

The Believer's love for the neighbor, stranger, etc.

Deuteronomy 10:12-22 “And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and **to love Him**, to serve the Lord your God **with all your heart and with all your soul**, 13“and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today for your good? 14“Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the Lord your God, also the earth with all that is in it. 15“**The Lord delighted only in your fathers, to love them**; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as it is this day. 16“Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer.

17“For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows **no partiality** nor takes a bribe. 18“He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and **loves the stranger**, giving him food and clothing. 19 “Therefore **love the stranger**, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. 20“You shall fear the Lord your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in His name. 21“He is your praise, and He is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen. 22“Your fathers went down to Egypt with seventy persons, and now the Lord your God has made you as the stars of heaven in multitude.

Deut 7:9 “Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and **mercy** (Hesed) for a thousand generations with those **who love Him** (Ahav) and keep His commandments;

Leviticus 19:17-18 ‘You shall not **hate** your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. 18 ‘You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall **love** (Ahav) **your neighbor as yourself**: I am the Lord

Love and Hate are the poles of life

Ecclesiastes 3:8 **A time to love, And a time to hate**; A time of war, And a time of peace.

2 Samuel 13:1-22 Ammon and Tamar -

Judges 14:16 Then Samson's wife wept on him, and said, “**You only hate me! You do not love me!** You have posed a riddle to the sons of my people, but you have not explained it to me.” And he said to her, “Look, I have not explained it to my father or my mother; so should I explain it to you?”

NT: Love your neighbor/stranger

Matthew 19:19 ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall **love your neighbor** as yourself.’ ” {*To the rich young ruler*}

Matthew 22:38-40 “This is the first and great commandment. 39“And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40“On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” (Mark 12:31)

Romans 13:9 For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not bear false witness,” “You shall not covet,” and if there is any other commandment, **are all summed up** in this saying, namely, “You shall **love your neighbor** as yourself.”

Galatians 5:14 For all **the law is fulfilled in one word**, even in this: “You shall **love your neighbor** as yourself.”

James 2:8 If you really fulfill **the royal law** according to the Scripture, “You shall **love your neighbor** as yourself,” you do well;

Doesn't tell why (OT: “Because you were strangers...”)

Love 1) toward all people or 2) believers “least of these my brothers...”

Is it because there are now no longer Jews and Gentiles, but all are one?

OT: You were Strangers; Love Him as Yourself

Exodus 22:21 “You shall neither mistreat a **stranger** nor oppress him, **for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.**

--What does that mean?

Exodus 23:9 “Also you shall not oppress a **stranger**, **for you know the heart of a stranger**, because **you were strangers** in the land of Egypt.

Leviticus 19:33-34 ‘And if a stranger dwells with you in your land, you shall not mistreat him.

34‘**The stranger** who dwells among you shall be to you as one born among you, and **you shall love him as yourself**; for **you were strangers** in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

Deuteronomy 27:19 ‘Cursed is the one who perverts the justice due **the stranger**, the fatherless, and widow.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’

Ezekiel 22:29 “The people of the land have used oppressions, committed robbery, and mistreated the poor and needy; and they wrongfully oppress **the stranger**.”

OT: No Partiality, One Law for Israelite and the foreigner/Stranger

Exodus 12:43-49 And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “This is the ordinance of the Passover: No **foreigner** shall eat it. 44“But every man’s servant who is bought for money, when you have circumcised him, then he may eat it. 45“A sojourner and a hired servant shall not eat it. 46“In one house it shall be eaten; you shall not carry any of the flesh outside the house, nor shall you break one of its bones. 47“All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. 48“And when a **stranger** (Hebrew: ger) dwells with you and wants to keep the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as a native of the land. For no uncircumcised person shall eat it. 49“**One law** shall be for **the native-born** and for **the stranger** who dwells among you.”

Deuteronomy 10:17-19 “For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows **no partiality** nor takes a bribe. 18He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and **loves the stranger**, giving him food and clothing. 19 Therefore **love the stranger**, for you were strangers (gerim) in the land of Egypt....

Strangers as Proselytes

Psalms 5:4-5 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You.

Deuteronomy 31:12 “Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates, that they may hear and that they may learn to fear the Lord your God and carefully observe all the words of this law,

Exodus 12:48 “And when a stranger dwells with you and wants to keep the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as a native of the land. For no uncircumcised person shall eat it.

Leviticus 17:10-13 'And whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who eats any blood, I will set My face against that person who eats blood, and will cut him off from among his people. 11 'For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.' 12 "Therefore I said to the children of Israel, 'No one among you shall eat blood, nor shall any stranger who dwells among you eat blood.' 13 "Whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who hunts and catches any animal or bird that may be eaten, he shall pour out its blood and cover it with dust;

Leviticus 18:26 'You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations, either any of your own nation or any stranger who dwells among you

Leviticus 20:2 "Again, you shall say to the children of Israel: 'Whoever of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell in Israel, who gives any of his descendants to Molech, he shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones.

NT: Jesus Describes Himself as a Stranger

Matthew 25:34-45 "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 'for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; **I was a stranger** and you took Me in; 36 'I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 'When did we see You **a stranger** and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 'Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' 41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 'for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 '**I was a stranger** and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' 44 "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or **a stranger** or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' 45 "Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

Hebrews 11:8-16 KJV By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. 9 By faith **he sojourned** in the land of promise, as **in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles** with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: 10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. 11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable. 13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that **they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.** 14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. 15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. 16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

It is Right to Love ...

Righteousness, Lord, Scriptural precepts, Law, believers, etc

But Love of the Lord includes Hate of evil, wickedness, false ways, double-minded, lying

Psalm 5:4-5 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. 5 The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity.

Psalm 45:7 You **love righteousness and hate wickedness**; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.

