

He Loves Righteousness and Hates Lawlessness

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"But **unto the Son He says**, '*Your throne, O God, is forever and ever! A Scepter of Righteousness is the Scepter of Your Kingdom. You have loved Righteousness, and Hated Lawlessness; therefore God, even Your God, has anointed You with the oil of great-joy above Your companions.*' (Hebrews 1:8-9) (quote is from [Psalm 45:6-7](#))

"My heart is overflowing with a good matter; I speak the composition which I have made concerning the King; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. You are fairer than the children of men; grace is poured into Your lips; therefore God has blessed You forever. Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O most Mighty-One, with Your Glory and Your Majesty. And in Your Majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness **and righteousness**; and Your right hand shall teach You awesome things. Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; whereby the people fall under You. Your Throne, O God, is forever and ever; the Scepter of Your Kingdom is a Righteous Scepter. **You have Loved Righteousness, and Hated Wickedness**; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of rejoicing above Your companions." ([Psalms 45:1-7](#))

You Have Loved: from the Greek word ***egapesas*** a verb which means: you-have-loved; to love with preference, pleasure, and intelligence; and with the intent of actively doing and pursuing a choice of lifestyle-living; or with the intent of actively doing and willingly expressing lovingkindness towards others. In context Jesus Loves (with preference, pleasure, and intelligence) Righteousness. (Hebrew (Psalm 45): ***ahab***: To love, to have affection).

Righteousness: from the Greek word ***dikaiosynen*** which means: righteousness; in the sense of what is deemed right, or righteous by God (after His examination); especially used in the sense justice. (Hebrew (Psalm 45): ***tsedeq***: Righteousness, justice, rightness).

Hated: from the Greek word ***emisesas*** which means: hated; from ***miseo***: to hate, or to detest; (or to love less in a comparative sense). (Hebrew (Psalm 45): ***sane***: hated; To hate, detest, be hostile toward something).

Lawlessness: from the Greek word ***a-nomian*** a noun which means: without-law, lawlessness; disregard for God's law; thus: disobedience, wickedness, iniquity, transgression, sin. (Hebrew (Psalm 45): ***resha***: Wickedness, evil, injustice).

The Lawlessness that Jesus hates is all the sinful things that people do in disobedience and rebellion against God. The righteousness that Jesus loves is His own righteousness, and the righteousness of all people who truly follow Him in obedience. Much of what Jesus taught the people centered on their righteous behavior, which He loves; and their unrighteous sinful behavior, which He hates. Please consider the following teachings of Jesus:

"And Jesus answering said, 'A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he came to the place, and looked on him, passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, **he had compassion on him**, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the next day when he departed, he took out two denarii, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, 'Take care of him; and whatever you spend more, when I come again, I will repay you.' Which now of these three, do you think, was neighbor unto him who fell among the thieves? And he said, '**He who showed mercy on him**'. Then Jesus said unto him, '**Go, and you do likewise.**' ' ' " ([Luke 10:30-37](#))

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“Enter you in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many are those who go in through it. Because narrow is the gate, and difficult is the way, which leads unto life, and few are those who find it. Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, **but inwardly they are ravening wolves**. You shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles? Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree brings forth bad fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that does not bring forth good fruit is cut down, and cast into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you shall know them. Not every one who says unto me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven (shall). Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your Name? And in Your Name (we) have cast out devils? And in Your Name done many wonderful works?' And then will I (Jesus) profess unto them, **I never knew you: depart from Me, you who work iniquity!**" ([Matthew 7:13-20](#))

“And why do you notice the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the log that is in your own eye? And how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me pull out the speck that is in your eye, when you yourself cannot see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first cast out the log out of your own eye, and then you shall see clearly to pull out the speck that is in your brother's eye. For a good tree does not bring forth bad fruit; nor doth a bad tree bring forth good fruit. For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth that which is evil; for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks." ([Luke 6:41-45](#))

Jesus said, “If you continue in My word, then you are My disciples indeed; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” But they answered Him, 'We be Abraham's decedents, and were never in bondage to any man; how can You say, 'You shall be made free?' Jesus answered them, 'Truly, truly, I say unto you, whoever commits sin is the slave of sin. And the slave does not abide in the house forever; but the Son abides forever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.” ([John 8:31-36](#))

“**Blessed are you**, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice you in that day, and leap for joy; for, behold, your reward is great in heaven; for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets. But woe unto you who are rich! for you have received your consolation. Woe unto you who are full! for you shall hunger. Woe unto you who laugh now! for you shall mourn and weep. Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets. But I say unto you who hear, '**Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.**' Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who despitefully use you. And unto him who strikes you on the one cheek offer also the other; and he who takes away your cloak forbid not to take your coat also. Give to every man that asks of you; and of him who takes away your goods do not ask them back-again. And as you would that men should do to you, do you also to them likewise. For if you love those who love you, what thanks have you? For sinners also love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks have you? For sinners also do even the same thing. And if you lend to those of whom you hope to receive-back, what thanks have you? For sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much back-again. **But love your enemies, and do good**, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and you shall be the children of the Highest; for He is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Be you therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.” ([Luke 6:22-36](#))

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Because Jesus Loves Righteousness and Hates Lawlessness He often warned and exhorted people concerning righteousness and lawlessness:

“For I say unto you, 'That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.' ” ([Matthew 5:20](#))

Jesus said, “Therefore, take no thought, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or, 'What shall we drink?' or, 'With what shall we be clothed?' For after all these things do the Gentiles seek; for your Heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek you first the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” ([Matt. 6:31-33](#))

“But I say unto you, 'That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account of it in the Day of Judgment. For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned.” (see Matthew [12:33-37](#))

“And why do you call Me, '[Lord](#), Lord,' and do not the things which I say? Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings, and does them, I will show you to whom he is like: he is like a man who built a house, and dug deep, and laid the foundation on rock; and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it; for it was founded upon rock. But he who hears, and does not (do them), is like a man who without a foundation built a house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.” ([Luke 6:46-49](#))

The apostles of Jesus also made similar warnings and exhortations:

“What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, who followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.” ([Romans 9:30](#))

“For they being ignorant of God's Righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness unto every one who believes.” ([Romans 10:3-4](#))

“In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whoever **does not do righteousness** is not of God, nor he who does not love his brother.” ([1 John 3:10](#))

Jesus, “Who upon Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, **so that we**, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes you are healed.” ([1 Peter 2:24](#))

“Being then made free from sin, you became the slaves of righteousness.” ([Romans 6:18](#))

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**Jesus Loves with pleasure the Righteousness of His disciples !
But He detests disobedience, wickedness, rebellion, and all forms of sin !
To these Jesus will say, 'Depart from Me, you who work iniquity !
For whoever does not do righteousness is not of God !**

**Jesus said, 'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you' !
He also said, 'Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you' !**

Jesus said 'Seek you first the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness' !

**Dear Lord Jesus I pray that I may love Righteousness
and hate Lawlessness Just as You do !!
Reign in me always and always so that I should live unto Righteousness ! Amen!**