

Hating God

I. People Hate God

Dt.5:9; Ro.1:30

¹⁸ If the world hates you, you know that it **hated Me** before *it hated* you . . . ²⁴ If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also **hated** both **Me** and **My Father**. ²⁵ But *this happened* that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, '*They **hated Me** without a cause*'
– Jn.15:18, 24-25

Why? Sinners justify themselves

1. Deny God exists

[Evolution itself is a theory universally accepted] “not because it has been observed to occur or can be proved by logically coherent evidence to be true, but because the only alternative – special creation – is clearly incredible” – Geo. Gaylord Simpson

Wish

Ps.10:4;

14:1

Autonomy

No rules

Jer.10:23

**Blame God
for troubles**

Ezk.18:2, 25

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 2. **Deny God endures**

Nietzsche: God is dead (1882)

Time: Is God Dead? (4/8/66)

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2. Deny God endures
3. **Deny God excels**

Modern science eliminated need for religion to explain natural world...

God took up less space in people's lives.

Time follow-up story, 12/26/69 – **'Is God coming back to life?'**

Modern atheists: "We can be good without God." Ep.2:12

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II. People Hate
God's Word

Psalm 50:16-17

“I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world” – Jn.17:14

- Jer.36

Why? Sinners justify sins

1. “I believe in God, but not one in Bible”

John 3:20 – exposes and condemns his sins. No fellowship...

2. “Smart men reject Bible.”

1 Co.1:18 – ‘I doubt, therefore I am an intellectual’

3. “I know _____ is going to heaven...”

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I. People Hate God's Word

**III. People Hate
God's People**

Prov.9:8

But we desire to hear from you what you think; for concerning this sect, we know that it is spoken against everywhere
– Ac.28:22

Herodias & John
Mark 6

Jews & Stephen
Acts 7



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“Organized religion is a sham and a crutch for weak-minded people who need strength in numbers”



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5. “Church caused inquisitions...”

So what?

1. Evil men always hated God & good
2. Be able to discuss God / Word on factual level. Ac.17
3. Know your Bible. 1 Pt.3:15
4. Hypocritical theists do more harm than atheists: Mt.6:24; 18:7
5. Only a godly life can disprove false accusations. 1 Pt.2:15

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6. Purpose of this study:

- Not because God needs our defense. Ps.8:2 (Mt.21:16)
- Why this lesson?

We condemn hatred of God, not merely to defend His honor, but to warn haters