



HATED BY HIS BROTHERS

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A BIBLICAL STUDY of Genesis 37



STRONG'S HEBREW/GREEK DEFINITIONS



- 1 EVIL (H7451) "Ra'" - *bad or evil; exceedingly*
- 2 REPORT (H1681) "Dibbah" - *slander; as defaming, as an evil report; (private)*
- 3 HATED (H8130) "Sawnay" - *to hate (personally); enemy, foe, (be) hate(ful) x utterly*
- 4 HATED (G3404) "Miseo" - *to detest (espec.) to persecute; by exten. To love less*

THE DEFINITION

The high majority of Hebrew words used for hate are 8130 and the Greek are 3404. The modern day church likes to set its focus alone on the extended meaning of hate, "to love less." This completely diminishes the severity of the actual Hebrew and Greek definitions.

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TEXT OF THE WEEK

*"If ye were of this world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."
- John 15:19*

"Joseph Brought Unto His Father Their Evil Report"

If the brothers hated Joseph, how could they also hate their father by hurting him so deeply with the news of Joseph's disappearance? Is this just a story about an arrogant little brother or one concerning the hatred a child of God must endure?

HATRED CONCERNING THE BROTHERS

1. Read Genesis 37:1-4. Why is the age of Joseph important information? What was the initial cause of the dissention between him and the brothers? How bad was it? (see side column)
 - A. Which of the brothers hated Joseph? Who were their mothers? (Gen. 35:23-26)
 - B. To what former incident is this similar? Gen. 16:1-5; 21:10
2. Jacob was approximately 90 years old when Joseph was born to Rachel (Gen. 30:24) and was more than 100 years old when Benjamin was born. Why did he love Joseph more than all the other children? Gen. 37:3; 29:30
 - Even though Jacob gave him a coat, what could he not give Joseph? Deut. 21:15-17
3. Read the description of the two dreams and compare the response of the brothers to that of Jacob's (Gen. 37:7-11). Why were certain brothers inspired to kill Joseph? vs. 20
 - Is it possible for hatred to intervene with God's sovereign will? Acts 7:8-10

HATRED CONCERNING GOD

4. The modern day church likes to see God only as a God of love and therefore diminishes the actual definition of His hatred to "love less." To whom does God have hatred? Deut. 9:27-29; Psalm 5:4-5; 11:5; Malachi 1:1-4
5. Who are the haters of God? Ps. 81:15; Ro. 1:30ff
6. What should be our attitude toward those that hate God? Ps. 139:21-22

HATRED CONCERNING THE ELECT

7. Will the elect of God be hated? Isaiah 66:5; Matt. 10:22; Luke 21:13-19
8. How did this hatred originate? John 15:16-25
9. What should our attitude be to those who hate us?
 - A. Our brother - I John 2:9-10
 - B. Our enemies - Matthew 5:43-48; Luke 6:22

DISCUSS - If we are not hated by the world, are we of the world?

- As Joseph, do you "bring an evil report" of those with whom you affiliate or do you tolerate the differences?
- Do you love those who hate you as you are called to do? How do we hate those who hate God and love those who hate us?