

## **HOLY HATRED**

### **Prov.6-16-19; Rev.2:6**

#### **I. INTRODUCTION**

1. Yes, there is such a thing as holy hatred, some to the contrary, notwithstanding.
2. We recognize there are such things as attitudes and resultant speech that are hateful and sinful.
  - a. An attitude of hate is often condemned in the scriptures, Mt.5:43-48.
  - b. 1Jno.2:9-11 condemns hatred of a brother in very strong terms.
  - c. 1Jno.3:15 brands them as murderers.
  - d. A man who claims to love God, but hates his brother is called a liar in 1Jno.4:20.
3. But, by all means, let us not draw the irrational, erroneous, conclusion that all hate, and or the hate of all things, is therefore sinful.
4. Our present-day culture has developed the warped, worldly, unholy, devilistic concept that rebuking someone else's behavior, alternate lifestyles, choices, etc. is hateful.
5. The Bible concept of hating the sin, but loving the sinner is scoffed at, and the possibility of even doing so is denied. They have the idea that if one hates the behavior of the person, one must also be guilty of hating the person!
  - a. For example: If we rebuke and expose such things as homosexual behavior as sinful, we are charged with hating the person who practices it.
  - b. We are charged with "homophobia", or with being "homophobic", among other things!
6. This warped, worldly, unholy, concept demands that the only way to love someone is to accept that one's choices and alternate lifestyles and refrain from any criticism, rebuke or attempted correction!
7. God's holy written word, or the inspired scriptures, teach otherwise; for they teach that true love is seen and manifested in patient and diligent correction of wrong, 2Tim.3:13,16-4:5; Tit.2:15; Rev.3:19; Heb.12:6-11.
8. A word of caution is in order. While hate can be a legitimate, God-ordained, holy emotion; and while one may have a difficult time handling it in a godly way; it is, nevertheless, necessary; for God demands it and says there is a time for it.
  - a. "Ye that love the Lord, hate evil," Psa.97:10.

- b. "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil," Prov.8:13.
  - c. "Hate the evil, and love the good," Amos 5:15.
  - d. "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven...A time to love, and a time to hate," Eccl.3:1,8.
9. With this in mind, let us discuss our subject: HOLY HATRED.

## II. DISCUSSION

### A. TRUE, THE BIBLE REVEALS MANY THINGS THAT IT IS WRONG FOR US TO HATE AND USES MIGHTY STRONG LANGUAGE IN CONDEMNING ALL WHO HATE THE WRONG THING, I.E., THE VERY THINGS WE MUST LOVE.

- 1. God
  - a. "...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," Exo.20:5.
  - b. "...haters of God...who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death," Rom.1:30,32.
  - c. Cf. Mk:12:28-30; Lk.10:27a.
- 2. Our neighbor, Mk.12:30,31; Lk.10:27-37.
- 3. Right. Job 34:17: "Shall even he that hateth right govern?"
- 4. The righteous, Psa.34:21: "Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate."
- 5. Instruction and reproof:
  - a. Prov.5:12: "And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof."
  - b. Prov.12:1: "Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish."
  - c. Prov.15:10: "Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die."
- 6. Knowledge:
  - a. Prov.1:7: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning (the principle part) of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."
  - b. Prov.1:22: "How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? And the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?"

- c. Prov.1:29,30: “For they that hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof.”
- 7. Good, Mic.3:2: “Who hate the good, and love the evil...”
- 8. A brother in the Lord, 1Jno.2:9-11; 3:15; 4:20.
- 9. Our enemies, Mt.5:43-46.

