

Elaborating on the Things God Hates

PROVERBS 6:16-19

Why would God hate anything? He hates all things that diminishes or kills the goodness He has placed within us. Our Father knows sin separates us from Him and He goes to extremes to insure that does not happen to His children and if we obey and surrender, accepting Jesus as Lord in our hearts, it is impossible for Him to lose one of His own. Everyone has freewill, they have a choice to become followers of Jesus or not. All will eventually be without excuse having chosen the path of destruction, but those who have chosen Jesus as Lord in their lives will be ushered in as sheep into His Kingdom. And as long as someone has breath, they still have a chance to choose Him – so we must never count someone out stating they are too far gone, judging before their time, which is sealed and only the Lord Himself knows the end of anyone.

Again, lets not get hung up on the fact God “hates” but understand why He hates sin’s influence in our lives... it steals from us and robs us from becoming the overcomer who is saved from all iniquity. When we hold onto sinful ways... our lives do not prosper with light, love, peace and joy because sin holds us captive, we are not free from the entanglement it brings.

Sin breaks fellowship with God and with one another. Just like when Adam and Eve sinned... fellowship with our Father was severed and since our Father is perfectly merciful and loving – He formulated another sacrifice to remedy what had been broken, through blood sacrifice... and because of Jesus Alone, we can be reconciled back to our Father in Heaven. The Bible tells us... there is only one way to the Father and that is through Jesus, thank You Lord. Even the Law cannot reconcile us back to our Father, only Jesus can.

The Law reveals the sin, but all throughout the NT – Jesus reveals to us the why we should avoid sinful ways at all costs. Let me explain...

There is a Biblical foundational Law given, which we should never discount. The truth is until our hearts are changed we all need rules or we would do very drastic things that would harm others and corrupt ourselves. Jesus obeyed the Law perfectly because He was without sin. When we imitate Him and He changes us from the inside out the lusts of the flesh and the heart are slowly removed and because we love Him we obey Him, which surprisingly is much more effortless than one would think. We are not Holy, we cannot be perfect – but since He is, with Him dwelling within us – our hearts change, are purified and we no longer have flesh controlling us – we control it by the power of Jesus abiding in us. Are these lusts difficult to overcome? Absolutely. But is it possible? Absolutely. The whole goal here is to not permit the flesh to rule over us, but rather we rule over it, putting it under the subjection of Jesus through the Holy Spirit assisting us along the way. Conviction by the Holy Spirit is such a gift in our lives, to keep us knowing right from wrong and pressing us to repentance when we deviate off the path of light. There is no condemnation for those who belong to Jesus for this reason, their conscience is not seared to the point they reject the leading of the Lord upon their lives. For those who prefer rebellion over salvation, sadly they shall be condemned. But I digress... We are the ones who tend to make things ultra complicated, for ourselves and others. Its actually quite simple – Give your life to Jesus and He will rescue you.

Again, the Law reveals the sin, Jesus reveals to us why that sin rules our lives.

First let’s review the 10 Commandments our Father gave us, not to condemn us but to guide us, because if we attempt to live by the Law, we will surely die by it. But when we acknowledge God’s Law, utilizing Jesus to help us overcome we shall surely walk it out as He purifies our flesh from controlling us.

- You shall have no other gods before me.

- You shall not make for yourself any carved image (idol).
- You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- Honor your father and your mother.
- You shall not murder.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor

Can we see how if we have other gods in His place, or worship idols, or take His Name in vain, do not rest in Him or honor our parents, or murder, commit adultery, steal, bear false witness against others or covet what others have could destroy us eternally? Many people bristle at the Laws of God, instead of using them as a road map that guides us unto being Holy as He is Holy.

Jesus consistently spoke about cleaning the inside of the cup... purifying your heart, cleansing iniquity from us in truth – not outwardly, but inwardly as to not pretend as a hypocrite would based on outward appearance. Once Jesus purifies us, following His precepts becomes second nature and I am guessing many of you already follow His guidelines without even realizing it because Jesus has purified so much from you already. I mean... did you kill anyone today? Or did you steal from someone or commit adultery this morning? No, I am sure you did not... So in essence the Lord is already doing a mighty work in your life, thank You Lord!

