

Hate

Where is our world today?

hated, hating

Today's terminology, to dislike intensely or passionately; feel extreme aversion for or extreme hostility toward; detest. to hate the enemy; to hate bigotry.

As used in the Bible, hat, ha'-tred (verb, sane'," oftenest," saTam, Ge 27:41, etc.; noun, sin'ah; miseo): A feeling of strong antagonism and dislike, generally malevolent and prompting to injury (the opposite of love); sometimes born of moral resentment.

Synonyms: despise, execrate, loathe

Antonyms: love to be unwilling; dislike. I hate to do it.

malevolent

1. wishing evil or harm to another or others; showing ill will; ill-disposed; malicious.
His failures made him malevolent toward those who were successful.
2. evil; harmful; injurious.
a malevolent inclination to destroy the happiness of others.
3. *Astrology.* evil or malign in influence.

I look at today's news, and I see both the new translation and the old in their definitions of hate. Malevolent seems to add just a bit more, as evident in the actions of those filling the streets in America and around the world, where protest against anything seems to be the prevailing way of political debate worldwide.

People who hate are much more likely to act without rationality. Some people enjoy the rush of adrenaline that overcomes them in various sports and life's challenges. However, for many, hate has replaced the rush of Adrenaline, threatening, wounding, and killing others becomes almost a necessity, an achievement to render a moment of satisfaction temporarily. "Look at me, I got right in that cop's face and spit on him."

When we think of hating someone, we need only to look at all that is taking place in our nation right now. There is one political party that hates our President, people who constantly make remarks about him being killed or meeting some ill disaster. Where is the gain in our nation if that happens?

We need only to look at the cross and all that hate did. We know on this side of the cross what others did not know, nor want to believe, what the power of hate does. But every Christian should have in their mind a deeper understanding of what consuming hate looks like. It is what our Christ endured for us. Love was executed as hate and evil

drove the spikes to hang him on a cross, as onlookers cheered. Where do you think the hearts of these people were psychologically? These next articles point to the depth of hatred.

“Hate is motivated by dehumanization—the tendency to see other people as less than human. This act of making a person or group of people inferior has been a key motivating factor in prejudice, discrimination, and oppression.”¹

“Hate, defined here as intense dislike that encourages the elimination of others, involves dehumanization, or the denial of human qualities to others. Despite the importance of understanding the neuropsychiatry of hate, clinicians and investigators have devoted relatively little effort to its study. A review of the existing, albeit limited, literature suggests that hate depends on sufficiently dehumanizing others in order to permit their elimination. A potential brain mechanism for hate appears to involve an “animalistic” inhumanization that results in withholding empathy from the devalued targets; this mechanism may be mediated by the inferior frontal cortex (IFC) (1). What follows is an attempt to support this hypothesis.”²

We take hate a bit too lightly, missing the seriousness of the anger behind the emotion, or lack of thought. These are two examples of where hate originates and how it drives people. Just as we allow and accept insults, we also do the same with hate. When another person leads us to hate through their actions and words, we often do the same thing that we are accusing them of doing. **Paul tells us in Galatians 6:1: Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.**

“Hate, of malicious and unjustifiable feelings towards others, whether towards the innocent or by mutual animosity, e.g. of “hating” the light (metaphorically);”³

Mat 10:22; “And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.”

24:10; “And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

Luk 6:22: Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man’s sake.

6:27: “But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

19:14: “But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We will not have this man to reign over us.’ McDonald writes of this in his commentary, “But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We will not have this man to

¹ <https://drarielleschwartz.com/the-psychology-of-hate-dr-arielle-schwartz/>

² <https://psychiatryonline.org/doi/10.1176/appi.neuropsych.20220121>

³ <https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/Dictionary/viewTopic.cfm?topic=VT0001315>

reign over us.” Jesus is the focus here; the Father sent Him, and the world hated Him, and so they would not reinvest what the master had given them. In this, Citizen does not imply a vast number, but it is, although a plural, we read it is the genitive of a person. We need to go back to verses 24-26:

19:24–26 The nobleman’s verdict on the third servant was to take the mina from him, and give it to the first who had earned the ten minas. If we don’t use our opportunities for the Lord, they will be taken from us. On the other hand, if we are faithful in a very little, God will see that we will never lack the means to serve Him even more. It may seem unfair to some that the mina was given to the man who already had ten, but it is a fixed principle in the spiritual life that those who love Him and serve Him passionately are given ever-widening areas of opportunity. Failure to buy up the opportunities results in a loss of all.

MacDonald, William. *Believer’s Bible Commentary: Second Edition* (p. 2632). Thomas Nelson. Kindle Edition.

John 3:20, “For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. John 3:19: And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. Sometimes, reversing the order of certain verses aids us in understanding a bit more simply.

We see as individuals, we face trials and tribulations throughout life, and the sun shines on both the good and the evil. The deeper understanding and teaching is not to lay down your weapons and allow evil to consume you, but instead, we must observe the larger meaning in place of other teachings in the Bible. The greatest weapon we have is Prayer, which aligns us with God.

“In Matthew 5:45, as part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says this about God the Father: “He makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust” (ESV). As always, context is the key to understanding this passage. In the verses immediately prior to verse 45, Jesus notes a popular sentiment and then gives a countercultural command: “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” (verses 43–44). Then, in the first half of verse 45, Jesus gives the rationale behind the command: “That you may be children of your Father in heaven.”⁴

In the love of our Lord, we see an expectation of extending peace and unity even to our enemies. As difficult as this seems when we stand in opposition to our Lord’s teaching and risk becoming like those we oppose. Hate festers in different ways; it can be enticed by the rhetoric of others who hate and resent people for not agreeing with them,

⁴ <https://www.gotquestions.org/rain-just-unjust.html>

for political views, which is most of what we are seeing around the world right now. Jesus walked with James and John, who were quick to want to use their power to destroy an entire city. Listen to what Jesus says to them.

Luke 9:51:56: Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him. But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?"

But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village.

This goes deep into the heart of man and how Jesus teaches us that our reason is easily swayed by the environment surrounding us. Attitudes and anger are not approved of because of the circumstances we find ourselves in. Instead, the believer is to be steadfast in knowing what Jesus' expectations of us are and why. John and James missed the message they were being taught and had to be reprimanded, but this allowed us to see the difference between acting on emotion and not understanding the greater message, and looking to extend the hand of correction and friendship. We will never be free in this life from the attacks that evil plots against us, but in our Lord Jesus, we can rest assured that our futures are secured.

Hate drives more than half the people in our world; others have been misled and follow strange doctrines and religious practices. Our once United States appears to be stymied (a situation or problem presenting such difficulties as to discourage or defeat any attempt to deal with or resolve it.) in the influx of modern acceptance of things not even thought of in millennia past have eroded our nation's moral base, and the once unity our people were proud of and championed. We must share the love of our Lord God, not throw our hands up and say, "Here, God, we give up." God has never given up on us. Some may say yes, He has, when we read that He turned them over to their debased minds and evil ways, as stated in Romans chapter one. It wasn't God who gave up or rejected them, it was of their own doing.