

~HATE (403)

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• In the Scriptures the word hate has several shades of meaning. It may denote **intense hostility, sustained ill will** often accompanied by **malice**. Such hate may become a **consuming emotion seeking to bring harm to its object**.

• Hate may also signify a strong dislike but without any intent to bring harm to the object, seeking instead to avoid it because of a feeling of loathing toward it. The Bible also employs the word hate to mean loving to a lesser degree.

- When Yehowah came to see that Leah was **hated**, he then opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. (**Genesis 29:31**)
- And she became pregnant again and brought a son to birth and then said; It is because Yehowah has listened, in that I was **hated** and so he gave me also this one. Hence she called his name Simeon. (**Genesis 29:33**)
- In case a man comes to have two wives, the one loved and the other **hated**, and they, the loved one and the **hated** one, have borne sons to him, and the firstborn son has come to be of the **hated** one. (**Deuteronomy 21:15**)
- It must also occur that in the day that he gives as an inheritance to his sons what he happens to have, he will not be allowed to constitute the son of the loved one his firstborn at the expense of the **hated** ones son, the firstborn. (**Deuteronomy 21:16**)
- For example, Jesus Christ said,
- If anyone comes to me and does not **hate** his father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own soul, he cannot be my disciple. (**Luke 14:26**)

- Obviously Jesus did not mean that his followers were to feel hostility or loathing toward their families and toward themselves, as this would not be in agreement with the rest of the Scriptures.
- Jesus answered; The first is, Hear, O Israel, Yehowah our God is one Yehowah. ([Mark 12:29](#))
- And you must love Yehowah your God with your whole heart and with your whole soul and with your whole mind and with your whole strength. ([Mark 12:30](#))
- The second is this, You must love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these. ([Mark 12:31](#))
- In this way husbands ought to be loving their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ([Ephesians 5:28](#))
- For no man ever **hated** his own flesh, but he feeds and cherishes it, as the Christ also does the congregation. ([Ephesians 5:29](#))
- Nevertheless, also, let each one of you individually so love his wife as he does himself, on the other hand, the wife should have deep respect for her husband. ([Ephesians 5:33](#))
- God's Law to Israel stated; You must not **hate** your brother in your heart.
- You must not **hate** your brother in your heart. You should by all means reprove your associate, that you may not bear sin along with him. ([Leviticus 19:17](#))
- One of the requirements for one presenting himself as an unintentional manslayer and seeking to gain safety in the cities of refuge was that he had not held hatred toward the one slain. ([Deuteronomy 19:4,11-13](#))

· Hate ones Enemies

- Jesus counsel to love ones enemies is in full harmony with the spirit of the Hebrew Scriptures.
- However, I say to you; Continue to love your enemies and to pray for those persecuting you. ([Matthew 5:44](#))

- **Faithful Job recognized that any feeling of malicious joy over the calamity of one intensely hating him would have been wrong.**
- **If I used to rejoice at the extinction of one intensely hating me, or I felt excited because evil had found him. (Job 31:29)**
- **The Mosaic Law enjoined upon the Israelites the responsibility to come to the aid of other Israelites whom they might view as their enemies.**
- **Should you come upon your enemy's bull or his ass going astray, you are to return it without fail to him. (Exodus 23:4)**
- **Should you see the ass of someone who hates you lying down under its load, then you must refrain from leaving him. With him you are without fail to get it loose. (Exodus 23:5)**
- **Instead of rejoicing over the disaster of an enemy, God's servants are instructed. If the one hating you is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink.**
- **When your enemy falls, do not rejoice, and when he is caused to stumble, may your heart not be joyful. (Proverbs 24:17)**
- **That Yehowah may not see and it be bad in his eyes and he certainly turn back his anger from against him. (Proverbs 24:18)**
- **If the one hating you is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. (Proverbs 25:21)**
- **The idea that enemies were to be hated was one of the things added to God's Law by the Jewish teachers of tradition. Since the Law directed that the Israelites love their neighbors**
- **You must not take vengeance nor have a grudge against the sons of your people, and you must love your fellow as yourself. I am Yehowah. (Leviticus 19:18)**
- **These teachers inferred that this implied hating their enemies. Friend and neighbor came to be viewed as applying exclusively to Jews, whereas all others were considered to be natural enemies.**

- In the light of their traditional understanding of neighbor and in view of tradition that fostered enmity toward the Gentiles, it can readily be seen why they added the unauthorized words and **hate** your enemy to the statement in God's law.

- You heard that it was said; You must love your neighbor and **hate** your enemy. (**Matthew 5:43**)

- The Christian, by contrast, is under obligation to love his enemies, that is, those who make themselves personal enemies.