Psalm 97:10 You who **love the Lord, hate evil!** He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.

Psalm 119:104 Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I **hate** every false way.

Psalm 119:113 I **hate** the double-minded, But I love Your law.

Psalm 119:128 Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right; I **hate** every false way.

Psalm 119:163 I **hate** and abhor lying, But I love Your law.

Proverbs 1:22 “How long, you simple ones, will you **love** simplicity? For scorners delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge.

Proverbs 8:36 But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; All **those who hate me love death.**”

Isaiah 61:8 “For I, the Lord, **love** justice; I hate robbery for burnt offering; I will direct their work in truth, And will make with them an everlasting covenant.

The Object of the Love of the Believer and the Unbeliever is the opposite.

Amos 5:15 {*believers*} **Hate evil, love good**; Establish justice in the gate. It may be that the Lord God of hosts Will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Micah 3:2 {*unbelievers*} You who **hate good and love evil**; Who strip the skin from My people, And the flesh from their bones;

How Do Believers treat unbelievers, enemies? Hate or Love?

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.”

Matthew 5:43-44 “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,

Luke 6:27 “But I say to you who hear: **Love your enemies**, do good to those who hate you,

Unbelievers Hate Believers

1 Kings 22:8 So the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “There is still one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the Lord; but I **hate him**, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil.” And Jehoshaphat said, “Let not the king say such things!”

2 Chronicles 19:2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to King Jehoshaphat, “Should you help the wicked and love **those who hate the Lord**? Therefore the wrath of the Lord is upon you.

Psalm 34:21 Evil shall slay the wicked, And **those who hate the righteous** shall be condemned.

Unbelievers Hate the Word of God

Psalm 50:17 Seeing you hate instruction And cast My words behind you?

Proverbs 1:22 “How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorners delight in their scorning, And fools **hate** knowledge.

Proverbs 29:10 The bloodthirsty **hate** the blameless, But the upright seek his well-being.

Unbelievers are God-haters/Enemies (with punishment coming)

Numbers 10:35 So it was, whenever the ark set out, that Moses said: “Rise up, O Lord! Let Your enemies be scattered, And let **those who hate You** flee before You.”

Deuteronomy 5:9 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, **visiting the iniquity** of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who **hate Me**,

God Hates Unbelievers and their Evil works

Psalms 5:4-5 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You. 5 The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You **hate** all workers of iniquity.

Psalms 5:5 The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You **hate** all workers of iniquity.

Psalms 101:3 I will set nothing wicked before my eyes; I **hate** the work of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me.

Amos 5:21-22 “**I hate, I despise your feast days**, And I do not savor your sacred assemblies.

22 Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them, Nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings.

Isaiah 61:8 “For I, the Lord, **love justice**; I **hate** robbery for burnt offering; I will direct their work in truth, And will make with them an everlasting covenant.

It is Wrong to Love...

Unbelievers (those who hate the Lord)

2 Chronicles 19:1-3 Then Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned safely to his house in Jerusalem. 2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to King Jehoshaphat, “Should you **help the wicked and love those who hate the Lord?** Therefore the wrath of the Lord is upon you. 3 “Nevertheless good things are found in you, in that you have removed the wooden images from the land, and have prepared your heart to seek God.”

2 Samuel 19:5-8 Then Joab came into the house to the king, and said, “Today you have disgraced all your servants who today have saved your life, the lives of your sons and daughters, the lives of your wives and the lives of your concubines, 6 “in that **you love your enemies and hate your friends**. For you have declared today that you regard neither princes nor servants; for today I perceive that if Absalom had lived and all of us had died today, then it would have pleased you well. 7 “Now therefore, arise, go out and speak comfort to your servants. For I swear by the Lord, if you do not go out, not one will stay with you this night. And that will be worse for you than all the evil that has befallen you from your youth until now.”

The Believers “hate” those who hate God, Just as God treats those who hate him.

Exodus 20:5, “For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me....”

Psalms 139:21-22 Do I not hate them, O Lord, who hate You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You? 22 I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.

Salvation is Described in Love and Hate terms

Proverbs 8:13 The fear of the Lord is to **hate** evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.

Proverbs 8:36 But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; All those who **hate** me love death.”

Amos 5:14-15 **Seek good and not evil**, That you may live; So the Lord God of hosts will be with you, As you have spoken. 15 **Hate evil, love good**; Establish justice in the gate. It may be that the Lord God of hosts Will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Secular Advice

Proverbs 9:8 Do not correct a scoffer, lest he **hate** you; Rebuke a wise man, and he will **love** you. {Correcting Advice...}

Proverbs 19:6 Many entreat the favor of the nobility, And every man is a friend to one who gives gifts. 7 All the brothers of the poor **hate** him; How much more do his friends go far from him! He may pursue them with words, yet they abandon him. {*People love the rich, not the poor*}

Proverbs 25:17 Seldom set foot in your neighbor’s house, Lest he become weary of you and **hate** you. {Don’t overstay your welcome.}

The Believer who is hated is

Luke 6:22 **Blessed are you** when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man’s sake.

Matthew 5:10-12 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12“Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Believer can only love one master

Matthew 6:24 “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.

Luke 16:13 “No servant 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.”

Total Allegiance

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.

Luke 16:10-15 “He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. 11“Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? 12“And if you have not been faithful in what is another man’s, who will give you what is your own? 13“No servant 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.”

14Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him. 15And 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.

John 7:6-8 Then Jesus said to them, “My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. 7“The world cannot hate you, but it **hates** Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. 8“**You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come.**”

John 15:19 “If you were of the world, the world would **love** its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore **the world hates you.**

John 3:16-21 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18“**He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19“And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.** 20“For everyone practicing **evil hates the light** and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21“**But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.**”