

Introduction "Haters Gonna Hate"

1. Giants Fans Hate Dodgers Fans

2. Sorting Out Hate

(1) Hatred - the determination that something and/or someone is evil

1. Human (WTF)

* We can hate things; ideas, sin

Proverbs 8:13 - The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.

Psalms 119:163 - I hate and abhor falsehood, but I love your law.

- We are to hate what God hates

- Love what God loves

* We can't hate people (image bearing)

- Not from Spirit +

Galatians 5:19-20 - Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,

- Makes us Spiritual Imposters

1 John 4:20-21 - If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

- Stirs up rather than settles down

Proverbs 10:12 - Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses.

2. Divine - Does God hate?

Proverbs 6:16 - There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to him:

He hates what destroys what He loves

Zechariah 8:17 - do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath, for all these things I hate, declares the LORD."

- Does God hate people?

John 3:16 - "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. Rom. 5:8 - while we were still sinners

Malachi 1:2-3a - "I have loved you," says the LORD. But you say, "How have you loved us?" "Is not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares the LORD. "Yet I have loved Jacob but Esau I have hated."

Psalms 26:5 - I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

(2) Anger - the emotion created by that determination in the heart

Ecclesiastes 7:9 - Be not quick in your spirit to become angry, for anger lodges in the heart of fools.

(3) Jealousy - hatred orientated towards personal equity

James 4:1-3 - What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

(4) Bitterness - unresolved, long-standing, entrenched hatred Not God!

Ephesians 4:31 - Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Distinguished

Lamentations 3:5 - he has besieged and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation; Long standing

Hebrews 12:15 - See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; Entrenched

(5) Trajectory "I'm not a hateful person"
Anger → Jealousy → Hate → Bitter

I. Mistake #1: We misunderstand equity (v 3-11)

1. Relational inequity (v 3a-4)

- 3 Mistakes in succession
- (1) Joseph was Rachel's firstborn; Rachel died a year before; born late in Jacob's life
 - (2) Rightly or wrongly → special Brothers hated him for being favorite
 - (3) Who has a quality relationship that is eating at you?
 1. Parents
 2. Dating (Married)
 3. Teacher's pet
 4. Boss
 5. Friendships
 6. Church

Ex. 20:17a - "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife..."

(4) Is God enough?

2. Positional inequity (v 3b)

Genesis 35:22a - While Israel lived in that land, Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine. And Israel heard of it...

- (1) Relationship strained and lost birthrights & favor
- (2) Richly ornamented tunic symbolized status
 1. Detail in Hebrew = long-sleeved
- (3) Who in your work, family, or church has the position you want or deserve?

Col. 3:1-2 - If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. [2] Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

3. Spiritual inequity (09-11)

(1) Two dreams, same meaning

(2) I don't think dream itself angered them

1. I think they really believed God was speaking to him & their father's reaction confirmed it

(3) Ever feel like someone has an easier time w/ their faith than you?

1. Preacher?

(4) " " not struggle as much as you have?

1. Rom. 14 & 1 Cor. 8 talk about varying degrees of Christian freedom

2. Position vs. Condition

II. Mistake #2: We misstep with justice (v. 12-34)

1. Human Justice * All justice is social

(1) Our justice is conspiral (v. 12-20, 23-28, 31-34)

1. Our justice is disproportionate
2. Our justice is insatiable
3. Our justice is reverberating

* Death penalty problems

(2) Our justice can be selfish (v. 21-22, 29-30)

1. Our justice is subjective
2. Our justice is myopic
3. Our justice is agenda-driven (Reuben)

2. Divine Justice

(1) God is just

Deuteronomy 32:4 - "The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he."

(2) Ways = proportionate ; objective

(3) Satiabile (Ro. 4:9) ; Cross

(4) In all the ways our justice falls short, this does not

III. Mistake # 3: We misintend to harm (35-36)

1. Haters gonna hate & hurting people gonna hurt (35)

(i) Becoming what we despise (Joseph)

1. More often than not we commit inequity to deal w/ inequity; injustice to broker our justice
2. Hated his positional favor so they put themselves in a favored position by taking his
3. They hated his relational favor, they put themselves in a better relationship, by eliminating his
4. They hated his spiritual favor, they hijacked God's plan for his life, so to speak
5. Racial injustice - we are prejudice against another people group
6. Politics - Love Trumps Hate

(ii) Collateral damage (Jacob)

1. Protests, etc.
2. Who have you hurt in the name of justice?

2. God uses our hate for His joy (v36)

(1) Every perceived injustice has Kingdom implications

Romans 8:28 - And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Genesis 50:20 - As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

1. Can't see it
2. Can't understand it
3. But what would it look like to trust God?
4. Doesn't mean we don't advocate for justice
5. But just means we are unwilling to create injustice to get it
6. We confront it, but trust God of the end.



Conclusion

Seeing Joseph as
Jesus

1. Final Justice - We hated Him

Revelation 21:8 - But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

(1) God will deal w/ all injustice committed against you & against those you love

(2) But a perfectly just God cannot overlook your injustice. He hates it. Hating evil creates justice.

Amos 5:15 - Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

(3) On the cross or in hell

1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2. Bitterness

(1) ... is really angry at God

(2) ... is a denial of God's goodness

(3) ... is harmful to others, including those you love

3. Sufficiency of Christ

2 Cor. 3:5 - Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God,