

DOES GOD LOVE EVERYONE?

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You may be surprised that such a title – such a question – would even be asked in this modern day of religious activity. Probably every preacher that you ever heard preaches as if the Bible says that God loves everyone. Perhaps you learned the songs, “Jesus loves me, this I know; For the Bible tells me so” or “Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.” Well, just where is it that the Bible actually says that God loves every person? Why do religious people teach little unsaved children to sing such words? Usually those who hold this idea run to John 3:16 where the Bible says, *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”* I assure you that John 3:16 is true! However, John uses the word “world” in several different ways, but never does he use the word “world” to mean every human being that ever lived or ever will live. Check it out for yourself! There are verses which will convince Bible believers that the Bible says that God has a holy hatred for some people. It just is not possible to say that God loves every human being and be true to the Bible! Do you have enough honest courage to read on?

Important phrases in the following verses have been underlined for emphasis. Are you ready?

“The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth” (Psalm 11:5).

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

"The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity. Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man" (Psalm 5:5, 6).

"These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him... A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren" (Proverbs 6:16 & 19).

"And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them" (Leviticus 20:23).

"Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished" (Proverbs 16:5).

"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons" (Hebrews 12:6-8).

"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him" (John 14:21).

These verses indicate that there are some people unloved by God!
Both Old and New Testament verses have been quoted!

Other verses could be cited, but are these not sufficient for Bible believers? Do you believe the Bible? If so, must you not conclude that the idea that God loves all men is unbiblical? Did you notice that the actual name of one man whom God hated/hates is given in the Bible? Some try to dodge this issue by saying that the name "Esau" refers to his descendants and not to him as an individual. But were not his descendants individuals? The passage in Hebrews 12:6-8 starts out, "For whom the Lord loveth..."

“Such a phrase can only mean that while there are those *“whom the Lord loveth”* there must also be those whom the Lord does not love. Such a qualifying statement cannot mean anything less! Why, in the light of these verses, do not modern preachers preach on the verses? Why do they preach that God loves everybody? Do these preachers believe the Bible? Or are they so ignorant of what the Bible says as to not know these verses exist? Or is some unscriptural denominational organization or theological system keeping them from preaching all that the Bible says? Would headquarters in Nashville, Texarkana, Conway, Springfield, Tulsa or Broken Arrow be upset if some preacher actually stepped out of line and preached the whole Bible? Or is it the local unscriptural “deacon board” to be pleased? More importantly, what are you going to do about these verses? Are you going to stand for *“all the counsel of God?”* (Acts 20:17). Or will you compromise what the Bible says with error just to be popular with your preacher and your church? If you continue to tell this lie about God – and stand with others who tell it – what will you do when you face the Lord? Do you think that God is going to be pleased with those who tell lies on Him? Oops! Does your preacher tell lies on God? The Bible talks about liars: *“These six things doth the LORD hate... A false witness that speaketh lies...”* (Proverbs 6:16 & 19). *“But... all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death”* (Revelation 21:8). Do you have enough courage to give this article to your preacher? Will you, personally, stand for all the Word of God – or just the popular parts?

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