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CAN A CHRISTIAN HATE?

These past few months of lockdowns, masks, lack of various household items, job losses, and loss of income for various reasons has left a lot of people angry. It seems that everyone wants to blame someone other than themselves for what is happening. The hatred that is being manifested throughout the “church” is growing every day.

As a Pastor, I have been preparing those in our ministry for well over 15 years to prepare, prepare, prepare. Not just spiritually, but physically and financially for hard times. Many of those people are not financially able to do much, but they have put away what they could for hard times. God has spoken that there would be hard days coming throughout scripture, and especially in the book of Revelation. Many in the American Church have shrugged it off, believing that God would never bring “America” to its knees. Yet that is exactly what has happened.

Yesterday we learned that our President and his wife have contracted Covid19. I would not wish that on anyone. Many have asked others to pray for him and his wife. Yet, I have seen many posts on social media that actually have said they would hope that he would die. Some of these people actually call themselves “Christians.” I admit that our President does not always do and say what I would like him to do, but he is a baby Christian, and he is a brother. He has been a businessman in the world since he was a youth, made a lot of worldly choices, and *yet God put him in office* as President. (Daniel 2:21). Since he has been in office he has done more for Israel and for Christians than any previous president for decades. Yes, he is crude, but does this give us the right to hate him?

What does the scripture have to say about this? In I John 4:20 it says, ***“If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?”*** There is no room for hatred of mankind in a Christian. We can hate sin, but never hate the sinner. Do you have this kind of hatred of mankind manifesting in your life? If you do, I suggest that you repent. We are also told the greatest gift is love. Love loves the unlovely and prays that they will change. Love draws people to God.

For those haters: The blame game started in the garden of Eden. It didn’t work for Adam and it won’t work for you. We must have pure hearts before God. If we don’t forgive and love others, then God can’t forgive us. He will love us enough to turn us over to the tormentors for our bitter unforgiving choices. That is justice. A merciful God will forgive those with a repentant heart. Can a Christian hate? Yes. A Christian can hate sin, but not a brother.