

Despising or Loving God's Soul:

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Standing

on the premise God's glory or essence is His infinite wisdom, infinite moral perfection (heart)[1] and infinite happiness I will press forward. To say what God's glory is even more simplified would be to say: God is an infinitely glorious soul. This is who God is. Furthermore, God is Spirit. He does not have a body. He is an invisible infinite Spirit or soul. He is infinite energy in one constant unstoppable motion. He is, The Infinite Existence, as His Name Yahweh describes. This is why Yahweh's glory, or His essence, or that He being an invisible Spirit or Soul means He is: infinite wisdom, holiness and happiness itself. When conceiving of God's many sundry and wonderful attributes they can all be traced back to these three, or back to the core of His infinitely glorious Soul

This means Yahweh's wisdom or moral perfection such as justice or mercy is not an aspect of who He is; it is His complete Soul. For example you can properly say my attitude or legs, or spirit, or body, or soul, or thoughts, particular actions are aspects of who I am. This is because we are finite and therefore made up of parts. Consider when a person dies that they are removed from their physical body. But they are still whole enough so that they are still fully themselves. For the saints who have died are right now in heaven enjoying the rays of Christ and are called by Name. But this is not so with Yahweh. He is infinite knowledge, holiness and happiness itself; and therefore, wisdom, justice and mercy is not aspects of God but is God. God is the Infinite Existence, because He is infinite in His knowledge, moral heart and happiness. This is why He is an invisible Spirit not needing a body. Infinity cannot be stopped, cannot be contained.

This is to say God's love, or wisdom or happiness is His power itself. Power is not properly an aspect or individual attribute of God as it is His moral perfection, knowledge and happiness being an unstoppable force itself, because they are infinite. Infinite desire is infinite power! Infinite love or infinite knowledge is infinite power. [2] IF God desires something this desire of God is infinity itself, but infinity cannot be stopped; therefore God's desire itself as infinity reaches out and actually makes His want reality. God's wisdom is this power; God's moral perfection is His power; God's happiness is His power itself. This is why God does not need a body. Mankind being finite needs to be visible and needs a body to cause our thoughts, our moral pleasures and choices to be reality. Our desires have no great power. Our physical body is the power or aspect, which expresses our minds and thoughts. Yet God is not so limited. Yahweh's desires are infinite, and therefore, power or causality itself. Yahweh is on a whole other level here compared to all creation and creatures no matter how great they appear.

This has a particular application to which I want to focus on. By despising a particular part of God's justice or wisdom or love is to despise Himself, or His soul itself. I might dislike an aspect of a person's physical appearance (such as a scar) or personality and still not dislike them or their soul. This is so because man being finite accordingly and truly has many parts. Therefore, you can dislike one part but love the vast majority and so properly say you do not dislike them but love them. But this cannot be applied to God.

God is an invisible infinite soul. Yahweh is not made up of parts as finite creatures, for His is infinite. A true Infinite (not a mathematical infinite) cannot be made up of parts, for that would be contradiction. A true infinity without beginning or end, eternal and the necessary cause cannot be made up of parts. To say an infinite amount of parts makes up this true infinity is nonsense and irrational. For all you would have is a great number of parts, but not the infinity which is the necessary cause. For parts are not causes but effects.[3] An infinite thing cannot be comprised of parts. No matter its size it is as far from being infinite as a speck of dust. An infinite untold number of galaxies are as close to infinite as a single pebble. Saturn, which is made up of many parts, is as close to infinite as a speck of dust is. But God is a true infinite.

Because God is not made up of parts everything He does is Himself and not merely aspects of Himself. What God does is not an expression of His hands, for He has none. To say it in a negative way, God is nothing more than an infinite glorious Soul. All what He does is nothing more than a perfect expression of His infinite Soul. Therefore, what Yahweh expresses of Himself are not aspects of Himself but a perfect expression of His Soul. What God does is not an expression of parts of Himself like creatures do, but an expression of His infinite Soul. What Yahweh does is a full expression of Himself.

Justice for example is not one part of God it is God. Because God is infinite wisdom, moral justice, love, goodness, and happiness these are not parts but one essence or one seamless energetic motion. His Infinite wisdom, moral perfection and happiness is one perfect infinite Soul.

