

# Contend Earnestly For the Faith Which Was Once For All Handed Down to the Saints

## An Expository Study of the **Epistle of Jude**

### Chapter 17- Hating the Garment Spotted by the Flesh **Jude 23**

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Welcome again my beloved in Jesus Christ. We are continuing our verse by verse “journey” through the **Epistle of Jude** and today I want to continue to look at what Jude taught about “Hating the Polluted Garment.” So, let’s read Jude 23 again together:

**save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.**

Now on today’s broadcast, we are continuing to discuss the issue of hate and all of its implications. Normally, we would think that to hate something would be wrong and sinful- yet Jude tells us here that we are to hate even the garments that are polluted by the flesh. Now just what does that mean? Today, Lord willing, we will get into just what Jude was talking about.

On the last broadcast, we saw that there were five words in the Bible which were translated into English as “hate.” Two are Hebrew words; one is Aramaic; and the other two are Greek. And we also saw last time, that according to the Bible, there are people who hate God and so we read in **Exodus 20:5** that God visits the iniquity of these people to their children and their grandchildren and even to their great grandchildren.

Of course, the issue by which God was displeased with these people and the issue by which these people hated God was the issue of making graven images and bowing down to them.

But we also saw in **Exodus 20:6** that this same God shows mercy unto those who love God and who keep His Commandments.

So, we see that *some* people love God while *others* hate God. So since hating God is wrong- doesn't that prove that all hate is wrong? No, it doesn't. Some hate is good. Let's look at **Psalms 97:10**:

**Hate evil, you who love the LORD, Who preserves the souls of His godly ones; He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

Now here we see that those who love the Lord are *commanded* to hate evil. Again, this word comes from the Hebrew word, *sane*, which means: *to hate and is the opposite of the word, love*. So, since we are to hate evil; since we are not to love evil- how *does* that affect us and how *should* that affect us?

What do you do with those things that you love? Well, you spend time with them; you admire them; you are willing to spend money on them; you are willing to push other things out of the way to cater to them; you cherish them and value them and enjoy them. But if hate is the opposite of love- and we are told in God's Word to hate evil- then just the opposite of this would be true- right? If we hate evil- we will *not* spend time with those things that are evil. If we hate evil- we will *not* admire those things that are evil; we will *not* spend money on them; and we will *not* cater to them; and we will not cherish them or value them or enjoy them.

So, if we are spending time with those things that are evil; if we are spending money on them; if we are admiring them or enjoying them- then we do not really hate them- even if we say that we do. If we spend money on those things that are evil- then we really don't hate them- do we? And if we spend money or cater to those things that are evil- then in spite of what we may say about hating them- we really love them- don't we?

And just looking at this one aspect of love and hate affects us quite a bit doesn't it? And so, I ask you, "*Do you hate evil- or do you help to finance it by spending the money that God blessed you with on that thing? Do you hate evil- or do you spend time with that which dishonors God? Do you hate evil, or do you cater to it and allow it to stand and allow it to live and grow and become powerful?*"

It is amazing to see Christians spending the money that God blessed them with on things that they say is wrong and things which help to undermine their own Christianity. Illiach Lennon, the leader of

the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia during the early days of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century said that he was going to hang the people of the United States. And somebody asked him where he was going to get the rope? *“Oh, they will sell it to us,”* he said.

Today, people who hate God and who hate Christianity and who are working overtime to blaspheme God all day long are being made rich and powerful and popular with the money that Christian people give them. And from my perspective- this is insanity.

How could any thinking Blood bought believer buy CD's from rap singers who promote sin and violence and wickedness? How could you possibly not know that as you selfishly contribute to these evil people- that you are helping them undermine the holiness and godliness that you say that you believe in?

These evil people take your money and become wealthy and powerful with it and your contribution is encouraging these monsters to pollute more souls. Don't think that Almighty God won't hold you accountable for this when you stand before Him.

Every time you watch television programs, read books, or play video games which promote violence and sexual perversity and other sin- you are helping that sin become more acceptable in our culture and you are contributing to these people's agenda. That makes you an accomplice in anybody's book.

You see, I don't believe that most people hate sin at all- I'm not sure if very many people are even willing to say that evil is wrong- much less hate it.

*Well, what do expect us to do, Brother Blair, turn off our TV's and quit going to the movies and stop reading nasty books and quit playing violent video games and not buy the wicked CD's?* Well, that would be a good start for any truly born again, regenerated saint of God to do. But more importantly than what I expect out of you- what does Jesus expect from all of us who say that we believe? How can we possibly stand before Him faultless when we are hip deep in sewer?

Turn off the monster; clean out the drawers; throw out the trash and pick up your Bibles and feed your mind and heart and soul with true Words; inspired Words; holy Words; infallible Words; inerrant Words; Words of Life. And if you get bored with that- get up off your double-wide and go to the nursing homes and sing and pray and minister to those people that everybody has thrown away. And if you

get bored with that- go mow a sick person's yard and take them to the store and visit the mental ward and pray for the sick in the hospital. And if your still bored- then go to the jails and preach the Gospel to the criminals; and if your still bored- go your prayer closet and fast until you can't stand up straight and seek God because maybe He is calling you to the mission field.