- Such love, **Greek, a-ga'pe**, is not sentimentality, based on mere personal attachment, as is usually thought of, **but is a moral or social love based on deliberate assent of the will as a matter of principle, duty, and propriety, sincerely seeking the others good according to what is right.**

- **A-ga'pe, love transcends personal enmities**, never allowing these to cause one to abandon right principles and to retaliate in kind. As to those who oppose his Christian course and persecute him, doing so in ignorance, the servant of God will even pray for such that their eyes might be opened to see the truth concerning God and His purposes.

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· Proper Hatred

- Nevertheless, under certain conditions and at certain times it is proper to **hate**.

- For everything there is an appointed time, even a time for every affair under the heavens. (**Ecclesiastes 3:1**)

- A time to love and a time to **hate**, a time for war and a time for peace. (**Ecclesiastes 3:8**)

- Even of Yehowah it is said that he **hated** Esau.

- I have loved you people, Yehowah has said. And you have said; In what way have you loved us? Was not Esau the brother of Jacob? Is the utterance of Yehowah. But I loved Jacob. (**Malachi 1:2**)

- And Esau I have **hated**, and I finally made his mountains a desolated waste and his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness. (**Malachi 1:3**)
- But this cannot be attributed to any arbitrariness on God's part. Esau proved himself unworthy of Yehowah's love **by despising his birthright and selling it** and hence also the divine promises and blessings attached thereto. Moreover, he purposed to kill his brother Jacob.
- And Esau continued; Here I am simply going to die, and of what benefit to me is a birthright? (**Genesis 25:32**)
- And Jacob added; Swear to me first of all! And he proceeded to swear to him and to sell his right as firstborn to Jacob. (**Genesis 25:33**)
- And Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he went to eating and drinking. Then he got up and went his way. So Esau despised the birthright. (**Genesis 25:34**)
- However, Esau harbored animosity for Jacob on account of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau kept saying in his heart; The days of the period of mourning for my father are getting closer. After that I am going to kill Jacob my brother. (**Genesis 27:41**)
- When the words of Esau her older son were told to Rebekah, she at once sent and called Jacob her younger son and said to him; Look! Esau your brother is comforting himself in regard to you, to kill you. (**Genesis 27:42**)
- Now, then, my son, listen to my voice and get up, run away to Laban my brother at Haran. (**Genesis 27:43**)
- Pursue peace with all people, and the sanctification without which no man will see the Lord. (**Hebrews 12:14**)
- Carefully watching that no one may be deprived of the undeserved kindness of God. That no poisonous root may spring up and cause trouble and that many may not be defiled by it. (**Hebrews 12:15**)
- That there may be no fornicator nor anyone not appreciating

sacred things, like Esau, who in exchange for one meal gave away his rights as firstborn. ([Hebrews 12:16](#))

- God also **hates** lofty eyes, a false tongue, hands that are shedding innocent blood, a heart fabricating hurtful schemes, feet that are in a hurry to run to badness, a false witness, anyone sending forth contentions among brothers, in fact, everyone and everything standing in complete opposition to Yehowah and his righteous laws.

- There are six things that Yehowah does **hate**. Yes, seven are things detestable to his soul. ([Proverbs 6:16](#))

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- A heart fabricating hurtful schemes, feet that are in a hurry to run to badness. ([Proverbs 6:18](#))

- A false witness that launches forth lies, and anyone sending forth contentions among brothers. ([Proverbs 6:19](#))

- Neither should you set up for yourself a sacred pillar, a thing Yehowah your God **hates** indeed. ([Deuteronomy 16:22](#))

- For I, Yehowah, am loving justice, hating robbery along with unrighteousness. And I will give their wages in trueness, and an indefinitely lasting covenant I shall conclude toward them. ([Isaiah 61:8](#))

- And calamity to one another do not you scheme up in your hearts, and do not love any false oath, for these are all things that I have **hated**, is the utterance of Yehowah. ([Zechariah 8:17](#))

- For he has **hated** a divorcing, Yehowah the God of Israel has said, and the one who with violence has covered over his garment, Yehowah of armies has said. And you must guard yourselves respecting your spirit, and you must not deal treacherously. ([Malachi 2:16](#))

•• The Kind Of Hatred God's Servants Must Cultivate

- In true loyalty to Yehowah, his servants **hate** what and whom he hates.

