



## What God hates, what do you hate?

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—Proverbs 6:16-19

Most people would be shocked to find that God hates. They think you should never hate under any circumstances. They think hate is of the devil. Although hate could be used in a wrong way and negative way, it can also be used in a positive way. I believe hate becomes bad when it is directed towards people. It should not be towards people. We live in a fallen world where there are so many things looking to destroy our lives. We can't just get along and love the very things that are trying to get rid of us and are detrimental to our survival.

If we never hate anything, we would never be able to make a difference in this world. Some people take on entire careers dedicated to stopping the very things they hate. I just can't understand how a police officer, for example, would take on a career and yet not hate the evil he is going, or he is out to stop.

Hate is a missing ingredient in our lives that is costing us a lot. It is time to hate again and it's time to stir up the hate in us. God has given us the ability to hate and we should use it. He loves people but hates sin and evil.

No man on earth was as loving as Jesus, yet we see that Jesus was a hater—a hater of iniquity. *Hebrew 1:9* says “Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.” Jesus hated iniquity. A true

disciple of Jesus Christ must hate iniquity. Some people just need to learn how to hate and many things in our lives will change for the better. One of the problems we experience today is because we have not stirred up our hatred towards evil in our days.

We have all heard a saying that love is blind. I beg to differ. Blind to what? If blind, then definitely not blind to evil. Genuine love hates—it hates what is evil (Psalm 97:10). Why would someone not have hatred for sickness which is out to take their lives? One of the reasons many people have not been healed is because they don't hate sickness. Although they do not love it, a lack of hatred for it is a reason it is still hanging around otherwise you would have done something to stop it because you hate it so much.

What you don't hate, and resist will kill you. ***“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”*** James 4:7

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The word “abomination” here means “something *disgusting* (morally), that is, (as noun) an *abhorrence*,” (Strong's Concordance).

a) **Proud look**

- i) Contrary to our present culture, God hates arrogance and pride. Proverbs 13:10 says that only by pride comes contention. The heart at the problems we face in pride and self-centeredness.

b) **Lying tongue** (deception, holding back information or leaving the wrong impression). All lying originates from Satan, the father of lies. God. Proverbs 12:19; John 8:44.

c) **Hands that shed innocent blood**

- i) This is talking about murdering the innocent, not killing. Killings that are unjustified are abhorred by the Lord, For example, God hates killing of innocent babies in the womb. This is true innocent blood. We should hate abortion because it is murdering

the innocent child in the mother's womb. How more innocent can this get? Do you hate what God hates?

*"I've noticed that everyone who is for abortion is already born"*—President Ronald Reagan.

- ii) This also paints a picture that there are justified killings. For example, killing an animal for food is not wrong, so is self-defense and justified wars.

d) **Heart that deviseth wicked imaginations**

- i) The Amplified Version says, "A heart that manufactures wicked thoughts and plans, feet that are swift in running to evil,"—**Proverbs 6:18**
- ii) God hates us manufacturing and imagining thoughts that are evil and ungodly. Some people are just only concerned with the outside actions of people, but God sees right through to the heart of man. He is disgusted by the evil and wicked thoughts of our hearts.
- iii) Notice that these thoughts must be manufactured or planned. Sin doesn't just happen. People have to make provision for it and the flesh (Romans 13:14; Ephesians 5:11)

e) **Feet that be swift in running to mischief**

- i) Some people love sin. They will do anything to sin. They are quick to sin. Oh, how God hates the haste to sin. We all sin, but we all don't run swiftly to it. We should be very slow to sin, but that starts with a hatred for it.

f) **False witness that speaketh lies**

- i) This is talking about more than ordinary lying (John 8:44; Proverbs 12:19)

- ii) It's one thing to lie, but it's another thing to deceptively witness against a person. Character assassination is abhorred by God. Lying against a person is so bad that it could sometime cost another person's life. God hates it.

g) **Soweth discord among brethren**

- i) The Lord hates the six things above, but he really hates sowing discord and strife. Such a person brings division among brethren and goes against the unity that the Lord loves. James 3:16 tells us the dangers of strife—confusion and every evil work.