The people who produce some of the most popular programs on television today are militant atheists. And by their own confession, these people hate God; they hate Christianity; they hate the right way of the Lord; they hate America, and they are producing movies and television programming and shows that undermine Biblical holiness and righteousness. So, if you are watching these programs, I ask again, "Do you hate evil?"

Lifetime Movie Network and the Oxygen Channel and a few other cable channels are owned outright by Lesbians who hate God and who hate men and who produce programming for the express purpose of indoctrinating American women into unbiblical and unchristian perspectives about men; marriage and godly submission. Do you hate evil?

HBO, SHOWTIME, MTV- all of these organizations produce evil on television. National Geographic unashamedly pushes the godless religion of Darwinian Evolution and calls it science. But it isn't science it is a lie, and we should not be supporting evil- the Bible says that we should hate it. Do you hate evil?

"Eternal Darkness;" "Dungeons and Dragons"- these are titles to popular video games for children. Do your children read them or play with them? Now I'll give the devil credit for one thing- at least he isn't ashamed about who he is- he'll tell you right up front that he is evil, and people will still buy it and defend it and participate in it. Do you hate evil?

So, what do you say, let us get on one side or the other? Let us either walk with God and serve Him with all of our hearts or let us walk with satan and serve him with all our hearts, but for goodness sake lets quit being divided between two opinions. If God is the Lord- then let us serve Him and love Him and hate evil and if Baal be god- then let us serve Him. Let us either be cold or hot but please don't be lukewarm.

If we are going to be dismayed about evil people taking over the country- then let's stop buying their products and making them wealthy

and powerful. If we are going to mourn the lack of Biblical Holiness- then let's push aside our wishes and wants and let us pick up our own cross and let us deny ourselves daily and let us follow Jesus. If we are going to despise the lack of power in the Church, then let us return to the concept of The Lords' Day and take- do not send- take your family with you into the House of God on Sunday. Let us leave the comfort and safety of our own homes and let us gather together in a public place for the express purpose of worshipping Jesus Christa and of being edified through the preaching of God's Word. Let us not just attend Church if it is convenient- but let us engage in the Lord's Day- a day of resting in the magnificence of Jesus Christ and spend the entire day in prayer; Bible Study; fellowship; and meditating on the things of the Lord and let us not shop at Wal-Mart on Sunday; and stay home to watch the game on Sunday and stay out of Church in order to have family gatherings on Sunday- but let us show that we value the Lord and that we value His Word and that we delight ourselves in His Presence and that we delight ourselves in hearing and knowing and obeying the Words of our God. Let us either enjoy the straight and narrow path or let us all just get on the broad road and walk there. Let us either enjoy a garment that has been made white or let us enjoy a garment that is spotted by the flesh. But please do one or the other.

The Bible says that if we love God- then the love where we love Him must be an exclusive love; a love reserved only and solely for Him and that makes all other loves to appear to be hate. This is what Jesus meant when he said in **Luke 14:26&27:**

**26 "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.**

**27 "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.**

Listen to me. Jesus wants you to love your mother and father and Jesus wants you to love your wife and children and brothers and sisters- but Jesus wants you to love God more than them and He wants you to love God so much more than them that you would never compromise with them over the Gospel; and you would never sin with them; and you would never agree with their sin; and this great, holy,

divine love that we are supposed to have for God and for God alone is so exclusive and is reserved solely for God alone that all other loves; all other affections; all other desires are as hate when you compare them.

Love like this for God is not normal; neither is it common. Most people do not love God like this and the few who do- everyone knows it. It is impossible to love God like this and remain constantly in sin. It is impossible to love God like this and not literally hunger and thirst for righteousness. It is impossible to love God like this and not give to God. It is impossible to love God like this and not tell everyone you meet about Jesus. It is impossible to love God like this and then stay away from God and stay away from God's Word and God's People and God's Ways.

*Brother Blair, I would like to have that kind of love for God.* Great- but you must know that your love for God is predicated upon your hatred for evil. God made it to be just this way. You have to choose. When I say, choose- I am not talking about Salvation. Lost souls cannot choose the Lord; they cannot make a decision for Christ; they cannot choose to be saved because they are dead in trespasses and sins and dead people cannot choose anything. God has to save you Sovereignly- according to His own good pleasure.

When I am talking about choosing- I am talking about *after* you are saved. After you are born again- you must then submit your ways to God and love God to the exclusion of all others- including yourself.

Being saved is not just about being forgiven. I'm all in favor of forgiveness because I am a recipient of this glorious forgiveness- but Salvation involves a whole lot more than simply being forgiven. It involves God's demand on our lives to obey Him and to be holy and to hate evil and it involves the new divine nature that lives inside us that desires to be holy and which desires to hate evil.

Those who are regenerated love God and hate evil- its' really as simple as that. And while it is true that we all have various degrees of success at this- nevertheless- we who are saved are in pursuit of loving God with all of our hearts and of hating evil with equal passion. And those who are lost are in pursuit of loving sin and loving evil and loving themselves and hating God with equal passion. We submit to God and reject evil precisely because we are saved. They submit to evil and reject God precisely because they are lost. So, are you saved or lost? Do you love God and hate evil, or do you love evil and hate God?

So, hating evil is a good thing and Jude was right when he said that we should hate even the garment spotted by the flesh

Well, I have to stop right here but please join me on the next broadcast as we continue our journey through the Epistle of Jude. May God help us all.

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