

FEAR GOD? HATE EVIL!

THE DISTORTION OF LOVE AND THE PROLIFERATION OF EVIL IN AMERICA

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Many view resistance to evil as unloving.

But the truth is love does not negate resistance to evil. True biblical love does not legitimize silence in the face of evil.

Love and resistance to evil are not contrary to one another (*as most of American Christianity wants you to believe*). It is not an either/or. In fact, love most often demands confrontation with evil. Evil must be spoken against – and it must have action taken against it.

Did not the prophets confront the evil of child sacrifice? Did not the prophets confront the evil of idolatry? Did they not confront the evil of kings and tyrants? Of businessmen and churchmen?

Did not Abraham confront the evil of his family being stolen? Did not Asa and Jehoshaphat confront the evil of the sodomites?

Did not Jesus confront the evil of the money-changers? Did not He confront the evil of the scribes and Pharisees? Of the lawyers? Of Herod?

Did not John the Baptist confront the evil of Herod?

Did not Paul confront the evil of the silversmiths exploiting the people with their little silver shrines of Diana? Did he not confront the evil of Elymas?

Did not the early church confront the evil of the colosseum?

Did not Basil confront the evil of infanticide? Did not Amy Carmichael confront the evil of child prostitution in the temples of India?

Did not tens of thousands of Christians confront the evil of abortion by interposing at the doors of America's deathcamps?

To say it is unloving to resist evil becomes an evil in itself.

Such teaching proliferates evil in the land by neutralizing men not to take action against evil. To say we should not resist evil is what is unloving. To say we should never resist evil becomes a treason against God and a betrayal of neighbor.

Biblical love is defined by – yes – *the Bible*. Scripture teaches us what love is – it teaches us how to love God and it teaches us how to love our neighbor. The law and Word of God teach us what is right and wrong – what is good and evil.

If you define “love” outside of Scripture, you can use “love” to justify anything; you can accommodate anything.

And that is what evil men and dupes in our society are doing in order to sell their evil – they peddle it under the guise of “love.”

Biblical love - God's love – is not all-accommodating to *whatever someone wants to be* or all-accommodating to *whatever someone wants to do*. God's love has limits. Biblical love has limits. How do we know love has limits?

Because of the Scriptures themselves.

For example, 1 John 2:15 states: “Do *not* love the world or the things in the world.” That right there “*do not love*” shows biblical love has limits – love is not how the world has defined it as all-accommodating to whatever someone wants to be or wants to do. It goes on to say:

“If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world.”

Love is defined by Scripture and what we are to love and not love is defined by Scripture.

Psalm 97:10 states: “*You who love the Lord – hate evil!*” Love is not all-accommodating. Scripture shows us what we are to love and what we are to hate. God’s law and Word shows us what is right and what is wrong – what is good and what is evil.

God’s Word for example tells us homosexual acts are evil.

So when the world tries to sell such perversion under the guise of love – “*it’s just two people loving each other*” – we have a duty as God’s people to speak against it and act against it.

Many view resistance to evil as unloving. This is the presupposition that fuels the ability for evil to proliferate in the land. And it is taught by the mass majority of pulpits and churchmen in America.

Is it proper to - in the name of love and do not resist evil - to betray the weak to the wicked?

To in the name of love and do not resist evil to expose someone else’s cheek to an attacker?

To in the name of love and do not resist evil allow wicked men to burn down churches, plant atheism, and destroy the nation?

To in the name of love and do not resist evil stand by while children have their genitals mutilated and their minds corrupted?

The truth is – it is precisely love which compels us to resist evil.

The two are not at odds with one another as American Christianity and American society would have you believe. We understand that confronting and opposing evil are acts of love in themselves.

Love for God and love for neighbor are precisely what motivates and compels us to resist evil when it raises its ugly head. We cannot sit by in indifference – blithely chalking it up to our prophesy charts or the sovereignty of God – all used wrongly to justify indifference. Rather, we are bothered when we see His law or Word being impugned by men or the governments of men.

We must speak and we must act – and we can do no other.

Do not allow yourself to be neutralized by this distortion of love by American society. Do not allow the churchmen and Christians of American Christianity to lull you to indifference and complacency when evil is present and harming many.

May Christ be praised.

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