This is a godly hatred. It hates sin and evil but loves the sinner. There are things that God hates, and we should also hate. Our lives will only change proportional to what we really hate.

For example, I detest Hollywood and the work they do. I really do. The junk they pump through the TV sets is despicable. It has corrupted and destroyed many people's lives, marriages, children, youth and so forth in the name of "entertainment". I can't stand the demonic, ungodly, nasty, so-called; hip-pop' filthy rap and sexually arousing and violent music culture. What good does that do to the younger folks, marriage, and society? Garbage in, garbage out! Why do we wonder why our society is like hell on earth and super ungodly? These things we have refused to hate and have paid big bucks for it to come into our homes have been the very things that have destroyed our lives. How can someone pay for sewage to be pumped into their heads and home and then wonder why they are the way they are? These things we have not countered have by default destroyed and are still destroying our lives. Oh, how I hate this stuff!

The sexual perversion we see today is partially because of us not having this hatred for iniquity (Hebrews 1:9; Psalm 97:10) like Jesus. Look at the negative impact it has brought to our society. One of the reasons we fall into such sins is because we do not hate them. If we treated sin like a snake that needs to be killed not turned into a pet, we would do a lot better. We have to treat these things like a plague they are. Sin is a plague, and we must hate it and fight it. The best solution to beating sin is being Born again (John 3:3) Accepting Jesus into our hearts as our Lord and savior is the beginning of this hatred for sin and evil. When we get saved, we receive a brand-

new heart that loves righteousness and hates iniquity (Hebrews 1:9). We also get a new spirit that empowers us to live victoriously in this life. The best antidote to sin and evil is Jesus.

It's what we learn to hate that we will not allow near us. Take a look at King David and the effects of his sin. He brought tremendous misery to his entire life because of a lack of hatred for adultery and murder. This lack of hate for the sin and evil came back to sting him. I truly believe that David could not have easily fallen for that woman had he had a fear of the Lord and hatred for evil, ungodliness, and sin. What you don't hate you will allow, and you will commit! It's just a matter of time. David paid heavily, his son died, his son Absalom committed treason against him, Absalom killed his brother Ammon, Ammon committed incest with his sister, Absalom had sex publicly with David's wives, David became a vagabond running for his life, lost his kingdom, shame, and dishonor.

Not only does God hate evil, He has given us the same ability and has instructed us to hate evil. These verses below speak volumes about hatred—hatred of evil.

a) Psalm 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.*

i) Hating evil and loving the Lord go hand in hand. Those who hate evil love the Lord. This shows that hating is a good thing, if we are hating evil.

b) Proverbs 8:13 *"The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate."*

i) According to this verse, the true fear of the Lord is to hate evil. God hates pride, arrogance, the evil way, and the forward mouth. The Lord hates these things. Notice that He doesn't hate people who do these things, but He hates these acts. There is an enormous difference. We need to hate what the Lord hates.

c) Romans 12:9 *"Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good."*

- i) This verse tells us to hate evil and cleave unto that which is good. One of the ways we hate evil is by cleaving to that which is good.
  - ii) Genuine love is without hypocrisy. It has a **hatred for evil**. When we hate evil, we cleave to what is good.
  - iii) **We won't depart from what we do not hate. We need to work on our capacity to hate—no, not people but evil. If you do not hate evil, sin, and ungodliness, you will participate.**
- d) Job 1:1 *“There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.”*
- i) This text makes says that Job eschewed evil, which means he hated evil. The Amplified version says that he “abstained from and shunned evil.” We won't truly abstain from someone we do not hate because when we hate something, we lose the desire to participate in it. Shunning evil leads to abstaining and departing from it.
  - ii) Notice that there is no genuine fear of the Lord that excludes hatred for evil. One of the major deterrent from sin is to develop a hatred for it. Very few people will do what they hate. We cannot separate hatred for evil from fearing God.

