

Hate the Sin, Love the Sinner

Read Jude 1:17-23 and write it in your own words.

- 1. What does Jude say will happen in the "last times"? Do you see that today?
- According to verses 20-21, what are we as believers to focus on within ourselves?
- In those same verses (20-21) what are to "wait" for? Why do you think Jude phrased it that way?
- Why are we in need of "mercy"?
- How does verse 21 relate to our response in verse 22? 5.
- What are other scriptures also point to this idea of mercy to unbelievers?
- How is showing mercy different from ignoring sin?
- What would be an example of "snatching them from the fire"?
- 9. Why do we need to show mercy "mixed with fear"? What is the danger?
- 10. What does the phrase, "hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh" Mean?
- 11. How do you hate the "stains" of sin, even remain untouched by them and still love the sinner?

Read Malachi 1:1-3.

- What does it mean, "Esau, I have hated"? Does God hate?
- How is God able to hate and not sin?
- 3. Are we able to hate and not sin? Why?
- 4. What does 1 John 4:7-8 say about us hating someone? How does that correlate to God hating? What's the difference?

"God can hate without any sinful intent. Therefore, He can hate the sin and the sinner in a perfect holy way and still lovingly forgive the sinner at the moment of repentance and faith.

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