

*Is there only love in God's heart?*

God loves and God hates. In God's final determination of Esau's life he concluded, "Esau I have hated (Mal 1:3)."

It would be terrible to fall into the hands of the living God in such a state because the Lord judges (He 10:30-31). All must give an account someday (Ro 2:6, 14:12).

The scriptures teach:

God hates all workers of iniquity...The Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man (Ps 5:5-6).

The wicked and the one who loves violence, God hates (Ps 11:5).

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil (Ps 34:16).

God loves righteousness and hates wickedness (Ps 45:7).

These six things the Lord hates,

Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:

A proud look,

A lying tongue,

Hands that shed innocent blood,

A heart that devises wicked plans,

Feet that are swift in running to evil,

A false witness who speaks lies,

And one who sows discord among brethren. Pr 6:16–19

All their wickedness is in Gilgal,

For there I hated them.

Because of the evil of their deeds

I will drive them from My house;

I will love them no more. Ho 9:15

One may believe that he can detach himself from his thoughts and actions; but, he cannot. The Bible says, "For as [a man] thinketh in his heart, so is he (Pr 23:7)."

Believers must obey his commands. Moses wrote of God, "God said, if you do not obey me my soul shall abhor you (Lev 26:15)."

The apostle Paul inspired by the Holy Spirit said: Let love be without hypocrisy. Hate evil (Ro 12:9). When one fails to hate evil, his love is hypocrisy.

In 2 Chronicles 19:2 we read: “Should you love those who hate the Lord; the wrath of the Lord is upon you (2 Chron 19:2).” Don’t become an enemy of God by being a friend of the world (Jas 4:4b).

Christians persuade men because they know the fear of the Lord (Pr 27:5): “Open rebuke is better than love carefully concealed (Pr 27:5).” Genuine friends tell others the truth in a helpful way (Pr 27:6).

The holiness and justice of God says that sin must be punished. God will forsake the one who holds on to his sin (Lk 19:27, Re 21:8).