This is similar to how God is 3 Persons, but is still one Being or essence. The 3 Persons of the Trinity are so much the same; they are One. Finite is always made up of parts. True Infinity can only be made up of one. God's is an infinite Soul; or that His justice and wisdom and happiness are in essence one seamless infinite soul or energy.

As light has many colors yet is one essence of light this is somewhat how it is with God. Light is light, but naked to the visible eye are many glorious colors, which a prism will manifest. Still light is finite; God is infinite so that He cannot be divided.

Yet Ephesians 2:4 appears to show that from God's love, mercy flows out. So that in a sense as colors are distinct within light and can individually be more displayed as parts so can God's soul. Mercy, justice, wisdom, and delights of God can be seen, in a sense, as parts of God's soul. But on the ultimate sense beneath God's displaying His mercy or justice or whatever individual attribute is the rest of His infinite soul acting as one seamless perfect motion. Within God's decision to show mercy is infinite wisdom, infinite moral goodness, and His infinite happiness as one perfect act. God does not arbitrarily make a choice or perform an action. Behind every action of displaying His soul, even if it seems it is just one aspect is His soul, it is His total soul working as one motion. See, as finite humans we often make choices of mercy or evil without a thought of wisdom behind it. Therefore, much of what we do is not a true full expression of us. God is not so limited or foolish. Beneath every action is God's infinite wisdom, infinite moral goodness, and infinite happiness. Therefore, whatever Yahweh does, whatever attribute is display: it is in a true sense a perfect expression of His total infinite and glorious Soul.

Therefore, there is not the option to despise or dislike one part of God and love the rest, for that is a contradiction: that is impossible. Fools talk in this irrational and evil manner. It is a lie and impossible to say, I dislike the aspect of God's justice in predestining but love the rest of God's actions and goodness. It is evil and irrational because the justice of God in election and predestining is not an aspect of Him: it is Himself! If you dislike God's justice you dislike God's Soul, for this justice is His Soul; there is no other option. Justice is not one part or aspect of God it is God; it is the true expression of His infinite soul!

Approaching the end of his letter, Paul in Romans 11, sums up God's justice, goodness and sovereignty to predestine as a loving praise of His wisdom. If you dislike God's wisdom in this then you despise God Himself, for His wisdom, which is His infinite Soul, is God Himself. For this wisdom is a true and perfect expression of His glorious Soul. This wisdom is not an expression of His hand or just one aspect of God, but is the true express of His total Soul. So if dislike His wisdom you dislike God's Soul. But if you love God's wisdom here, if you love His moral justice here, if you love is sovereign happiness to do what He wants here, then you love God's Soul or Himself. For this is who God is to us, His glorious Soul on display for us to love and enjoy in Christ!

The question facing us in light of this is straightforward: do we love God? Jesus Christ Himself answers what this looks like in Mark 12:30, "you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." This is the first commandment." I have said this before but I believe it bears repeating. The Greek word for love in this verse, which Jesus Christ spoke, is mostly dealing with the affection, inclination or emotional part of what love is. It is referring to what has first place in your desires, or what do you long for the most. It is right that in context of other Christians this Greek word means strong friendship. But it means strong friendship out of great affection, desire and inclination. Therefore, when Jesus Christ gives the world His first commandment it is simply to desire, long for and be contented with God Himself, as first place and strongest above all.

Do you dear reader feel love for God in your heart above all others? Is He first in your affections and emotions? If so then use all your mind, life and strength to express this deep warm affection that you say you have for Him, if indeed you speak the truth?

Therefore, to love God is not a religious acting. Hypocrites live in this way. We must seek what is true religion, what is real. Here we learn what is true religion.

When we see God's creation, which is nothing more than the perfect[4] expression of His infinitely glorious soul we must love, desire and have strongest affections for this beauty we are beholding, for this is the beauty of His total Soul and not one aspect of God. When we see God's mercy displayed on the cross in Christ's precious bloodshed for us we must see this as a perfect expression of God's infinite soul. Whereas creation is a perfect expression of God's infinite soul, Jesus Christ in the gospel is also as perfect expression of God's infinite but as much, much more. See, as creation is a candle perfectly expressing light, Jesus Christ in the gospel is a sun perfectly expressing light. Both express properly what light is, but the sun and Jesus Christ abundantly and boundlessly does much more. Jesus Christ being God Himself expresses God's Soul even infinitely more than creation's beauty does. Furthermore, when we see God's justice in the damnation of sinners and choosing not to elect or save all mankind we must see this as a perfection expression of God's infinitely beautiful Soul and love Him, for this is Him and not a part of Him. You hate this you hate God's Soul. For indeed all true Christians will love God's soul properly. Even the sweetest grandmother who could not even lift a finger to harm a fly will sing with the saints the song in the beginning of Revelation 19. She will do so because Justice is a true expression of God's Soul and all saints love God's Soul.

