

Doctrine of Hatred in the Heart

1. The righteous have always been the target of irrational hatred.
 - *Genesis 24:60 And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.*
 - *Genesis 26:27 And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you?*
2. The righteous do not hate even when they have been treated unjustly.
 - *Genesis 50:15 And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.*
3. The wicked hate God.
 - *Exodus 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;*
4. Hatred is an expression of the heart and so from the heart this sinful emotion must not be made manifest.
 - *Leviticus 19:17 Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.*
5. When God moves to judge His people He allows the enemies of the saints to rule over them.
 - *Leviticus 26:17 And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.*
6. It is not wrong to pray that the enemies of God will be destroyed and dispersed.
 - *Numbers 10:35 And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee.*
7. God is an awesome God. Because He has established a moral universe He will not wait until eternity to move to destroy those that hate Him through military conquest and diseases.
 - *Deuteronomy 7:10 And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.*

- *Deuteronomy 7:15 And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.*

8. Pre-meditated murder is a hate crime.

- *Deuteronomy 19:11 But if any man hate his neighbour, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him mortally that he die, and fleeth into one of these cities:*

9. Some marriage are characterized by hatred [sane' (saw-nay'); a primitive root; to hate (personally): enemy, foe, (be) hate (-ful, -r), odious, utterly] and so are to be terminated by a bill of divorcement.

- *Deuteronomy 22:13 If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her,*
- *Deuteronomy 24:3 And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his wife;*

10. As God will avenge those who hate Him so He will move to avenge His people against those who hate them.

- God's judgment will fall upon the enemies of the church. *Deuteronomy 30:7 And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee.*
- God's judgment will fall upon the enemies of the Divine. *Deuteronomy 33:11 Bless, LORD, his substance, and accept the work of his hands: smite through the loins of them that rise against him, and of them that hate him, that they rise not again.*

11. Those who have been hated.

- Rebekah's seed. *Genesis 24:60 And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.*
- Isaac. *Genesis 26:27 And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you?*
- Jephthah. *Judges 11:7 And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, Did not ye hate me, and expel me out of my father's house? And why are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress?*
- David. *2 Samuel 22:41 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me.*

- Micaiah. *1 Kings 22:8 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.*
 - God the Father. *2 Chronicles 19:2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? Therefore is wrath upon thee from before the LORD.*
 - God the Son. *John 15:18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.*
 - The church. *Luke 6:22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you [not 'if' but 'when'], and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. 1 John 3:13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.*
 - Belteshazzar. *Daniel 4:19 Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was astonished for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream be to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies.*
12. The accusation of hatred can be used in an emotional way to control the conduct of someone illustrated by Delilah.
- *Judges 14:16 And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told it me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told it my father nor my mother, and shall I tell it thee?*
13. It is proper to plead with God for mercy when suffering occurs because of the hate of others.
- *Psalms 9:13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death:*
 - *Psalms 25:19 Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred.*
 - *Psalms 69:14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.*
14. Sometimes God is pleased to deliver those who hate the saints into the hands of the righteous in order to be destroyed. In the church of the Old Testament the destruction of the enemy was sometimes violent and bloody. In the church of the New Testament the enemies of God are to be destroyed by love.

- *Psalms 18:40 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me.*
15. Those that hate will be left desolate, if not financially and physically certainly emotionally, as the heart grows cold and hard and there is no sensitivity in the soul.
- *Psalms 34:21 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.*
16. It is possible to hate without a cause. Such is the strength of sin that it is irrational. To look for reason in sin is to look in vain. It is at this point the danger arises to ascribe motives that are not present, and so error is compounded, and the mind is not satisfied.
- *Psalms 35:19 Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.*
17. The emotion of hatred produces imaginative ways to hurt and wound and gain allies in an unholy passion.
- *Psalms 38:19 But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.*
18. Before hatred explodes in open verbal and physical violence it whispers.
- *Psalms 41:7 All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt.*
19. Those who hate eventually become their own worst enemy.
- *Psalms 44:10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves.*
20. Hatred is simply a more intense expression of anger.
- *Psalms 55:3 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.*
21. It is not wrong to try to appease the angry person, though it will prove to be of no use. The Psalmist said he restored that which he did not take in the first place.
- *Psalms 69:4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away.*
22. The heart of the believer can pray that God will send a signal that He loves those whom others hate without a cause.

- *Psalms 86:17 Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.*

23. While it is wrong for Christians to hate individuals, it is not wrong for believers to hate evil. It is commanded. This is not easy to do, for by nature the heart loves darkness. By nature the heart loves evil.

- *Psalms 97:10 Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.*

24. The heart must learn to hate evil.

Lesson one. Avoid becoming familiar with vice.

“Vice is a monster of so frightful a mien,
That to be trusted needs but to be seen.

Yet, seen too often, familiar with her face,
We first endure, then pity, then embrace.”

- *Psalms 101:3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.*

Lesson Two. Learn Bible doctrine.

- *Psalms 119:104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.*

Lesson Three. Study the Law of God and love it.

- *Psalms 119:113 I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love.*

25. The heart of the righteous can be confident that the Lord will take their side and they will live to see a just judgment upon those who have hated without a cause.

- *Psalms 118:7 The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.*

26. Those who learn to hate evil know how to fear the Lord.

- *Proverbs 8:13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.*

27. Unauthorized hatred will produce death, not only physical, but eternal death. There is no place in heaven for those with hatred in their hearts.

- *Proverbs 8:36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.*

28. What elicits hatred from others?

- Unwanted correction. *Proverbs 9:8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.*
- Being poor. *Proverbs 19:7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? He pursueth them with words, yet they are wanting to him.*
- Being socially insensitive. *Proverbs 25:17 Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee.*
- Defending righteousness. *Amos 5:10 They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.*
- Unwanted suffering for righteousness sake. *Matthew 24:10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.*

29. There is a time to hate.

- *Ecclesiastes 3:8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.*

30. God's mercy will be extended to those who learn to hate evil, love good, and will defend justice.

- *Amos 5:15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.*

31. What God hates.

- God hates insincere religion. *Amos 5:21 I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.*
- God hates a lavish lifestyle that neglects the poor. *Amos 6:8 The Lord GOD hath sworn by himself, saith the LORD the God of hosts, I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein.*
- God hates those who reject that which is good and love that which is evil. *Micah 3:2 Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones;*
- God hates those who plot evil in their hearts. *Zechariah 8:17 And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD.*

- God hates false doctrine. *Revelation 2:15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.* The Nicolaitans tried to unite idolatry with Christian worship. They denied God was the creator of the universe, ascribing its origin to lesser beings. They also encouraged sexual promiscuity in the name of love.

32. Jesus does not give individuals permission to hate their enemies.

- *Matthew 5:43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;*

33. Every person must determine who will be loved and who will be hated: God or Satan; the Savior or self.

- *Matthew 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*

34. Ultimately the Lord will deliver His own from all that hate them.

- *Luke 1:71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;*

35. The believer does struggle with loving sin inappropriately.

- *Romans 7:15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.*