist the one who is evil.

But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek,
turn to him the other also.

(Matthew 5:38-39)

Do not be like
the evil person



Concerning RETALIATION

But I say to you...

And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic,
let him have your cloak as well.

And if anyone forces you to go one mile,
go with him two miles.

Give to the one who begs from you,
and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

(Matthew 5:40-42)

Concerning RETALIATION

What sort of person is this !?!

...turn to him the other also.

Not violent

Not greedy

...let him have your cloak as well.

...go with him two miles.

Not lazy

Not cold-hearted,
selfish or mean

Give to the one who begs from you and
do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

*This is a
follower of Jesus*

Concerning LOVE

Matthew 5:43-47

You have heard that it was said,

'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.'

Leviticus 19:18

...do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you...

(Luke 6:27-28)

But I say to you,

True sons

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,
so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

For He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good,
and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

(Matthew 5:43-45)

Pray for those who persecute you...

I am persecuted by:

- People who oppose my faith
- People who make my life hard
- People who challenge my selfishness
- People who deny my belief about myself

Concerning LOVE

For if you love those who love you,
what reward do you have?

Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

Who have no
heart for God

And if you greet only your brothers,
what more are you doing than others?

Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

(Matthew 5:46-47)

Who have no
knowledge of God

See also Luke 6:27-36

Concerning LOVE

What sort of person is this !?!

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- **Bless** those who curse you
- **Do good** to those who hate you
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True righteousness

We have heard
the Lord speak about:

- Murder
- Adultery
- Marriage
- Truthfulness
- Retaliation
- Love

Do you want to live righteously?

If you live according to the flesh **you will die**,
but if **by the Spirit** you put to death
the deeds of the body, **you will live**.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God
are sons of God.

(Romans 8:13-14)

THEREFORE...

Be holy, for I am holy.
(Leviticus 11:44)

As He who called you is holy,
you also be holy in all your conduct...
(1 Peter 1:15)

You therefore must be perfect,
as your heavenly Father is perfect.
(Matthew 5:48)

For sin will have
no dominion over you,
since you are not under **law**
but under **grace**.
(Romans 6:14)

If we **confess our sins**,
He is faithful and just to **forgive** us
our sins and to **cleanse** us
from all unrighteousness.
(1 John 1:9)

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