

Emotional God: Hatred

***A time to love, And a time to [hate](#); A time of war, And a time of peace.
Ecclesiastes 3:8***

One to two percent of the people I encounter report very low to no emotional content in their lives. They feel so little emotional content that they have no appreciation for the good things in their lives. Many of these have been taught not to feel for various reasons. "Don't cry!" "Grow up!" "Be a Man!" "We don't show feelings!" "Only the weak have emotions!" Especially when mothers and fathers dismiss their own emotions, children get the idea that emotions are unnecessary, annoying or wrong somehow. Others, trying to protect themselves from negative emotions have raised the bar so that they cannot feel anything, losing the ability to feel the positive as well. God made us with emotions. He made us in His image and He has emotions. They help us experience life. In this Emotional God series, I try to show God's emotions throughout Scripture. The topic of this study is difficult because of the conflict between hatred and love. God's display of hatred, however, is righteous and is applied to the things that are ultimately bad for us. God's hatred is based in His love.

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Discussion: *Love is the opposite of hate. So how can God hate a person?*

*Hate: intense hostility, extreme aversion and ill will; extreme dislike or antipathy; abhor, loathe, detest, despise.
Antonym: affection, devotion, fondness, love.*

1 John 4:8 He who does not love does not know God, for [God is love](#).

1 John 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. [God is love](#), and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

He says:

Ephesians 6:2 "[Honor your father and mother](#)," which is the first commandment with promise.

Luke 10:27 So he answered and said, "You shall [love the LORD](#) your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and '[your neighbor as yourself](#).'"

1 John 3:15 [Whoever hates his brother is a murderer](#), and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

Yet, He says:

Luke 14:26 If anyone comes to Me and does not [hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also](#), he cannot be My disciple.

The word "hate" can be used in a comparison indicating a degree or priority.

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

Also, when a person holds on to sin, the sin will be judged and he with it. For believers, this is not a loss of salvation!

Psalms 51:17 The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart—These, O God, You will [not despise](#).

John 8:11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; [go and sin no more](#)."

Revelation 3:3, 19 Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and [repent](#). Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and [repent](#).

God Hates Sin

Leviticus 20:23 'And you shall not walk in the statutes of the nation which I am casting out before you; for they commit all these things, and therefore I [abhor](#) them.

Leviticus 26:30 I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars, and cast your carcasses on the lifeless forms of your idols; and My soul shall [abhor](#) you.

Leviticus 26:44 Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, nor shall I [abhor](#) them, to utterly destroy them and break My covenant with them; for I *am* the LORD their God.

Deuteronomy 12:31 You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way; for every abomination to the LORD which He [hates](#) they have done to their gods; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.

Deuteronomy 16:22 You shall not set up a *sacred* pillar, which the LORD your God [hates](#).

1 Samuel 2:30 "Therefore the LORD God of Israel says: 'I said indeed *that* your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.' But now the LORD says: 'Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who [despise Me](#) shall be lightly esteemed.

Psalms 5:5 The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You [hate](#) all workers of iniquity.

Psalms 11:5 The LORD tests the righteous, But the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul [hates](#).

Psalms 73:20 As a dream when *one* awakes, *So*, Lord, when You awake, You shall [despise](#) their image.

Proverbs 6:16-19 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.

Isaiah 1:14 Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul [hates](#); They are a trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing *them*.

Jeremiah 14:21 Do not [abhor us](#), for Your name's sake; Do not disgrace the throne of Your glory. Remember, do not break Your covenant with us.

Jeremiah 44:4 'However I have sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising early and sending *them*, saying, "Oh, do not do this abominable thing that I [hate](#)!"

Amos 5:21 "I [hate](#), I despise your feast days, And I do not savor your sacred assemblies.

Amos 6:8 The Lord GOD has sworn by Himself, The LORD God of hosts says: "I [abhor the pride](#) of Jacob, And [hate](#) his palaces; Therefore I will deliver up *the city* And all that is in it."

Zechariah 8:17 Let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbor; And do not love a false oath. For all these *are things* that I [hate](#),' Says the LORD."

Malachi 2:16 For the LORD God of Israel says That He [hates](#) divorce, For it covers one's garment with violence, Says the LORD of hosts. Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously.

Hebrews 1:9 You [Jesus] have loved righteousness and [hated](#) lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."

Short List: God Hates These Sins

1. The statutes of the nation which I am casting out before you; for they commit all these things. idolatry
2. Your high places, your incense altars, and the lifeless forms of your idols.
3. Every abomination to the LORD done to their gods; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.
4. A *sacred* pillar.
5. All workers of iniquity.
6. The wicked and the one who loves violence.
7. You shall [despise](#) the image of the wicked who boast, blaspheme, and do violence.
8. 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.

9. Your New Moons and your appointed feasts.
10. This abominable thing: burn incense and serve other gods.
11. Your feast days, and your sacred assemblies.
12. The pride of Jacob, and his palaces.
13. Thinking evil in your heart against your neighbor; and loving a false oath.
14. Divorce because of the violence and treachery.

