

No. 46 PUBLIC BIBLE DISCOURSE: When Will Loyal Love Triumph Over Hatred?

[PLEASE NOTE: This talk includes videos]

WHY IS THERE SO MUCH HATRED? (3 min.)

Mankind's history is filled with hatred and violence (Ge 4:8)

Yet, humans are also capable of unselfishness and love

Most humans yearn for peace within their family, with neighbors, and between nations

Why has hatred not yet been eliminated?

The Bible reveals the origin of hatred and violence

God created man free from selfish hatred (Ge 1:27)

Mankind's original condition was one of perfect peace

A wicked spirit creature, Satan, convinced the first human pair to join him in rebellion against God

Much of the hatred and violence, which are reaching a climax in "the last days," are a result of the influence of wicked spirits (2Ti 3:1; Ge 6:1, 4, 11)

The Bible reveals that loyal love will soon triumph completely over hatred

As we shall see, this triumph has already begun

GOD PROMISES RELIEF FROM HATRED (4 min.)

Immediately after the rebellion in Eden, Jehovah God promised to undo all of the harm caused by Satan [Read Genesis 3:15]

[Video crew begins video. While the artwork is displaying, briefly explain the identity of the serpent, the serpent's offspring, and the woman (w11 1/1 10)]

The identity of the *woman's offspring* remained a mystery for thousands of years

During that time, God progressively acted on his promise

For example, God promised Abraham that all nations would be blessed by means of Abraham's offspring (Ge 22:17, 18)

AN ANCIENT NATION FOUNDED ON LOVE (4 min.)

The ancient nation of Israel descended from Abraham

Jehovah formed that nation and provided their laws (Ex 19:5)

Jesus said that the two greatest of those laws were (1) to love God and (2) to love one's neighbor (Mt 22:36-40)

Thus, the nation of Israel was founded on love

Although surrounded by extreme hostility and degraded behavior, the Israelites enjoyed peace and protection when they obeyed Jehovah's laws, proving that love can triumph over hatred (Le 26:3-6)

Jehovah used the nation of Israel to bring forth the foretold offspring, Christ Jesus (Ga 3:16, 24)

JESUS TAUGHT AND DISPLAYED LOYAL LOVE (6 min.)

While on earth, Jesus taught a way of love that has the power to conquer hatred [Read Matthew 5:38-45]

Jesus taught his disciples to love their enemies, to resist provocation, and not to retaliate

His teachings were profoundly different from the common attitudes of his day (g 9/10 10-11; it-1 1043)

Jesus was motivated by love to display unbreakable loyalty

He resisted temptation and endured abuse (Mt 4:1-10; 26:65-67)

By his death, he provided the ransom and began "to break up the works of the Devil" (1Jo 3:8; Mt 20:28; Php 2:7, 8; w98 7/1 11-12 ¶17)
Jehovah permitted Satan to cause Jesus' death, to "strike him in the heel" (Ge 3:15)

God then resurrected Jesus to heavenly life (Php 2:9-11)
Jesus' life, death, and resurrection were great victories of loyal love over hatred

TRUE CHRISTIANS DISPLAY LOYAL LOVE (6 min.)

In his parable of the wheat and the weeds, Jesus foretold that an imitation form of Christianity would arise (Mt 13:24-30, 37-39)

For centuries, false Christianity has displayed extreme hatred and cruelty (w90 2/1 17-19)

Jesus' parable also foretold that true Christianity would be clearly identified at the "conclusion of a system of things" (Mt 13:39)

Among Jehovah's Witnesses worldwide, loyal love is now flourishing; it is triumphing over hatred

True Christians imitate Jesus' love and loyalty

They love God and loyally obey him (1Jo 5:3)

They show love and loyalty to one another (Joh 13:34, 35)

As a result, they enjoy peace with one another, within their families, and with their neighbors

VIDEO (2 min.)

LOYAL LOVE WILL SOON TRIUMPH COMPLETELY (4 min.)

We invite all to join us in practicing true Christianity

Why take action without delay?

Worsening world conditions fulfill Bible prophecy, indicating that the end of this system is near (Mt 24:3-14; 2Ti 3:1-5)

Soon Jesus will abyss "the original serpent," Satan, for 1,000 years (Re 20:2)

Millions who died as victims of hatred will then be resurrected

Finally, Jesus will crush Satan's head, destroying him and his offspring forever, as foretold at Genesis 3:15

God's sovereignty will be vindicated; all harm caused by Satan will be undone; mankind will enjoy an eternity of peace

Loyal love will indeed have triumphed completely over hatred!

TO BE COVERED IN 29 MINUTES

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