











"And God spake all these words, saying,
I am the LORD thy God, which have brought
thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the
house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other
gods before me."

Exodus 20:1-3 (KJV)





"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:"

Exodus 20:4 (KJV)





"Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that https://example.com/hem-that-me;"

Exodus 20:5 (KJV)





God is saying clearly that there are those who hate Him.

"And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments."

Exodus 20:6 (KJV)







God is also saying clearly that there are those who love Him.

"If ye love me, keep my commandments."

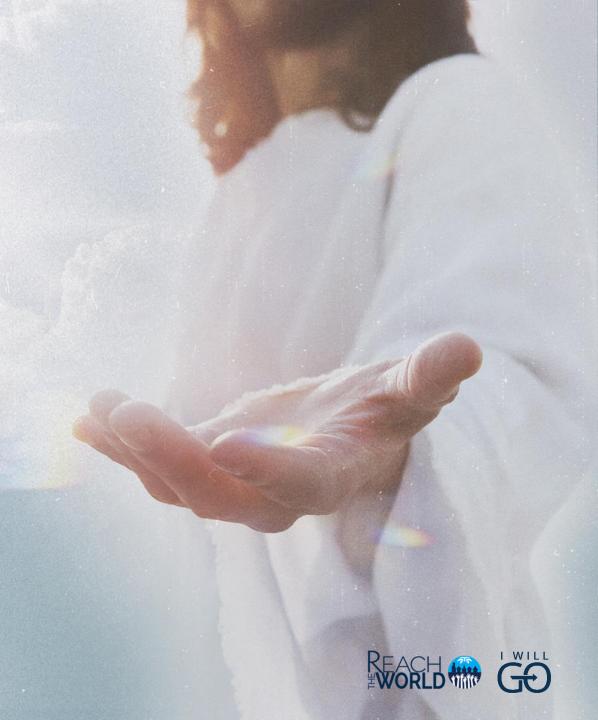
John 14:15 (KJV)





How do we love God?

By keeping His commandments



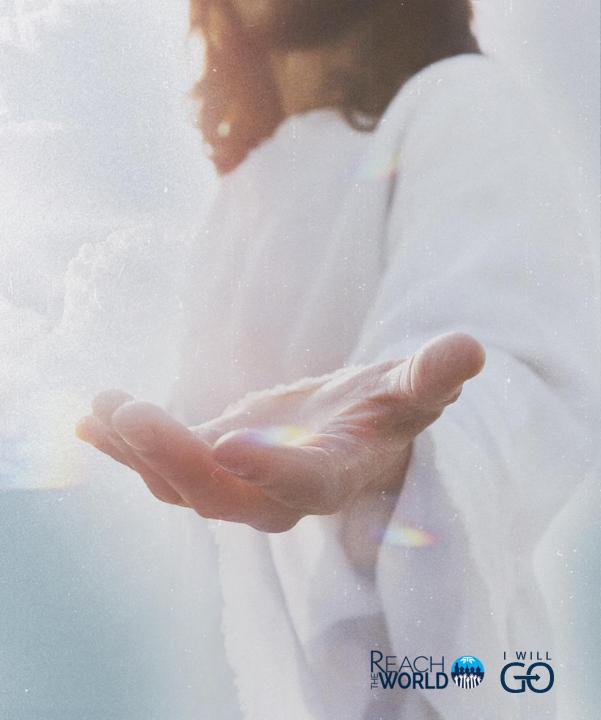
How do we hate God?

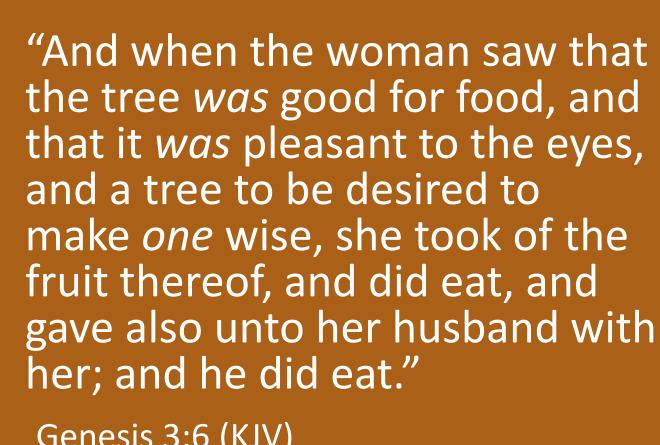
Disobedience!



Disobedience is hatred expressed towards God regardless of what we say.

