

YES, GOD HATES IT!

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Bible teaches that God is a “God of love”; in fact, that “love is of God,” and that “God is love,” 2Cor.13:11; 1Jno.4:7,8,16.
2. Also, contrary to the concept and the thinking of some professed believers in God, the Bible teaches that God is a God who hates – that he is “of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity,” Hab.1:13a – meaning:
 - a. He “cannot look with complacency or satisfaction on it.”
 - b. “All sin is hateful to God or in God’s sight. As man turns away from sickening sights, so God’s abhorrence of wrong is pictured by His not being able to look toward it.”
3. If it is sin, God hates it! It’s abomination to him! And anything that is a transgression of God’s law – any law or commandment of God – is sin! Cf. Psa.5:5: “...thou hatest all workers of iniquity.”
 - a. Moreover, if God hates it, we are to hate it; shun it; resist it; and expose it. Cf. Psa.119:104,127,128.
 - b. If we love God and righteousness, we hate sin.
 - c. To the degree that we love God and righteousness, to that degree we hate sin.
4. In this lesson we shall take note of some specific sins God hates.

II. DISCUSSION

A. GOD HATES “A PROUD LOOK,” OR HAUGHTY EYES, Prov.6:16,17a.

1. Cf. Psa.7:11; 18:27; 101:5; Pro.8:13; 16:18; 30:13; Isa.2:12.
2. Examples of some who were guilty:
 - a. Pharaoh, Exo.5:1,2; 9:13-18 (7th plague)
 - b. Haman, Esth.7:10.
 - c. Nebuchadnezzar, Dan.4:28-37.
 - d. Herod, Ac.12:20-23.
3. False pride is always the downfall of those guilty, Lk.18:9-14.
4. By comparison consider the prodigal son “when he came to himself,” Lk.15:17-21.

B. GOD HATES “A LYING TONGUE,” Prov.6:17. See V.19.

1. Cf. Psa.5:6; Prov.12:22; Rev.21:8; 22:15; See Jno.8:44.
2. A “lying tongue” is called a “deceitful tongue” in Ps.120:1,2.
3. The Pulpit Commentary aptly observes, “Lying is the willful perversion of truth, not only by speech but by any means whatever whereby a false impression is conveyed to the mind.”
 - a. In other words, one can lie in word and deed or in action!
4. Col.3:9,10 say, “Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man...”
5. So much is said about lying in the N.T. that evidently it was a common sin of the day.
6. Furthermore, evidence is so overwhelming that it must be a present-day common sin in and out of the church!

C. GOD HATES “HANDS THAT SHED INNOCENT BLOOD,” Prov.6:17 See Isa.1:15.

1. Cf. Gen.9:5,6; Exo.21:12,14; Lev.24:17; Rev.13:10.
2. See Ac.25:10,11 where Paul recognized the righteous, scriptural principle of capital punishment.
3. Shedding “innocent blood” includes the matter of abortion on demand as people practice the law of our land today, because they are taking the life of an innocent living human being, an unborn child, a human being, Psa.139:13,15,16; Jer.1:4,5; Lk.1:41,44 (babe, Brephos); Lk.2:12 (babe, Brephos); Lk.2:16 (babe, Brephos).
4. The unbelieving Jews were charged with shedding innocent blood in putting Jesus to death on the cross, Ac.2:22,23. Cf. Lk.23:20-23,33,34.

D. GOD HATES “PUTTING AWAY,” OR DIVORCE, Mal.2:14-16.

1. With one, and only one, exception, to divorce a spouse is to commit sin and God hates sin; therefore, he hates divorce!
2. Even when the one exception is allowed for divorce, sin is still involved because one of the parties in the divorce has committed sin that has allowed the innocent spouse to put away the guilty spouse.
3. Marriage as God ordained it is to be a permanent bond between the two – a male and a female – with God as a third party to the

- covenant; it's a "till-death-do-we-part" arrangement, and that by God's decree, Gen.2:18-24; Mt.18:3-6; Rom.7:1-3; 1Cor.7:10-13,39.
4. There is only one scriptural grounds which allows divorce with God's blessings, whether or not another marriage is contemplated or is consummated, and that is divorce on the grounds of or for the reason of fornication on the part of one spouse, which allows the innocent spouse, the spouse not guilty of fornication, to divorce the guilty spouse for that reason, Mt.5:32; 19:3-6,9; 1Cor.7:10-13; Cf. 1Cor.7:1-5; 1Jno.2:1,2.
 5. Any spouse who puts away or divorces his or her spouse for any cause other than fornication violates God's law of divorce and therefore sins in doing so! Cf. 1Jno.3:4.
 6. Any spouse who does so has committed sin which God hates!

III. CONCLUSION

1. As we said earlier in this study, what God hates we are to hate. Cf. Psa. 119:104,127,128.
2. We are not to hate the person who is guilty of sin; but we are to hate their sin.
3. Moreover, we have no choice but to resist it, expose it, as well as refuse to fellowship the guilty party until they meet God's conditions of pardon – and that publicly! Cf. 1Th.5:14a; 2Th.3:6; 1Cor.5:1-13; 2Cor.2:6-11.