

American Gospel: Christ Crucified, Chap 5 & 6, Week SIX Additional Notes & Scriptures

CHAPTER 5 – SAVED FROM GOD, 1:36:57 to 1:54:07

Does God Hate People?

Scriptures about God's character and love:

1 John 4:8 (ESV) ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 John 4:16 (ESV) ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

John 3:16–17 (ESV) ¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

1 Timothy 2:1–4 (ESV) ¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2 Peter 3:9 (ESV) ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

Scriptures from American Gospel Workbook:

Psalms 5:4–5 (ESV) ⁴For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. ⁵The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

Psalms 5:6 (ESV) ⁶You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

Romans 9:13 (ESV) ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

Additional Scriptures:

Matthew 5:43–45 (ESV) ⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

Luke 14:26 (ESV) ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

John 12:25 (ESV) ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

John 3:20 (ESV) ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

Additional information from commentaries and Bible dictionaries:

Barnes' Notes on the Bible:

Esau have I hated (Romans 9:13) - This does not mean any positive hatred; but that he had preferred Jacob, and had withheld from Esau those privileges and blessings which he had conferred on the posterity of Jacob. This is explained in Malachi 1:3, "And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness;" compare Jeremiah 49:17-18; Ezekiel 35:6. It was common among the Hebrews to use the terms "love" and "hatred" in this comparative sense, where the former implied strong positive attachment, and the latter, not positive hatred, but merely a less love, or the withholding of the expressions of affection; compare Genesis 29:30-31; Proverbs 13:24, "He that spareth his rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes;" Matthew 6:24, "No man can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other," etc.; Luke 14:26, "if any man come to me, and hate not his father and mother, etc."

<https://biblehub.com/commentaries/romans/9-13.htm>

Tyndale Bible Dictionary:

Not all aspects of hatred are sinful. The Scriptures tell us that God hates evil (Prv 6:16–19) and evil people (Ps 5:5). The Scripture also has expressions such as "Jacob have I loved; Esau I have hated" (Mal 1:2–3). This means that God elected Jacob and not Esau to be the progenitor of the chosen Jewish race. In similar fashion, would-be Christians are challenged by Jesus to hate their lives and earthly relationships if they want to follow him (Lk 14:26). This means that they must choose Jesus above all else.

New Bible Dictionary

Hatred of evil (Heb. 1:9 = Ps. 45:7; Rev. 2:6; cf. Mk. 3:5), though not of persons, is attributed to Christ. (*Wrath.)

Hate as a Contrast

'Hate' as opposed to 'love' in Gn. 29:31, 33 (cf. 30, 'loved ... more'); Dt. 21:15–17; Mt. 6:24 = Lk. 16:13, implies the choice or preference of another rather than active hatred of what is not chosen or preferred. Cf. Mal. 1:2f. = Rom. 9:13 of God's election of Israel; Lk. 14:26 (cf. Mt. 10:37, 'loves ... more'); Jn. 12:25 of the overriding claims of discipleship

CHAPTER 6 – ATONEMENT HISTORY, 1:53:50 to 2:05:29

WHAT ARE THE TAKEAWAYS?

