"Are there few that be saved?" Lk. 13:23.

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"Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate." Lk. 13:23-24.

"Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat; Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Mat. 7:13-14.

BANG! "Beware of false prophets" – i.e., who tell you otherwise. Mat. 7:15.

Beware of false prophets who tell you that God loves everyone – every individual of mankind – equally and unconditionally; and who tell you the concomitant lie: that God hates the sin, but loves the sinner. Right here the battle lines are drawn between God's truth and Satan's lies, where the wars of the Lord are fought – also known as the quarrel of the covenant and the battle of Canaan. Anybody preaching that God loves everybody and God hates the sin but loves the sinner – is a false prophet headed for Hell.

Billy Graham had his syndicated column in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer newspaper last Tuesday, July 25, in which he argued again that God loves everyone equally and unconditionally, "but you need to let him", he said; adding that "God hates the sin, but loves the sinner." That column, standing alone, is enough to damn Graham's soul to Hell.

The great mass of all mankind from Adam to now are already in Hell. Teeming billions – tormented with fire and brimstone day and night. Every day, millions more join them in Hell. Every day! Does God love those millions whom He casts into Hell every day? Does He love those billions already in Hell? Even as He torments them with fire and brimstone – and the smoke of their torment ascending up forever and ever and they have no rest day nor night? Rev. 14:11. If you believe that, you are one silly goose. The redeemed are, indeed, a great multitude from every nation, kindred, tongue and tribe (Rev. 7:9) – but they are relatively few, compared to the number of the damned, who number in the billions.

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It will be a great and terrifying surprise to them – when they learn authoritatively that Billy Graham, et al., lied to them about election and reprobation. Lk. 13:24–28: "One said, Are there few saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate; for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are; Then shall ye

begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. (Psa. 5:5: "Thou hatest all workers of iniquity."). There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye - (Christ looking at crowd and saying in effect, Ye are going to Hell) - shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out."

Mat. 7:21-23: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Psa. 5:5: "Thou hatest all workers of iniquity."

"I know you not...depart from me ye workers of iniquity." Lk. 13. "I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Mat. 7. To know with approbation and favor. Election/reprobation. Rom. 8:29: "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

This is the faith that was once and for all delivered to the saints, and for which we must earnestly contend, For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace (election/reprobation) of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God (absolute sovereign), and our Lord Jesus Christ. Jude 3-4.

This is that faithful word that we must hold fast. Titus 1:9-11: "Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers." This is that hope that is in us, that we must give a solid reason for when asked. 1 Pet. 3:15: "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

All must know that we are set for the defense of this doctrine of grace (i.e., election/reprobation) – Phil. 1:17 – and that our feet are shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace – i.e., able at instant notice to expound the twin doctrines of election and reprobation in a powerful and skillful way. Eph. 6:15.

Those who deny that God hates people — and not just their sins — are either deliberately deceitful for lucre, or so Bible dumb as to have zero credibility.

Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. Thou hatest all workers of iniquity. The abhorred of the Lord shall fall. God despises their image.

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God still loves you, but you need to let Him

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By DR. BILLY GRAHAM SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR DR. GRAHAM: Does God hate us when we do something wrong? I've grown up thinking this must be true, but a friend of mine says I'm wrong. What do you think? -- P.G.

DEAR P.G.: You may have heard the old expression that "God hates the sin, but He loves the sinner" -and it's true. Even when we turn our backs on Him and deliberately refuse to do what is right, He still loves us and is ready to forgive us.

After all, the Bible tells us that we are all sinners, and we only deserve God's judgment as a result. But if God hated us as well as our sin, He wouldn't have sent His only Son into the world to die for our sins and bring us into His family. In other words, if He hated us, He wouldn't have bothered to provide a way for us to be saved. But He did! The Bible says, "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

But don't misunderstand me. Sin is very serious in God's eyes; it is so serious that it took the death of His Son to make our forgiveness possible. If we persist in our sins and refuse to turn to God, however, we have no reason to expect His forgiveness, and in the end we will be lost. The Bible warns, "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth" (Romans 1:18).

God loves you; He loves you so much that He wants you to spend all eternity with Him in Heaven. But have you ever responded to His love by committing your life to Christ? Don't let another day go by without Him, but by a simple prayer of faith ask Him to come into your life and cleanse you from your sins.

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