

The Hatred Of God

Prov. 6:16-19

Introduction:

- A. We love to talk about the love of God — and rightly so.
 - 1. His love of the world. (John 3:16)
 - 2. His love for sinners. (Rom. 5:8)
 - 3. He loved us first. (1 John 4:19)
- B. We need to think about the hatred of God.
 - 1. Several things that the Bible says that God hates.
 - 2. Narrow our study to three things that have a profound effect our lives as Christians:

Discussion:

I. Discord Among Brethren (Prov. 6:16-19).

- A. God hates each thing in own right, yet first six contribute to seventh. (vs. 16-19).
- B. Some others who sow seeds of discord among brethren:
 - 1. False teachers (2 Pet. 2:1,2; Rom. 16:17,18; Gal. 2:5)
 - 2. Those “obsessed with disputes.” — morbid interest in controversy (1 Tim. 6:3-5).
 - a. Some have phobia of controversy.
 - b. Others have a morbid interest in controversy.
 - 3. Otherwise sound people sometimes sow discord
 - a. By too little forbearance, longsuffering and patience (Eph. 4:1-4; Rom 15:1-3).
 - b. By an unwillingness to yield for sake of peace without sacrificing own purity. (Jas. 3:17,18).
 - c. By uncontrolled tongue and contentious spirit (Prov. 26:20,21)
 - d. By not dealing with divisive men (Tit. 3:10; Rom. 16:17,18).

II. Digression From The Lord (Jer. 44:3,4).

- A. Into false worship.
 - 1. False objects of worship (Duet. 16:22; Jer. 44:1-5).
 - 2. False items of worship (Mt. 15:9; Lev. 10:1,2).
 - 3. False attitudes in worship (Matt. 15:8; John 4:24)
- B. Into false doctrine. (Rev. 2:6,15; 2 John 9-11).

III. Divorce Of One's Companion (Mal. 2:14-16).

- A. Divorce, itself, is a sin against God's law.
 - 1. It breaks the sacred marriage covenant (v. 14; cf. Rom. 1:31 kjv, asv)
 - 2. It violates God's law from the beginning. (Matt. 19:3-8).
 - 3. It unlawful even if it does not lead to remarriage (Note perversion of. 1 Cor. 7:10,11).
- B. Divorce usually leads to more sin.
 - 1. By leading to adulterous marriages (Matt. 19:9; 5:32).
 - 2. By creating hardships for many innocent people.

Conclusion:

- C. God loves us enough to save us, if we will turn from sin to him.
- D. God hates sin, in all its forms, will punish the impenitent guilty.