

Wise Hatred

Proverbs 6:16-19

- God hates in perfect wisdom.
- God hates...
 - pride
 - deceitfulness
 - disregard for life
 - a wicked heart

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Do you believe that hate is a good thing? How should it be framed in order to understand it rightly?
2. Read Proverbs 6:16-19. Why would God hate each specification named? What does this say about who He is?
3. Are you a proud person? What are you prone to be prideful about and how have you given your pride to the Lord?
4. Read James 3:4-5 & 9-10. How should we be using our tongue? Where do we have the most possibility of hurting or blessing with our tongue in our own various contexts?
5. Considering v. 17—specifically the characteristic of “hands that shed innocent blood”—are you grieved, like God (Gen. 4:10-11), when you hear about abortion or the killing of the innocent? I fear it is easy to become numb to this issue, so I desire to bring it to the forefront of our minds.
6. Consider St. Augustine’s reflection of his childhood story where him and his friends stole a basket of pears and tell of a time where you did an evil thing just because of evil itself. This can be from a time you were a child, teenager, adult, pre-Christian, Christian, etc. (If you’re perfect, skip this question).
7. What does it mean for God to hate falsehood in community? How have you seen falsehood impact lives for the worst? How have you seen truth impact lives for the better?
8. Can the cross be really thought of as a wise act of hate?

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