

## The Hatred of God

### I. The purpose of this study.

1. Our God has many attributes and emotions, and we should understand both “the goodness and severity of God” (**Rom 11:22**).
  - A. Our God is a God of love (**2Co 13:11; 1Jo 4:16**); but He is also a God of judgment (**Isa 30:18**).
  - B. God is holy (**1Pe 1:16**), and therefore He hates sin (**Heb 1:9**) and cannot dwell with evil (**Psa 5:4**), nor even look at it (**Hab 1:13**).
2. Preachers should declare all the counsel of God (**Act 20:27**).
  - A. All scripture is profitable (**2Ti 3:16**).
  - B. None of it should be kept back from saints (**Act 20:20**).

### II. Defining the terms

1. Hate *v.* - 1. *trans.* To hold in very strong dislike; to detest; to bear malice to. The opposite of *to love*.
  - A. Love *v.* - 1. a. *trans.* With personal obj. or one capable of personification: To bear love to; to entertain a great affection or regard for; to hold dear.
  - B. Love *n.* - 1. a. That disposition or state of feeling with regard to a person which (arising from recognition of attractive qualities, from instincts of natural relationship, or from sympathy) manifests itself in solicitude for the welfare of the object, and usually also in delight in his or her presence and desire for his or her approval; warm affection, attachment. *Const. of, for, to, towards.*
2. Detest *v.* - 1. *trans.* To curse, calling God to witness; to express abhorrence of, denounce, execrate. *Obs.*
3. Abhor *v.* - 1. *trans. lit.* To shrink back from with shuddering, to view with horror or dread. *Obs. rare.* 2. *fig.* To regard with horror, extreme repugnance or disgust; to hate utterly, loathe, abominate. a. Obj. a noun or noun-phrase.
4. Loathe *v.* - 1. *intr.* To be hateful, displeasing, or offensive. *Const. dat. or to. Obs.*
5. Abominate *v.* - 1. To feel extreme disgust and hatred towards; to regard with intense aversion; to abhor, loathe.
6. Abomination *n.* - 1. The feeling or state of mind of combined disgust and hatred; abhorrence, detestation, loathing. 4. An object that excites disgust and hatred; a thing detested or detestable. (Followed by *unto, to.*) *esp.* in the Bible, a cause of pollution, an idol. 1382 Wyclif Matt. xxiv. 15 „e schulen se the abhominacioun of discomfort that is seid of Danyel, the prophete. 1535 Coverdale 2 Kings xxiii. 13 Malcom the abhominacion of the children of Ammon. 1611 Bible Prov. xii. 22 Lying lippes are abomination to the Lord.

### III. Contrary to the opinion of the majority of the religious world, God hates both sin *and* sinners.

1. It is commonly taught that “God hates the sin, but not the sinner” and that God loves everybody, which they use **Joh 3:16** to support.
2. God hates not only the *works* of iniquity (sin) (**Heb 1:9**), but also the *workers* of iniquity (sinners) (**Psa 5:5; Psa 11:5**).
  - A. Iniquity - 1. The quality of being unrighteous, or (more often) unrighteous action or conduct; unrighteousness, wickedness, sin; sometimes, *esp.* in early use, Wrongful or injurious action towards another, infliction of wrong, injury; in mod. use generally connoting gross injustice or public wrong.

- B. We are all workers of iniquity (sinners) by nature (**Rom 5:12; Rom 3:23; Eph 2:1-3; Ecc 7:20**).
  - C. God hates men because of their sinful nature, even before they commit sin themselves (**Rom 9:11-13**).
  - D. Before God acted upon us by grace, we were all enemies of God (**Rom 5:10**) and at enmity against God (**Rom 8:7**).
    - i. Enemy - 1. a. One that cherishes hatred, that wishes or seeks to do ill to another; also in weaker sense, an adversary, antagonist, opponent. Const. of (or *genitive case*), *to*.
    - ii. Enmity - 1. The disposition or the feelings characteristic of an enemy; ill-will, hatred.
  - E. God chose to love some sinners and give them to Jesus Christ to die for, and those workers of iniquity are no longer the object of God's hatred, but rather of His love (**Eph 1:4-7; Col 1:20-22; Rom 9:11-13**).
  - F. The rest of the workers of iniquity are not God's children and are not known of God and will therefore be told to "depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (**Mat 7:21-23 c/w Mat 25:31-34,41**).
    - i. They are not known of God in an elective, foreknown sense (**1Pe 1:2; Rom 8:29-30**).
    - ii. But obviously God knows who they are in a cognitive sense (**Joh 2:24-25; Psa 147:4-5**).
  - G. Notice how the workers of iniquity are contrasted with God's people (**Psa 14:4**).
3. By rightly dividing the word of truth, it is clear that the "world" that God loved in **Joh 3:16** is not the entire human race, but rather a section of them.
- A. World - III. The inhabitants of the earth, or a section of them.
  - B. God loves His own (**Joh 13:1**).
  - C. God loves the righteous (**Psa 146:8**).
  - D. The LORD loves His children (**Pro 3:12; Heb 12:6-8**).
  - E. This is the world that God loved and sent Jesus to die for.

