

God's word on the difference between Love & Hate

We Should Also Hate and Oppose All Sin.

*We do not seek the destruction of the sinner, but we do seek the destruction and elimination of all sin.*

*A/. God Hates Evil but Loves Righteousness.*

**Proverbs 6:16-19 - God hates six things; seven are to Him an abomination** (something strongly detested). *Other passages list dozens of other things God hates (abominations).*

**Proverbs 11:20 - Those who are of a perverse heart are an abomination to the Lord, But the blameless in their ways are His delight.**

**Proverbs 15:9 - The way of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, But He loves him who follows righteousness.**

**Hebrews 1:9 - You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness.** *This was a prophecy of Jesus quoted from Psalm 45:7.*

*The idea that God loves everything, so we should love everything, is simply false. It is extremely dangerous because it leads people to think God will ignore sin, so people can continue to sin without suffering eternal consequences. If this is true, everyone will be saved, because God loves everyone. But the truth is that most people will be lost eternally (Matt. 7:13,14).*

The idea that God loves everything is fundamentally false because, **although God loves all people, He still hates sinful conduct so much that He will punish those who sin and do not repent. He loves us so much He sent His Son to die so we can be forgiven. But if we refuse to meet the conditions of forgiveness, we will be lost eternally.**

B/. Love for God Requires Us to Hate Evil.

**Psalms 97:10 - You who love the Lord, hate evil!**

**Proverbs 8:13 - The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate.**

**Deuteronomy 7:25-27 - Graven images were an abomination to God, therefore His people were to detest and utterly abhor them. What God hates, we are to hate because we love Him and fear Him.**

**1 John 2:15-17 - Do not love the world or the things of the world, including lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, pride of life. If we love these things, the love of the Father is not in us!**

**Again, if we love God, we are forbidden to love the things which oppose Him. In fact it is impossible to love both God and evil.**

**Matthew 6:24 - You cannot have two masters. You love one and despise the other.**

The issue is not **whether** we love or hate, but **what** we love and **what** we hate. Because of the things we **love**, there are things we **must hate**. It is impossible to love everything, because some things are direct opposites. If you love one, you must hate its opposite. The more you love one, the more you hate its opposite.

The more you love God, the more you hate evil, because God and evil are opposites. The less you hate evil, the less you love God. When your hatred and opposition to evil grows weak, you need to realize that this is because your love for God has grown weak!

C/. Love for Truth and Righteousness Also Requires Us to Hate Evil.

**Psalms 119:104 - Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.**

**Psalms 119:127,128 - Therefore I love Your commandments more than gold, yes, than fine gold! Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right; I hate every false way.**

**Psalms 119:163 - I hate and abhor lying, but I love Your law.**

**Romans 12:9 - Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.** Note that proper love requires us to abhor evil. [Amos 5:15]

**Psalm 36:1-4 -**

**One of the characteristics for which God rebukes wicked people is that they fail to abhor evil. Instead, they devise evil and think their evil will not be discovered and hated. It is not wrong for us to hate evil. The people who are wrong are the ones who do not hate evil and who criticize us because we do hate it!**

**Note further:** When people don't want God and His people to oppose evil, often it is because those people themselves are practicing evil (v2).

They cannot prove by Scripture that it is wrong to speak out against evil; instead, the real problem is that they themselves practice evil and they don't want their evil to be rebuked. They want to be free to continue to practice it! (**See John 3:19-21.**)

**Righteous people, who understand God's will, do not object to sin being hated. Sometimes people object because they simply do not understand God's will. Other times people object because they themselves are practicing evil. But people who know God's will and who love righteousness, will hate sin and evil.**

Again, a Christian is not supposed to love everything. It is a question of **what** you love and **what** you hate. It is impossible to love two things

that are complete opposites. The more you love truth and righteousness, the more you hate falsehood and evil.

If your hatred for evil is growing weak, it must be because your love for truth and right is growing weak.

[Heb. 1:9, I Pet. 2:21, Matt. 10:34, Job 42:6; Psa. 26:5; 101:3; 119:113; Prov. 13:5; 8:7; 29:27; Mic. 3:2]

Trust this sheds some light on the subject

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