

**A Time to Hate:
God's Perfect Hatred
Malachi 1:3-5**

God's Message to a Disillusioned Nation, part 3

- Last week we preached of God's love on the text: "I have loved you." Today, our message will be on "I hated Esau."
- You can only hate when you love, and if you love you will hate. Because God loves perfectly, God hates perfectly.

- **We must understand God's hatred in the light of:**

1. God's Electing Love:

- Romans 9:10-16
- God's election was this: Which son (Jacob or Esau) would be in the Messianic line? This love speaks of God's choice of Jacob and His rejection of Esau to carry on the Messianic seed.

2. God's Word:

- Love and hate in family relationships are often used in Scripture in the sense of "loving less."
 - A. Genesis 29:30, 31: Jacob loved Rachel more than Leah, and thus "hated" her.
 - B. Deut. 21:15-17: "If a man have two wives, one beloved and another hated..."
 - C. Luke 14:26: Our love for Jesus must be so great it is as if we hated our mother, father, wife, children and our own life also (Luke 14:26)

3. Esau's History:

- A. Esau Sold His Birthright for a bowl of red stew, Genesis 25:29-34
- B. Esau in bitterness married multiple wives that were not pleasing to his father and mother, Genesis 26:35; Genesis 28: 7-9.
- C. The Descendants of Esau had a Perpetual Hatred Against Israel:
 - 1.) The Edomites (Named RED for the pottage) refused to let Israel pass through their coasts when they returned out of Egypt, Numbers 20:14-21.
 - 2.) The Edomites rejoiced in the downfall of Jerusalem, Obadiah 1, 2, 12-14; Ezekiel 35:5, 11. (Ezek.25:12-14; Joel 3:19; Amos 1:11,12; Obadiah, Lam.4:21-22.)
- D. God would frustrate Edom's efforts to return and rebuild their ruins, Malachi 1:3-5.

5. What God Hates:

- God Hates Many Things! Proverbs 6:16-20; Deut. 12:31; Isaiah 1:14.
 - A. God hates evildoers:

Psalm 5:3-6; “Thou hatest all workers of iniquity...The LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.”

B. God hates the wicked and those who love violence:

Psalm 11:5; The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence His soul hateth.

C. God hates robbery:

Isaiah 61:8; For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering... (which is what they were doing in Malachi's day)

5. God's Glorious Plan to Shine His Love to the World, Malachi 1:5

A. God's hatred allows His glorious love to shine!

B. On the cross was His glorious love and His perfect hatred for sin.

• Conclusion:

- We Need to have a Holy Hatred to What God Hates:

Amos 5:14, 15: Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live ...hate the evil, and love the good and establish judgment in the hate.

Psalm 97:10: Ye that love the LORD, hate evil:

- Perfect love and perfect hatred will lead to true justice in our world.