#### IV. God hates wicked *people*.

1. God hates a proud look (**Pro 6:16-17**) and proud *people* (**Pro 16:5**).
2. God hates a lying tongue (**Pro 6:16-17; Pro 12:22**) and *liars* (**Pro 6:16,19**).
3. God hates hands that shed innocent blood (**Pro 6:16-17**) and bloody *men* (**Psa 5:6**).
4. Bloody *adj.* - 6. Addicted to bloodshed, blood-thirsty, cruel; tainted with crimes of blood, blood-guilty. 1611 Bible Ps. v. 6 The Lord will abhorre the bloodie and deceitfull man.
5. God hates an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations (**Pro 6:16,18**) and the thoughts of the wicked (**Pro 15:26**).
6. God hates feet that be swift in running to mischief (**Pro 6:16,18**).
7. God hates *people* who sow discord among brethren (**Pro 6:16,19**).
8. God hates dishonesty and dishonest *people* (**Deu 25:13-16**).
9. God hates *cross-dressers* (**Deu 22:5**).
10. God hates *sodomy* (**Lev 18:22; Lev 20:13**), and *sodomites*, in that they are vile sinners (**Psa 5:5**).
11. God hates froward *people* (**Pro 3:32; Pro 11:20**).

12. Froward *n.* - 1. Disposed to go counter to what is demanded or what is reasonable; perverse, difficult to deal with, hard to please; refractory, ungovernable; also, in a wider sense, bad, evilly-disposed, 'naughty'. (The opposite of *toward*.)
13. God hates the way (*road, path*) of the wicked (**Pro 15:9**).
14. God hates *people* who are covetous (**Psa 10:3**).
15. God hates *men* who fall into the mouth of strange women (**Pro 22:14**).
16. God hates *people* who justify the wicked and condemn the just (**Pro 17:15**).
17. God hates what is highly esteemed among men (**Luk 16:15**).

V. God hates false religion and false worship.

1. *False religion* is far more abhorrent to God than *no religion*.
2. God hates the gods of other religions (**2Ki 23:13**).
3. God hates idols (**Deu 29:17**).
4. God hates the acts of worship of other religions (**Deu 20:18**).
5. God hates the sacrifice of the wicked (**Pro 15:8; Pro 21:27 c/w 1Co 10:20**).
6. God hates murderers of children, users of divination, observers of times, enchanters, witches, charmers, consulters of familiar spirits, wizards, and necromancers (**Deu 18:9-12**).
7. God hated the nation that was cast out of Canaan because of their sinful ways such as worshipping Molech, cursing parents, committing adultery, incest, sodomy, and bestiality (**Lev 20:23 c/w Lev 20:1-21**).

VI. God hates His own people at times.

1. God will hate and severely punish *his people* if they will not keep His commandments (**Lev 26:30 c/w Lev 26:14-30**).
2. God hated *his own people* who served other gods (**Deu 32:16-20**) and idols (**Psa 78:55-59; Psa 106:32-40**).
3. God hated *his own house, his heritage*, because they dealt treacherously with the man of God that He sent them (**Jer 12:6-8**).

VII. God can even hate the acts and ordinances His own religion.

1. God hates false doctrine that creeps into His church (**Rev 2:15**).
2. God hates the prayers of people who turn away from hearing His word (**Pro 28:9**).
3. God will hate the very religion that He ordained and commanded His people to worship Him by if they are living sinfully while performing it (**Amo 5:21-27; Isa 1:9-20**).

VIII. Most of these examples were taken from the Old Testament, but remember those things were written for our admonition (**1Co 10:11-12**), and God's nature and character doesn't change (**Mal 3:6; Heb 13:8**).

IX. While the Bible speaks much about the hatred of God, it also speaks much of the love of God toward His elect (**Eph 2:4-10; Tit 3:3-6; 1Jo 3:16; 1Jo 4:9-11**), and for this we should rejoice.