So now we learned that the Law reveals the sin and next we will go over why in the NT Jesus spoke of why we may break His Laws... and its all founded in the lusts of the flesh and how they manifest if not purged.

- We are not to idolize anyone or elevate them equal to or above God – because we cannot serve 2 masters, only Jesus we are to serve, imitate and obey.
- He tells us not to murder/kill because it is hidden in the flesh as HATE.
- Adultery is hidden as LUST.
- Stealing is hidden as ENTITELMENT
- Dishonoring our parents is hidden in REBELLION
- Having other gods is hidden within FOLLOWING MEN in place of our Lord.
- Taking His Name in vain is hidden in PRIDE & LIFTING SELF UP by using Him for gain.
- Keeping the Sabbath Day Holy is refusing to REST IN JESUS CONTINUALLY and not accepting His molding to become Holy.
- Bearing false witness is hidden within TALEBEARING & GOSSIP to make others look bad so you are lifted up through becoming an ACCUSER OF THE BRETHREN.
- Coveting is hidden within SEDUCTION, JEALOUSY & ENVY

Once Jesus places His hands upon our hearts, He purges all of these manifestations of flesh from us one by one and once the desire leaves, so does the sin in order we be reconciled back to innocent communion with our Father in Heaven.

Paul said... I would have not known what sin was except for the Law. We are not to just ignore the precepts of the Law, but thanks to Jesus we are no longer measured by it or condemned through it. The Law does reveal sin and helps us to understand the death it ushers into us... We can utilize the precepts of the Law for instruction, where in the old ways it would have killed us. The Bible tells us so that now we are able to walk

in the light because God is there too – we now have fellowship, which is unity with one another and most importantly Him. If we are choosing to walk in darkness, we have no fellowship with the Lord or with one another. So we not only lose unity with Him, we also lose unity with those who follow Him – the brethren. A lot of people feel secluded due to what they do in the darkness for this very reason. Their conscience knows of their guilt so they retreat and attempt to clean the outside of the cup for acceptance. That will never work, eventually all that is hidden is revealed and we are forced to face the truth of us for cleansing and to be saved for real.

So if we walk in the light, only then do we have that fruit of fellowship with our Lord and others, which is a priceless gift especially these days. We can read the Bible all day long every single day, but until we apply it to the heart and conform, doing our very best to obey His Word – we will not have “light” which comes only from abiding in fellowship with Him. We do not even have light on our own doing, it is His light we need desperately to see by the spirit and which casts away all darkness from within us and around us.

The Lord tells us to meditate on His word day and night. This is not just reading the Word... but meditating on it constantly – living by it, always considering it in what we say, think and do. He is not harsh, He is for us and trying to convey to us how to better ourselves and our lives so we do not suffer more than necessary while here on Earth. The Law is given because He loves us, not to destroy us or slay us unnecessarily. This is all a part of... receiving all the riches the Lord wants to grant us while living on Earth. Not financial gain, something much better... spiritual prosperity. Jesus prayed each one of our souls would prosper as we submit to His ways... Our Father does good to us – His laws, precepts, commands and words enhance our lives with abundance of peace, joy, hope and love so we become unmovable and established in every way. His Laws are a very interictal part of us being formed into His image. God certainly has a magnificent plan for our lives, but we must heed always to His will to obtain it.

I am not sure exactly why the Lord wanted us to revisit this today except to say... the enemy influences people to misrepresent Him constantly as if He is mean, harsh and loves to destroy His creation because lucifer is very hateful and mad at our Father for holding him accountable for his rebellion by casting him down from upon the throne he once sat upon. He despises the Father because he was the most beautiful of all the angels and the Father would not permit him to be equal to Him, instead of keeping his proper estate just under the Father, void of worship. So he attempts to misrepresent who our Father actually is, what His Laws are and how loving His countenance actually is and that He is for us and not against us.

I will leave you with this... Just as it is written, no eye has seen, no ear has heard and no human mind has conceived the things God has prepared for those who love Him. If you love Him, you reverence Him and you can trust your life is in His perfect hands and all things shall work together for your good as you are His masterpiece and His hand is continually upon you, molding you and fashioning you into His image. When we dispel the lies, the truth rules and reigns in our hearts.