

Occidental's Scriptural 'Hate'

1 John 4:20-21 (NIV)

[20] If anyone says, "I love [Agapao] God," yet hates [G3404] his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love [Agapao] his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love [Agapao] God, whom he has not seen. [21] And he has given us this command: Whoever loves [Agapao] God must also love [Agapao] his brother.

++++ The HS asked me: if Love is something that's so desired, why did I have to command my people to do it? (v. 21)

- We don't really understand.... when we do, we aren't as excited about doing it.
- Often our definition of Love is not what God is talking about.
(What we think is Agape - very difficult to do, is really Phileo - much easier)

For instance: Scriptures: that use the word "hate"

(Miseo - G3404) - Strong's Concordance

(This is the main word used in the NT to describe "Hate")

"To Detest (esp. to persecute); to Love Less"

(Strong's Concordance)

"To hate, pursue with hatred, detest;

"To be hated, detested"

Not a few interpreters have attributed.... the signification to love less, to postpone in love or esteem, to slight, through oversight of the circumstance that 'the Orientals, in accordance with their greater excitability, are want both to feel and to profess love and hate where we Occidentals, with our cooler temperament, feel and express nothing more than interest in, or disregard and indifference to a thing'.

> Occidental: European descent.

> just showing dis-interest, or disregarding and being indifferent is 'hate'.

(Thayer's Greek English Lexicon)

Matthew 5:43-44 (NKJV)

[43] “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ [44] “But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

Matthew 6:24 (NKJV)

[24] “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Matthew 10:22 (NKJV)

[22] “And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

Matthew 24:9-10 (NKJV)

[9] “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. [10] “And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

1 John 2:9 (NKJV)

[9] He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now.

1 John 2:11 (NKJV)

[11] But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

1 John 3:13 (NKJV)

[13] Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you.

1 John 3:15 (NKJV)

[15] Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.