

Hatred

The Kingdom and the Covenant, Session 3.09

Bible Study

- Hatred is something we normally consider ungodly, because we hear very little about what we should hate
- Greek word, *echthra* (noun): hostility, hatred; deep-seated ill-will
 - Ro 8:7, “The sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so.”
 - “sinful” (Gk, n, *sarx*): (1) literal muscular part of a human or animal; (2) a physical body; (3) earthly life, a person’s presence in the physical world; (4) that which is related to sinful world
 - “mind” (Gk, n, *phronema*): mindset; a way of thinking that determines how you interpret and respond to situations
 - If someone thinks like the world, who or what causes them to be hostile toward God?
 - If someone thinks like the world, why can they not submit to God’s law?
 - Gal 5:19-20, ¹⁹ The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions.”
 - “sinful nature” (*sarx*): flesh
 - “hatred” (*echthra*): hostility, hatred
 - “fits of rage” (Gk, n, *thymos*): violent movement; anger, fury, wrath, rage
 - What attitude or mindset produces hatred and fits of rage? Why?
 - Jas 4:4, “You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.”
 - “adulterous people” (Gk, n, *moichalis*): literally an adulteress; figuratively, a Christian who is unfaithful to God
 - “friendship” (Gk, n, *philia*): a fondness or close relationship based on association, common interests or experience
 - “world” (Gk, n, *kosmos*): (1) universe, earth; (2) people whose values, beliefs and morals are opposed to God’s
 - What’s the significance of the word “chooses,” in “Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world”?
 - “enemy” of God (Gk, adj, *echthros*): hateful, hostile, strongly opposed
- Greek word: *apostygeo* (verb): to abhor, hate, despise; to thoroughly detest
 - Ro 12:9, “Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.”
 - “hate” (Gk, v, *apostygeo*)
 - “evil” (Gk, adj, *poneros*): evil, wicked, morally objectionable
 - Describe what it means for a Christian to hate evil.
 - Why should we hate evil?

- Greek word: *miseo* (verb): to hate, detest, dislike intensely
 - Mt 10:22, “All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.” (also Mk 13:13; Lk 21:17)
 - Mt 24:9, 10, ⁹ “Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. ¹⁰ At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other.”
 - Lk 6:22, “Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.”
 - Jn 15:18-19, ¹⁸ “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. ¹⁹ If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.”
 - Jn 17:14, “I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.”
 - 1 Jn 3:12-13, ¹² “Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother’s were righteous. ¹³ Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you.”
 - What or who motivates that hatred for us?
 - Lk 14:26, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters – yes, even his own life – he cannot be my disciple.”
 - Was Jesus literally saying we should detest our earthly family?
 - If he was speaking figuratively, what did he mean?
 - Jn 12:25, “The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.”
 - “loves” (Gk, *v, phileo*): to have a great affection for or loyalty toward someone or something
 - his “life” (Gk, *n, psyche*): soul (personhood), human life
 - eternal “life” (Gk, *n, zoe*): life of vitality; includes healthiness, happiness, exuberance, energy and the like
 - 1 Jn 3:15, “Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.”
 - Rev 2:6, “But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.”

Questions

- How does this apply to our covenant relationship with God?
- How is this relevant to our activity in the kingdom?
- How can we develop proper love and hatred?

Conclusion

- We must love and hate the same things God does