

"Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate Thee? And am not I grieved with those that rise up against Thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies. Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalms 139:21-24 KJV



Hatred is the most despicable of human emotions! It condones negligence, promotes abuse, and precedes murder, but there is Godly hatred. *"The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence His soul hateth. A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth. He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers; Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord. These six things doth the LORD hate: Yea, seven are an abomination unto Him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."* Here we have the short list of Godly hatred. Since God hates it, it is *"perfect hatred!"* We're given another qualifier of Godly hatred; *"abomination."* Some things come immediately to mind; vomit, maggots, rotting flesh, and I'm sure there are others that make you gag. Sin is an *"abomination"* to God. Christ told the Laodicean Church, *"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked."* God's Word defines sin: *"Sin is transgression (disobedience) of the Law (God's Word)."* It doesn't matter one hoot what we think, because God is sovereign in eternity and time and His Law is the only law that counts; like it or you will lump it! Fire purifies all impurity! Scripture tells us *"Our God is a consuming fire!"* His Holy Righteousness is contagious; it infects all it touches! Nothing in your life will stand the purification of God's Fire except those things in which you were faithfully obedient to His commands. *"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is."* Be my guest! Pleasure your lusts and ignore God! Saints and angels will see you *"cast into outer darkness where there is wailing and gnashing of teeth,"* because you defied the Living God!

I must truly hate what God abhors,
So I may swiftly run my course,
That I may stand with Christ at last,
Without one spot upon my past! ~CGP

Dear Believer, if you think you can get away with indulging yourself, you will find yourself standing before the Bema Judgment Seat without a single reward with which to honor Christ as others cast their crowns at His nail pierced feet in adoration! Is that really where you want to be? It's time to start hating what God hates! What will the *"consuming fire"* of Jehovah leave you holding on Judgment Day?

"And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. Revelation 22:10-12 KJV