God: "I Have Hated"

Jeremiah 12:8 My heritage is to Me like a lion in the forest; It cries out against Me; Therefore I have hated it.
Restoration

Hosea 9:15 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. All their princes *are* rebellious. *Restoration*

Malachi 1:3 But Esau I have hated, And laid waste his mountains and his heritage For the jackals of the wilderness.

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

Hebrews 1:9 You [Jesus] have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions."

God Does Not Despise These Things

Leviticus 26:11 I will set My tabernacle among you, and My soul shall not abhor you.

Psalms 51:17 The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart—These, O God, You will not despise.

Psalms 69:33 For the LORD hears the poor, And does not despise His prisoners.

Psalms 102:17 He shall regard the prayer of the destitute, And shall not despise their prayer.

Abomination (Old Testament 67x's) *Abomination: extreme disgust and hatred*

Verses having to do with unrighteous 1) eating, 2) sexual relations, 3) sacrificing and 4) worshipping false gods are called abominations to the Lord.

Abomination To The Lord (Old Testament)

Deuteronomy 7:25 "You shall burn the carved images of their gods with fire; you shall not covet the silver or gold *that is* on them, nor take *it* for yourselves, lest you be snared by it; for it *is* an [abomination](#) to the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 12:31 "You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way; for every [abomination](#) to the LORD which He hates they have done to their gods; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.

Deuteronomy 17:1 "You shall not sacrifice to the LORD your God a bull or sheep which has any blemish *or* defect, for that *is* an [abomination](#) to the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 18:12 "For all who do these things *are* an [abomination](#) to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you.

Deuteronomy 22:5 "A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman's garment, for all who do so *are* an [abomination](#) to the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 23:18 "You shall not bring the wages of a harlot or the price of a dog to the house of the LORD your God for any vowed offering, for both of these *are* an [abomination](#) to the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 24:4 "*then* her former husband who divorced her must not take her back to be his wife after she has been defiled; for that *is* an [abomination](#) before the LORD, and you shall not bring sin on the land which the LORD your God is giving you *as* an inheritance.

Deuteronomy 25:16 "For all who do such things, all who behave unrighteously, *are* an [abomination](#) to the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 27:15 'Cursed *is* the one who makes a carved or molded image, an [abomination](#) to the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and sets *it* up in secret.' And all the people shall answer and say, 'Amen!'

Proverbs 3:32 For the perverse person is an abomination to the Lord, But His secret counsel is with the upright.

Proverbs 6:16-19 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.

Proverbs 11:1 Dishonest scales [are] an abomination to the LORD, But a just weight is His delight.

Proverbs 11:20 Those who are of a perverse heart [are] an abomination to the LORD, But the blameless in their ways are His delight.

Proverbs 12:22 Lying lips *are* an [abomination](#) to the LORD, But those who deal truthfully *are* His delight.

Proverbs 15:8 'The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an [abomination](#) to the LORD, But the prayer of the upright *is* His delight.

Proverbs 15:9 The way of the wicked *is* an [abomination](#) to the LORD, But He loves him who follows righteousness.

Proverbs 15:26 The thoughts of the wicked *are* an [abomination](#) to the LORD, But the words of the pure *are* pleasant.

Proverbs 16:5 Everyone proud in heart *is* an [abomination](#) to the LORD; *Though they join* forces, none will go unpunished.

Proverbs 16:12 *It is* an [abomination](#) for kings to commit wickedness, For a throne is established by righteousness.

Proverbs 17:15 He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just, Both of them alike *are* an [abomination](#) to the LORD.

Proverbs 20:10 Diverse weights *and* diverse measures, They *are* both alike, an [abomination](#) to the LORD.

Proverbs 20:23 Diverse weights *are* an [abomination](#) to the LORD, And dishonest scales *are* not good.

Proverbs 21:27 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an [abomination](#); How much more *when* he brings it with wicked intent!

Proverbs 28:9 One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer *is* an [abomination](#).

Isaiah 1:13 Bring no more futile sacrifices; Incense is an [abomination](#) to Me. The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies—I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting.

Ezekiel 16:50 And they were haughty and committed [abomination](#) before Me; therefore I took them away as I saw *fit*.

Hosea 9:10 I found Israel Like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers As the firstfruits on the fig tree in its first season. *But* they went to Baal Peor, And separated themselves *to that* shame; They became an [abomination](#) like the thing they loved.

Abomination of Desolation (4x's)

Daniel 11:31 "And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily *sacrifices*, and place *there* the [abomination of desolation](#).

Daniel 12:11 "And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* is taken away, and the [abomination of desolation](#) is set up, *there shall be* one thousand two hundred and ninety days.

Matthew 24:15 "Therefore when you see the '[abomination](#) of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand).

Mark 13:14 "So when you see the '[abomination](#) of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

Abomination (New Testament)

Luke 16:15 And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an [abomination](#) in the sight of God.

Revelation 21:27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an [abomination](#) or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

God Hates The Detestable (7x's)

- Detestable things eaten
- Detestable things worshipped

Ezekiel 11:21 "But *as for those* whose hearts follow the desire for their [detestable](#) things and their abominations, I will recompense their deeds on their own heads," says the Lord GOD.

Ezekiel 37:23 "They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their [detestable](#) things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God.

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