

Let me start out by reminding us that all Scripture is inspired of God. People can take certain Scriptures and hold them up as a banner for the camp they are in or for an agenda they want to promote, but Scripture is Scripture. Scripture deals with life and it deals with death. There are Scriptures about heaven and about hell. There are Scriptures about the blessings of obedience and the cursing's of disobedience.

We can't take a Scripture about heaven and use it for a Scripture about hell; and vice versa.

This would be taking Scripture out of context. If we did this we would be deceiving others with the Scriptures. This would be confusing. This would lead to others misusing the Scriptures.

This would be like a snow ball rolling down a hill. It would get bigger and more consuming.

The way to solve this issue is to keep Scripture in context. In keeping Scripture in context we don't try to put it where it doesn't fit. As there are Scriptures about heaven and hell; there are also Scriptures about the saved and the lost. If we take Scripture that is written to the saved and use it for the lost, and vice versa, we have just put Scripture where it doesn't belong which means we have just used it out of context which means we will lead people astray.

We can do this unknowingly, often because we repeat what we heard someone else say. This is spiritually dangerous.

Let me ask you the question again: Does God Hate You? This is a fair question. We know that God is love; God is Holy; God is righteous; God is wrath; God is judgment; and there are more attributes to God, but does God hate? And more importantly, does God hate people? Let's look at some things that God hates.

Verse 41- Ye do the deeds of your father.

1). Deceitful deeds.

Their father is the devil. Look back in verse 44. Deceitful deeds are worthy of hell. This may seem a little redundant, but Jesus is hitting this religious crowd with the very things they trusted in. They trusted in their works and the fact that they are descendants of Abraham.

What are deceitful deeds?

deceitful- tending to mislead, deceive or ensnare; as deceitful words; deceitful practices.

deed- that which is done, acted or effected; an act; a fact; a word of extensive application, including whatever is done, good or bad, great or small.

A deceitful deed is an action which misleads someone else. All that the pharisees did they did in the name of religion. This made them appear righteous in the eyes of others.

Matthew 23:1-4

Jesus calls them out in verses 5-36.

Look at verse 33. This is a very important question. Not just for these pharisees, but for us today. How can ye escape the damnation of hell?

God hates deceitful deeds. These pharisees would do deeds that looked great in the eyes of men. Yet here in the Scriptures Jesus rebukes them and then asks them this question in verse 33, "how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"

The Lord is the discerner of the heart. He knows. There are multitudes today that are doing good works and they are trusting these good works to get them to heaven.

Matthew 7:21-23

Isaiah 33:10-14 Who? Who among us? Shall dwell with everlasting burnings?

Those who know not Jesus Christ as their Saviour. They may use the term Christian, but they know not God and this is manifested by their deceitful deeds. They may do good deeds in the eyes of men, but in the eyes of God it is iniquity because they are not saved. They may have a zeal for good works, but if they are lost those good works are iniquity.

Romans 10:1-3

They are doing a works for salvation. They are hoping their good outweighs their bad.

Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities like the wind, have taken us away.

II Thessalonians 1:7-9

Jude 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

God must, and He will punish sin.

John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Notice where the wrath of God abideth; on the person who has not believed.

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Psalms 7:11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

This word angry means to literally foam at the mouth, to be enraged. It is used to describe the fury of God; the indignation of God against sin, and in this verse the indignation of God against the wicked person.

Indignation- the anger of a superior; extreme anger; particularly the wrath of God against sinful men for their ingratitude and rebellion. The effects of anger; the dreadful effects of God's wrath; terrible judgments. W.D. Dictionary 1828 edition.

A day doesn't go by that God is not angry with the wicked. Does God Hate You?

Some are so prideful that they want to bow up against God and tell God that they hate God. They may shake their fist at God; they may curse God; and we would say that they are surely headed to a devils hell. But the Biblical fact is this, whether you curse God or not, if you are lost God is against you. If you die lost all of Gods fury, all of God's wrath, all of Gods indignation will be turned loose on you.

We've looked at Scripture on top of Scripture this morning. There are multiple more Scriptures dealing with the wrath of God. Some say that they just cannot believe that God would hate someone.

Romans 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

Please understand that sin will not go unpunished. God is Holy, He cannot look upon sin therefore He must punish sin. In punishing sin He punishes the person whom sin is upon. Does God hate sin? Yes. Does God hate you? If you are still lost and in your sins, God hates you.

God, the self-sufficient One, the maker of heaven and earth, the One whose footstool is the earth, the One no man or demon or devil can defeat; this same God hates you. His wrath will be poured out upon all ungodliness.

Flee from the wrath to come! Flee! Oh, but where will you go? To whom will you flee to? Will you flee to religion? Will you flee to traditions of men? Will you flee to your feelings and emotions? Will you flee to your own good works? None of these will deliver you from the wrath of God!

God hath made a way of deliverance from His indignation and His wrath.

Isaiah 55:6 Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Isaiah 45:22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.

Flee unto Jesus Christ!

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

You may say that you've done too much wrong; oh sinner, where sin abounded grace did much more abound. Christ came into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief. He came to seek and save that which was lost.

John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Christ is our Propitiation. Because of Christ we have peace with God. Because of the finished work of Christ on Calvary, none who place their faith and trust in Him will face the wrath of God.

II Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Sir, mam, boy, girl, where are you at?

What do the Scriptures say about you? It's not how you feel, or your opinion, or what your parents say about you, but what do the Scriptures say about you? Does God hate you?

Run to Jesus Christ. He is the only Way we can escape the wrath of God.

I love you, that's why I tell you the truth. To God be the glory.