

Love Jacob and Hate Esau?

Malachi 1:2-3

Does God Hate People?

- **If you think in human terms, such as the antonyms of hate and love, you will come to the wrong conclusion.**
- **Does God hate? Yes! Evil and sin. Proverbs 6:16-19 is the best example of what He hates. And you read that what He hates is an abomination to Him. It doesn't get any stronger language than abomination.**
- **Isaiah 1:14 is another example: hypocritical worship! People going through the motions while their heart isn't in it.**
- **I have been guilty of that from time to time. Haven't you? Did we consider that our lack of worship was being "hated?" He doesn't hate people, but their actions, or lack thereof.**

So What is Hatred?

- **From God's perspective, hate should be viewed as righteous anger toward unrighteousness. Hate can then be viewed as a proper emotion toward anything that stands against His righteous standards and laid down in Scripture.**
- **How many times did Israel break His commandments, forcing YHWH to discipline them? Multiple times! And then He does it because He loves them and knows what it takes to break a hard heart. He is also very patient in waiting for the people to repent and turn back, after He sends prophet after prophet to speak into their rebellious lives.**

- **Hatred should also be seen as loving less.**
- **Look at the example of Jacob marrying two sisters. Genesis 29:30 says Jacob “loved Rachel more than Leah,.” And in verse 31 we see the Lord saw this situation and apparently felt for Leah, so He opened her womb to bear sons. This shows the compassion of our Lord, and expresses His understanding of being “loved less.”**
- **He didn’t discipline Jacob for this, but He blessed Leah. In her blessing, she bore six sons which was a blessing for Jacob!**
- **So the one loved less, was blessed more?**

Fairness.

- **Deuteronomy 21:15-17 is a good example of God's fair judgment when it comes to who is loved more.**
- **Even if the firstborn son is from an unloved wife, he must have the right of the firstborn son over the firstborn son of a loved wife because that one is the second born son. Man cannot make that decision. It is left up to God if the rights of the sons are changed. Only He knows the future.**

Hatred as loved less.

- **Read Matthew 6:24. Both terms are used: hate and love. We can truly only serve one master with all our heart. We will eventually come to love one more than another and begin to despise/hate-love less, the other master. That is just our human nature. So we will, or should, just serve one Master.**
- **Luke 14:26 is another serious example. "Hate" your family and your own life? Really? Yes! When put in proper context of hate being seen as "love less." Love is being compared here. If you love your wife or family more than you do your Savior, then you have your priorities out of order. Your Creator/Lord demands our love and adoration above anyone or anything. First Commandment. Also Dt 10:12-13.**

Summation

- **So can we say our Lord has the righteous right to choose whom He loves and who He hates? He knows what He needs to do in order to carry out His plan for us? He doesn't show favoritism, but He does know what He wants accomplished and who He wants to work in His plan.**
- **Romans 9:6-13 is the scripture to go to when trying to explain predestination or choice.**
- **Praise the Lord that you are chosen/predestined to work out His plan! Be faithful to walk His path, not yours.**