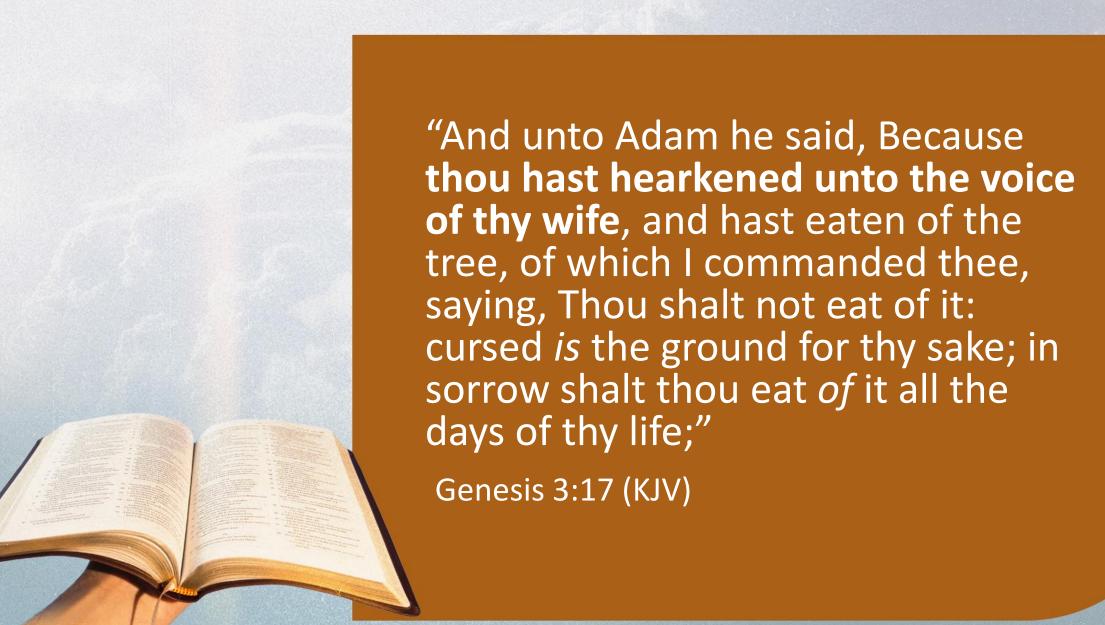
To love God is to obey.
To hate God is to
disobey. We cannot
obey God unless we
love Him.





Genesis 3:6 (KJV)







The voice of error is the voice of Satan; regardless of the person through whom the words were spoken.

Adam <u>understood</u> that his companion had transgressed the command of God, disregarded the only prohibition laid upon them as <u>a test of their fidelity and love</u>. There was a terrible struggle in his mind. {PP 56.2}





Adam had enjoyed the companionship of God and of holy angels. He had looked upon the glory of the Creator. He understood the high destiny opened to the human race should they remain faithful to God. {PP 56.2}





Yet all these blessings were lost sight of in the fear of losing that one gift which in his eyes outvalued every other. Love, gratitude, loyalty to the Creator – all were overborne by love to Eve. {PP 56.2}





Adam chose to disobey God because he loved Eve more than God. To love someone more than God leads to disobedience.





"For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called."

Isaiah 54:5 (KJV)



To love someone more than God is committing adultery against God.

"And he [Jacob] went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years."

Genesis 29:30 (KJV)





Jacob loved both Rachel and Leah; but he loved Rachel more which means he loved Leah less.

"And when the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren."

Genesis 29:31 (KJV)





The one, who is loved less, is hated.

Biblically speaking, to love someone less is to hate them.

HATE IN ACTION!

We hate God by disobedience.

We disobey God by choosing to love someone more than Him.

In loving Him less, we continue to hate Him.





We love God less, therefore, we hate Him because we love ourselves more than Him.

The sad fate of the five foolish virgins, presented in the parable of the ten virgins, is recorded to warn those who, while professing the faith of Christ, have become cold and backslidden. – {BEcho November 5, 1894 Par. 1}

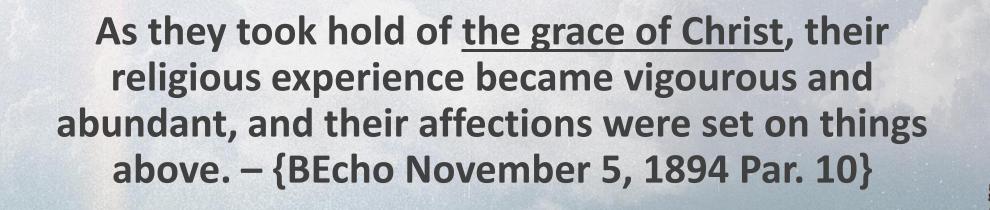


The five foolish virgins had a real interest in the gospel. They knew what was the perfect standard of righteousness; but their energies were paralysed with self-love; for they lived to please and glorify themselves, and had not the oil of grace in their vessels with which to replenish their lamps. – {BEcho November 5, 1894 Par. 9}





...the [five] wise [virgins] roused themselves at the message of His approach, and responded to the message, and their spiritual life was replenished. Their spiritual discernment was not all gone, and they sprang into line. – {BEcho November 5, 1894 Par. 10}







They discerned where was the source of their supply, and appreciated the love that God had for them. They opened their hearts to receive the Holy Spirit, by which the love of God was shed abroad in their hearts. – {BEcho November 5, 1894 Par. 10}



We need the Holy Spirit.



"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:3 (KJV)







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"These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."

Revelation 17:14 (KJV)



"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure."

Philippians 2:13 (KJV)

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Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me! Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me! Break me, melt me, Mold me, fill me! Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me!

