

Bible/College Class Notes – Hatred – Lesson 14

Opposition To Jesus – Hardness & Hatred

This week we learn how hatred in our hearts can be overcome and replaced by love.

‘... all things are naked (uncovered) and opened unto the eyes of Him (God) with Whom we have to do’.

Hebrews 4 v13

Bible Readings for this week

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Mark 3v1-12 (The Religious Leaders’ hatefulness)	
Monday	Matthew 12v1-14 (Good can be done on the Sabbath)	
Tuesday	Mark 4v1-20 (The Parable of the Seed and Sower)	
Wednesday	Matthew 5v17-22,43-48 (The need for true righteousness)	
Thursday	John 15 (We must abide in Christ as our Saviour)	
Friday	Hebrews 4 (Come boldly to the Throne of Grace)	
Saturday	1 Corinthians 2v1-16 (Jesus Christ - Crucified)	

Important Lesson for us today: Hatred – *This is a great sin as it drives our thoughts towards other people. Hatred leads to murder (as we saw in Cain when he killed his brother Abel). When our hearts are brought into submission to the Lord, He gives us a new heart of love – love to God and love to others, even those who show hatred towards us. A Christian must follow the Lord Jesus’ example - He loves the sinner but hates their sin with Holy hatred. We should hate our own sin and seek His forgiveness, believing that Jesus Christ took our punishment upon Himself when He died on the cross of Calvary, so that we can be cleansed and forgiven.*

What great love the Saviour shows to those who were His enemies.

Hymn 260 – Asking the Saviour to open our eyes to see what He did on Calvary.

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| 1. Give me a sight O Saviour, | Oh, make me understand it, |
| Of Thy wondrous love to me, | Help me to take it in, |
| Of the love that brought Thee down to earth, | What it meant to Thee, the holy One, |
| To die on Calvary. | To bear away my sin. |

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet.

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

The Lord Jesus Heals on The Sabbath Day at Capernaum.

- **Crowds Flock to Hear Jesus Preach in the Synagogue.**
 - The Scribes & Pharisees attend – seeking to be noticed as very religious.
 - They show their outward religion by their dress and strict adherence to their own invented rules, but their hearts were far from God.
 - They stopped to pray in public, to be seen as holy on the street corners.

Beware – there is a great danger in being religious without knowing the Saviour.

- **Had they come to Worship the Lord? What was in their Hearts?**
 - No, the Religious Leaders came to abuse God’s House - with hateful hearts.
 - They had no compassion on the man with the withered hand, watching to see if the Lord would show compassion and heal him on the Sabbath, so that they could accuse Him of being a ‘Sabbath Breaker’.
- **The Scribes & Pharisees Show Their Hardness & Hatred.**
 - The Lord, knowing their evil, sinful hearts, asks, **“Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath Days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill?”** Mark 3v4
 - The Lord has Holy hatred towards these hypocrites, whilst He showed loving compassion by healing the man’s withered hand.
 - Without any compassion they, in their hearts, accuse The Lord of **‘Working on The Sabbath’**, revealing the hardness of their sinful hearts.
 - They leave, hatefully scheming how they might ‘destroy this Man’.
- **What can we learn from this event?**
 - Firstly, we understand that the Lord teaches us that it is right to do good on the Sabbath Day. See **Matthew 12v11, 12, and Mark 2v27. Sabbath made for man.**
 - Stubborn Pride quickly builds Hatred in our hearts against God – so, we can be enemies of God, even whilst attending church. **Are we enemies of God?**
 - To not love the Lord Jesus as our Saviour actually shows hatred to God.
 - Not all Church Leaders and those who attend a church are true believers - God looks for the sincerity of humble, believing, and loving hearts.
 - Beware, not all Churches follow Biblical truth nor follow reverent worship.
 - So, we must learn Biblical discernment – knowing right from wrong; obeying God’s teaching and principles; avoiding that which is wrong in God’s sight.
 - Jesus is the only One Who can cure our hateful hearts and make us loving towards Him, and towards everyone else. **Ask the Lord to melt your heart.**

The Apostle Paul wrote, “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart”.

Hebrews 4 v12