**B. BUT WE KNOW THERE IS SUCH A THING AS HOLY HATRED BECAUSE GOD, WHO IS INFINITELY HOLY, HATES MANY THINGS.**

- 1. He hates all works of iniquity, Heb.1:9: “Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.”
- 2. Prov.6:16-19 names seven things the Lord hates; seven things that are an abomination unto him.
  - a. Cf. Amos 6:8: “The Lord God hath sworn by himself, saith the Lord the God of hosts, I abhor the excellency (pride, arrogance) of Jacob...”
- 3. The practice of idolatry and vain worship, Gen.15:16; Isa.1:13-15; Jer.44:3-6; Amos 5:21-27; Cf. Mt.15:7-9.
  - a. Cf. Col.3:5: “...and covetousness, which is idolatry”
- 4. Evil in your heart against a neighbor, and love of a false oath, Zech.8:16,17.
- 5. Putting away or divorce, Mal.2:16.
- 6. The doctrine and deeds of false teachers and evil practitioners, Rev.2:6,15,16.

**C. ALSO, WE KNOW THERE IS SUCH A THING AS HOLY HATRED BECAUSE THE LORD PRAISED THOSE WHO HATED CERTAIN THINGS AND HAS TAUGHT HIS PEOPLE TO HATE CERTAIN THINGS.**

- 1. He praised or commended the church in Ephesus for hating the deeds and the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which he said, I also hate,” Rev.2:6,15.
  - a. Thus he praised them for hating immoral practices and false doctrine.
- 2. His written word teaches:
  - a. That those who love and rejoice at God’s word and who get understanding through God’s precepts “hate every false way,” Psa.119:103,104,127,128,162,163.

- b. That “ye that love the Lord, hate evil,” Psa.97:10.
  - c. That “the fear of the Lord is to hate evil,” Prov.8:13.
  - d. That we are to “hate evil, and love the good,” Amos 5:15.
  - e. We are to “hate the work of them that turn aside,” Psa.101:3.
  - f. That “a righteous man hateth lying,” Prov.13:5.
  - g. “He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes (early, earnestly),” Prov.13:24
    - (1) “Gives him timely chastisement”
    - (2) “Immediately” – not putting it off and off and off
    - (3) “early” – in the dawn of life, not wait till adulthood.
  - h. Us that “he that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days,” Prov.28:16b.
    - (1) Cf. Col.3:5.
    - (2) Job 31:6,24,25.
3. In view of this, it is evident that God hates all falsehood, all false teaching, all immorality, including the practice of homosexuality; that all such things will keep one out of heaven. See Rom.1:18-32 1Cor.6:9,10; 1Tim.1:9-11; Jude 7(Gen.19)
- a. Cf. Lev.18:22; 20:13 (Psa:5:5: “The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.”)
4. We, however, must never be guilty of hating those who practice the things God hates and requires that we hate, nor try to physically destroy them, only their sin, bringing them to repentance.
- a. Yes, we are to love the sinner, but hate the sin he practices! Cf. Jno.3:16; Rom.5:8.
  - b. Mt.5:10-12,43-48; Rom.12:17-21; 2Cor.10:3-5; Gal.5:13-15.

### III. CONCLUSION

1. The Bible reveals why men hate with a hate that is unholy and who they are.
  - a. Because they love darkness rather than light, and their deeds are evil, Jno.3:19-21; 7:7.
  - b. Because they are haters of the Lord, Jno.15:18-23; Rom.1:28-30a
2. No doubt, hate is a powerful emotion and often used improperly; but never forget that love as taught in God’s word was never intended to be used to cause us to tolerate any of the things God’s word teaches us to

hate with a holy hatred, a hate that is not carnal; but is a hate which embodies true love for God, man and holy things.

3. The world brings pressure to bear and continually calls for a “love” (that which it calls love) that appears to take the “high road”, but is in reality the “low road” of compromise with the devil and the tolerance of sin masquerading as love.
4. Don’t be fooled. Satan couldn’t get Jesus to compromise or to accept compromise, Mt.4:1-11.
5. But he has somehow deceived the world at large, and even a great portion of professing believers, even many among churches of Christ, into thinking the Lord will accept us even if we do compromise with Satan and the world! But 1Jno.2:15-17; Jas.4:4.
6. Beware! Hell is too hot, too horrible, and too long! Repent and turn to the Lord!