

**No. 14 Loyally Uphold Jehovah's Judgments (Symposium)
 -Hate What Jehovah Hates**

[PLEASE NOTE: This talk includes a video]

JEHOVAH SETS THE STANDARD FOR WHAT IS GOOD AND WHAT IS BAD (3 min.)

Jehovah is our "Judge" and "Lawgiver" (Isa 33:22)

As Sovereign, he sets the standard for what is good and what is bad
(Ge 2:17)

Yet, his laws do not hinder our enjoyment of life (Ge 2:9, 16)

Satan's world promotes a distorted view of morality (Isa 5:20)

The world has watered down the seriousness of such sins as adultery
and homosexuality

If we are not careful, we could gradually adopt the world's lax
attitude toward what is bad

This symposium will help us loyally uphold Jehovah's judgments in
three ways: (1) by hating what Jehovah hates, (2) by maintaining the
right view of unrepentant wrongdoers, and (3) by forgiving ourselves
and others

WHY HATE WHAT IS BAD? (3 min.)

Loyally upholding Jehovah's judgments involves more than avoiding
wrong acts; we must hate what Jehovah condemns [Read Psalm 97:10]

Admittedly, badness may appeal to the fallen flesh

Sexual immorality and pornography, along with tendencies toward
pride and rebelliousness, can be difficult to resist

We learn to "hate every false path" by reflecting on the harm that can
result [Read Psalm 119:104]

This moves us to reject this world's badness (1Pe 4:3, 4)

If we do not hate what is bad, we could eventually give in to
temptation, as is shown in the following dramatization

VIDEO (3 min.)

LOYALLY UPHOLD JEHOVAH'S MORAL STANDARDS (3 min.)

Satan wants to deceive us into abandoning Jehovah's standards

(Ge 3:4-6; 1Ti 2:14)

To protect ourselves, we must align our standards of right and wrong
with Jehovah's standards (Heb 5:14)

Obedience is a matter of loyalty

Meditate on the blessings of remaining loyal as well as the
consequences of a wrong course [Read Proverbs 22:3, 8]

But what is our obligation if another dedicated Christian chooses a
course contrary to the moral standards set by Jehovah?

Brother _____ will now consider the next part of the symposium,

"Loyally Uphold Jehovah's Judgments—Shun Unrepentant Wrongdoers"

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