I am afraid of much of my modern preaching counter parts for I hear so little of what it really means to love God. Loving God is (1) beholding His infinitely beautiful Soul and (2) feeling overflowing happiness, desire, affection and intellectually delight and then (3) finally consummating this in praises, worship and thanksgiving. I am afraid so many who profess Christ as God and savior have flipped the first and second command around in their importance. Fulfilling the second command is not fulfilling the first commandment! So many miss this glaring point. This is why these commandments are separated, because they are separate actions in the ultimate sense, although with some overlap. To love God is to place the cream and best and fullest of your affections and admirations personally to Him in faith, meditations, prayers and praises. Do you love God?

How many look at the scriptures not for promotion of their dreams, wealth or families, but look there hoping to only have a glance of an infinitely beautiful Soul whose Name is Yahweh and His Son Jesus Christ the lord? Who searches the scriptures daily in hopes to see God's infinite wisdom, mercy, justice, goodness, helpfulness, hatred of sin and sinners, kindness, thoughtfulness, vengeance, humbleness and love knowing all of these are perfect expressions and exhibitions of His glorious soul? Who is willing to be a fool in order to fall at the foot of the cross seeing the blood, the horror and weakness and cry out, Save Me! Who is willing to denounce that all their ideas of what is beauty and wisdom as less than worthlessness and crawl to God asking Him to show them what true glory, beauty and wisdom is by showing His infinite soul displayed in Jesus Christ?

Those who are not accustomed to loving God's infinite Soul by faith now, in Jesus Christ, will not see it in full sight in heaven. Where upon this dividing line, dear reader, do you stand? God knows. Do you see an area in your life where it is plain God's sovereignty has placed you in suffering for His Name? Do you despise this? Do not fool yourself for in reality you dislike God's Soul do you not? For this is a displaying of His Soul. Repent and love Him instead. Do you see in God's sovereignty where He could make fighting certain temptations easier for you, but does not, because He is testing you? Do you despise this? Is it not because you despise His sovereignty and so despise His Soul? A total hypocrite is an unbeliever and will be condemned to the second death. But a saint (particularly immature saints) while still on earth will have some hypocritical areas in their life. If they repent and turn from their sin they show they are indeed a saint. Those who do not, openly display before the sight of heaven and men they are properly and thoroughly hypocrites.

Repent and turn to the cross where God's blood was poured out for our sin. There, for all, is an infinite ocean of grace for those who are only but willing to dive in with faith and enjoy its refreshment.

Therefore, take heart for in displaying His Soul, in Christ Jesus in the gospel, God as displayed His is rich in mercy for all who are willing to receive Him as their everything. To God be glory forever, Amen!

[1] This moral perfection I will also call Holiness or God's heart, for they are the same thing in essence.

[2] One way to see this is when you hear someone say, for example, during a boxing match, he is fighting on spirit or heart along right now. The physical body is expended of its power but the spirit of the man is somehow fueling it with an unseen power. This is similar when a person is mortally wounded and is only hanging onto life by the power of their spirit. The body can be tired but by an uplifted spirit, heart or mind the body can be empower beyond what it is normally capable of.[2] In this we see how even our own invisible inner soul has energy to it. But the Holy Spirit is an infinite heart, if you would, which is to say He is infinite energy and power itself. He thinks and it is done, He desires and it is accomplished. Job 34:14-15, "If He should set His heart on it, all flesh would perish together." & Zechariah 4:6, "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," Says the LORD of hosts."

[3] That is to say ultimately all parts (even ones which are causes in some capacity) are effects themselves and not a true cause.

[4] Creation is tainted with corruption but it is our command and our joy to see the beauty of God left shining through and admire Him, for it is the beauty of His soul you see! It is God you see.