

## “A TIME TO HATE”

Eccl. 3:8

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### I. INTRODUCTION

1. This text teaches there is a time to hate.
2. Questions: When would that time be? How can we know when to hate? What to hate? Why we should hate?
3. The same source that teaches us there is a time to hate – that source being the written word of God, the inspired scriptures – obviously teaches us when to hate, what to hate, and why we should hate.
4. The scriptures teach us that the time to hate is **when God says hate!**
5. Since there is a time to hate, there must be some things we should hate. Again, we know what they are because God in his written word tells us what to hate.
6. We have no right to love things god says we are to hate, nor do we have a right to hate things god says we are to love.
7. In the O.T. God through:
  - a. The prophet Amos said to Israel: “Hate the evil...,” 5:15.
  - b. The Psalmist said: “Ye that love the Lord, hate evil,” 97:10.
  - c. The prophet Isaiah declared: “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter,” 5:20.
8. To all saints in the N.T. the Lord commands: “Abhor that which is evil...” Rom.12:9; Cf. 1Pet.3:10-12.
9. It’s a serious thing to be guilty of **loving** things we should **hate**, and of **hating** things we should **love**.
10. In view of this, let us learn from God’s word what we should hate, what God says we should hate.

### II. DISCUSSION

#### A. WE ARE TO HATE INIQUITY (LAWLESSNESS).

1. Heb.1:9 quotes Ps.45:7, where God said to his Son: “Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.”
2. God’s Son, Jesus Christ, is cited as our example in **hating iniquity**.

3. We learn from Mt.7:21-23 that **workers of iniquity** will be bold by the Lord, himself, “I never knew you (at no time did I recognize you): depart from me, ye that work iniquity (lawlessness).”
4. Psa.101:3: “hate the work of them that turn aside”. Cf. Prov.28:9

**B. WE ARE TO HATE PRIDE, ARROGANCY, THE EVIL WAY, AND THE FROWARD (PERVERSE) MOUTH.**

1. Prov.8:13.
  - a. “Perverse” defined: “turned the wrong way; deviating from the right, true, correct, etc., erring; obstinate in the wrong; willful.”
  - b. If one respects and fears God, he will hate evil.
  - c. One hates evil who fears Jehovah because he views evil from God’s viewpoint; he knows how wrong it is, how contrary to God, and what it will result in.
  - d. Prov.16:6 says, “By the fear of Jehovah men depart from evil.”
  - e. And Prov.1:7 says, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning (the principle part) of knowledge.”
  - f. See Prov.4:24; 14:2,3; 17:20; 19:1; Psa.52:2-6.
2. Prov.16:5.
  - a. Again, we have a saying showing God’s abomination for pride.
  - b. Many are the forms of this hateful spirit. Some are proud of their beauty; some of their talents; some of their rank or position; some of their goodness, etc., -- all forgetting, that they “have nothing which they have not received” (1Cor.4:7). All unconscious, that they are **an abomination to the Lord**.
  - c. Perhaps, however, this declaration applies more distinctly to proud combinations against God – “hand joining in hand.”
    - (1) What is all this force, but the worm “striving with his Maker?” (Isa.45:9)
    - (2) “Who is the Lord?” – was the boast of haughty Pharaoh.
    - (3) The futile efforts of those in erecting the tower of Babel where blasted with confusion. Cf. Prov.21:30.
  - d. In comparison to God and his works, man is nothing. Cf. Psa.8:3,4; 39:4,5.
  - e. Even whole nations of the earth are “nothing” in comparison with him, Is.40:15,17.
  - f. regardless of the area of our lives that we might be considering, before God “boasting is excluded,” Rom.3:27. Cf. Prov.6:16,17; Lk.18:10-14; 1Pet.5:5; 1Jno.2:16.

- g. The latter part of Prov.16:5 is also found in Prov.11:21, meaning that no matter how many alliances proud men may make, God can overthrow them all. Nor is there safety in “numbers” when God arises to punish the multitude of the wicked.

### **C. WE SHOULD HATE FALSE WAYS.**

- 1. Psa.119:104,128. Cf. Prov.14:12.
- 2. 2Cor.11:13-15; 2Pet.2:1-3; 1Jno.2:26; 4:1; Jude 3,4.
- 3. What are some of the present-day false ways in religion we should hate?
  - a. Catholicism.
  - b. Mainline Denominationalism.
  - c. Modernism.
  - d. Gnosticism.
  - e. Judaism. (But not the people in these false systems)
  - f. Mormonism.
  - g. Premillennialism.
  - h. Islam-ism.
  - i. Christadelphianism.
  - j. Russellism, or the religion of the J.W’s.
  - k. Satanism.
  - m. Atheism.

### **D. THE DEEDS AND DOCTRINE OF THE NICOLAITANES.**

- 1. Rev.2:5,15.
- 2. Note two things from this passage:
  - a. The Lord hated both the **deeds** and the **doctrine** of the Nicolaitanes.
  - b. The Lord approved of the saints in the Ephesian church hating the **deeds** of the Nicolaitanes among them.
- 3. Though we do not know with any degree of accuracy what the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes was, it is yet another example of the righteousness of hating certain things.

### **E. WE SHOULD HATE VAIN THOUGHTS.**

- 1. Psa.119:113. Cf. Isa.55:6-9.
- 2. Isa.59:1-8; 65:2.
- 3. Jer.4:14; 6:18,19.
- 4. Heb.4:12,13.
- 5. Jas.2:4.

## **F. LYING IS TO BE HATED.**

1. Psa.119:163. See Psa.3:18a; 119:29.
2. Prov.6:16-19; 12:22; 13:5; 10:18; 26:28.
3. Rev.21:8.
4. Col.3:9,10.

## **G. EVIL AGAINST A NEIGHBOR AND A FALSE OATH IS TO BE HATED, Zech.8:17.**

## **H. Since We Are To Hate Evil, And Since All Works Of The Flesh Are Evil, We Are To Hate All Works Of The Flesh, Works Which Keep One From Inheriting The Kingdom Of God.**

1. Such things are listed in 1Cor.6:9,10; Gal.5:19-21; Eph.5:3-5; Col.3:5-10; Mt.15:18-20; Rom.1:18-32.

## **III. CONCLUSION**

1. People who do not know and love:
  - a. The truth, do not hate error and false doctrine.
  - b. What is righteous, do not hate what is unrighteous.
  - c. That which is good, do not hate that which is evil.
2. The degree to which we love and abide in truth and righteousness is the degree to which we hate and abhor and shun error, unrighteousness, iniquity and evil.
3. Since we are commanded to **hate** and **abhor** evil, we must give diligence to exercise our senses by reason of use to enable us to discern both **good** and **evil**. See Heb.5:12-14.
4. Questions:
  - a. Do you hate evil? Evil in every form?
  - b. Do you really abhor it in thought and deed?
  - c. Do you openly condemn it?
  - d. Are you aggressively opposing it?
5. If not why not? You should be! We must stand up and be counted!
6. Prov.3:7;16:6.