- Jehu the son of Hanani the visionary now went out before him and said to King Jehoshaphat; Is it to the wicked that help is to be given, and is it for those **hating** Yehowah that you should have love? And for this there is indignation against you from the person of Yehowah. (**2 Chronicles 19:2**)
- Do I not **hate** those who are intensely hating you, O Yehowah, and do I not feel a loathing for those revolting against you? (**Psalms 139:21**)
- With a complete hatred I do **hate** them. They have become to me real enemies. (**Psalms 139:22**)
- But this **hate** does not seek to inflict injury on others and is not synonymous with spite or malice. Rather, it finds expression in its utter abhorrence of what is wicked, avoiding what is bad and those intensely hating Yehowah.
- Let your love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is wicked, cling to what is good. (**Romans 12:9**)
- Return evil for evil to no one. Provide fine things in the sight of all men. (**Romans 12:17**)
- Do not avenge yourselves, beloved, but yield place to the wrath, for it is written: Vengeance is mine. I will repay, says Yehowah. (**Romans 12:19**)
- Christians rightly **hate** those who are confirmed enemies of God, such as the Devil and his demons, as well as men who have deliberately and knowingly taken their stand against Yehowah.
- While Christians have no love for those who turn the undeserved kindness of God into an excuse for loose conduct, they do not **hate** persons who become involved in wrongdoing but who are worthy of being shown mercy.
- Instead of **hating** the repentant wrongdoer, they **hate** the wicked act, yes, even the inner garment that has been stained by the flesh.
- My reason is that certain men have slipped in who have long ago been appointed by the Scriptures to this judgment, ungodly men, turning the undeserved kindness of our God into an excuse for loose conduct and proving false to our only Owner and Lord,

Jesus Christ. (**Jude 1:4**)

- Save them by snatching them out of the fire. But continue showing mercy to others, doing so with fear, while you **hate** even the inner garment that has been stained by the flesh. (**Jude 1:23**)

•• **Avoid Improper Hatred**

- Upon becoming Christians, persons who formerly **hated** one another do so no longer.
- For even we were once senseless, disobedient, being misled, being slaves to various desires and pleasures, carrying on in badness and envy, abhorrent, **hating** one another. (**Titus 3:3**)
- The one **hating** his brother is still walking in darkness, and any claim on his part to be a lover of God would really be a lie. **Hatred** of one's brother is tantamount to murder.
- He that says he is in the light and yet **hates** his brother is in the darkness up to right now. (**1 John 2:9**)
- But he that **hates** his brother is in the darkness and is walking in the darkness, and he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. (**1 John 2:11**)
- If anyone makes the statement; I love God, and yet is hating his brother, he is a liar. For he who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot be loving God, whom he has not seen. (**1 John 4:20**)
- Everyone who **hates** his brother is a manslayer, and you know that no manslayer has everlasting life remaining in him. (**1 John 3:15**)
- Sentimentality can cause ones view of love and **hate** to get out of balance, as was apparently true of David in connection with his son Absalom.
- Then the king became disturbed and went up to the roof chamber over the gateway and gave way to weeping, and this is what he said as he walked; My son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! O that I might have died, I myself, instead of you, Absalom my son, my son! (**2 Samuel 18:33**)

- **Later it was reported to Joab; Look! The king is weeping, and he carries on mourning over Absalom. (2 Samuel 19:1)**
- **So the salvation on that day came to be an occasion of mourning on the part of all the people, because the people heard say on that day: The king has felt hurt over his son. (2 Samuel 19:2)**
- **And the people began to steal away on that day to come into the city, just as the people would steal away when they felt disgraced because they fled in the battle. (2 Samuel 19:3)**
- **And the king himself covered up his face, and the king continued crying out with a loud voice; My son Absalom! Absalom my son, my son! (2 Samuel 19:4)**
- **Finally Joab came in to the king at the house and said; You have today put to shame the face of all your servants, the ones providing escape for your soul today and for the soul of your sons and your daughters and the soul of your wives and the soul of your concubines. (2 Samuel 19:5)**
- **By loving those hating you and by hating those loving you, for you have reported today that chiefs and servants are nothing to you, because I well know today that if only Absalom were alive and all of us others were today dead, why, in that case it would be right in your eyes. (2 Samuel 19:6)**
- **Thus, too, the one holding back his rod is hating his son, but the one loving him is he that does look for him with discipline.**
- **The one holding back his rod is hating his son, but the one loving him is he that does look for him with discipline. (Proverbs 13:24)**
- **By respecting the privacy of others and showing loving consideration, a person can avoid unnecessarily making himself an object of hatred. Hence the advice. Make your foot rare at the house of your fellowman, that he may not have his sufficiency of you and certainly hate you.**
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