We live in a world where people are no longer shy nor ashamed of evil and sin. They publicly do the despicable on live TV such as late-night shows while many are busy clapping. What has happened to the shyness of evil? Our societies through the fear of God used to be shy about sin and evil. Adultery and many other ungodly behaviors were never celebrated but rather shunned.

Today, these people pay big money for sin and the promotion of evil. We should be shunning evil not embracing it.

I remember a guy in Uganda who was celebrated for having sex live on TV. People came out on the streets and were celebrating a “hero”, yet he was a zero with the rim knocked off. This was a celebration of Absalom who had sex publicly with the father's wives (2 Samuel 16:20-22). The spirit of Absalom is being celebrated by many today. What a shame!

- e) Ephesians 4:26-27 *Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil.*
- i) James 4:7 *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*
  - ii) One of the ways to hate evil is by being angry at sin, hence resisting the devil.
    - Those who have no hatred for evil will not resist the devil.
  - iii) Jesus was angry at sin and made a whip and drove merchants out of the Temple. He did this twice (at the beginning and at the end).
    - John 2:14-17; Matthew 21:12-16; Mark 11:15-18; Luke 19:45-46.
  - iv) Psalm 4:4 **Stand in awe, and sin not:** commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.
    - The word “awe” here means to be angry (see the NKJV, and the Amplified). This is talking about a godly anger as Ephesians 4:26-27.
    - If we aren’t angry, we will sin. Anger is meant to fight against sin and evil and its author—Satan.
- f) Isaiah 5:20 *“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!”*
- i) As long as we do not develop or practice a hatred for evil and sin, we will end up calling evil good, and good evil. If we hate evil, we won’t make the mistake of calling good evil and evil good.
- g) Amos 5:14-15 *“Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. **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."*

- i) These two verses instruct us to hate evil but not only that but go further and love the good. This would imply that it's not enough for us to hate the evil, but we should move further and love the good. If we do, then will establish judgment. A lack of hatred for evil and love for good will result in a lack of judgement.
  - **Hating evil = fearing God = loving the good**
- ii) Many people do not have a fear for the Lord because of their love for the things of this world. We can't love the world and love God at the same time. It's impossible. We need to choose one and give up on the other.
  - 1 John 2:15 *Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*
  - "World" means "the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ" (Thayer's Definition)
- h) Proverbs 16:6 *"By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil."*
  - i) The true fear of the Lord results in departing from evil. Anyone who claims to love the Lord and does not depart from evil is lying.
- i) Psalm 36:4 *"He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil."*
  - i) We need to abhor (hate) evil lest we devise mischief and set ourselves in a way that is not right.
- j) Psalm 119:163 *"I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love."*



- i) Here the Psalmist tells us he hated and detested lying but loved the Word of God. Loving the Word of God will produce hatred for sin and lying. Those who do not know nor love the Word of God have no hatred for sin and the ungodliness that is going on in our society. If we truly hated ungodliness, we would never entertain ourselves with the perverted movies that we bring into our homes. If we only people can fall in love with the Word of God, they would naturally develop a hatred for sin and ungodliness. No love for the word = No hatred for sin and ungodliness.
- ii) According to Proverbs 8:13 and Proverbs 16:6, the fear of the Lord is defined as to depart from evil, but we can't truly depart from evil unless we hate it. Therefore, to depart from evil is to hate it. We can't overcome what we do not hate. As long as we are still in love with certain things, we can't overcome them. Hate is one of the ways to depart from evil and sin. No hatred, no departing. In the same breath, we can't resist what we do not hate (James 4:7). If you don't hate the devil and his works such as stealing, killing and destroying, you won't resist him effectively.

I want to encourage and stir you up to hate sin, sickness, poverty, diseases, killing, destroying, disease, lying, cheating, adultery and so forth. **God hates evil, He hates iniquity and sin. Will you hate what God hates?**

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