

## **WHEN YOU LOVE THE LORD**

### **PSALM 119: 113-128**

Introduction:

What relationship does love have to hate and fear when your God is the subject? Can love and hate be found in the same heart? Our over-emphasis on love has pretty much eliminated hate and fear, but this young Old Testament saint included all three in his commitment to the Lord. He loved the Lord, hated the false way, and feared the Lord—all at the same time.

Our failure to include all three may explain some of our problems. I suspect that the young Hebrew provides us with a better model for holy living than our weak anemic form of commitment.

#### **I. YOU AVOID COMPROMISE WITH EVIL.**

Hate is a strong word. It indicates that there is no room for compromise with these things that are hated.

1. You despise compromisers.

“I hate the double-minded”.

2. You despise false ways.

“I hate every false way.”

#### **II. YOU FEAR DISPLEASEING HIM.**

1. You know the fate of those who displease Him.

“You reject all those who stray from your statutes, for their deceit is falsehood. You put away all the wicked of the earth like dross; Therefore I love Your testimonies.”

2. You fear the Lord.

“My flesh trembles for fear of You, and I am afraid of Your judgments.”

### III. YOU SEEK HIS HELP IN PLEASING HIM.

1. Uphold me according to Your word (v. 116)

2. Hold me up (v. 117)

3. Deal with Your servant according to your mercy (v. 124)

4. Give me understanding (v. 125)