Zionophobia: Love for God Is Expressed by Keeping His Commandments; Those Who Reject Truth Believe the Lie as Truth & Then Sell It to Others, Jere 17:5

- 8. These principles are brought out in several passages such as John 14:15, 21; 15:10; 1 John 5:2-3; and 2 John 6.
  - John 14:15 "If you keep on loving Me [personally: 3rd class condition: maybe you will, maybe you won't], you will keep guard over My commandments that you possess."
  - John 14:21 -"The one who keeps on guarding My commandments which he possesses and obeys them is the one who loves Me [ personally ]. And the one who loves Me personally will be loved by My Father personally, and I will love him personally and make Myself known to him."
- 9. Note that love for God is a mental attitude, a disposition, a paradigm based on loyalty to the Word of God. We demonstrate this love by applying it in thought, decision, and action. Loyalty to the Word reveals inner integrity and is manifest as honor.
- 10. However, one cannot keep His commandments if he does not know them. Therefore, personal love for God increases with one's spiritual growth.
  - John 15:10 "If [ 3CC ] you keep guard over My commandments which you possess, you will remain in My personal love; just as I have kept quard over My Father's commandments, and remain in His personal love."
  - Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born from God and whoever personally loves the Father unconditionally loves the one who has been born of the Father.
  - v. 2 -By this we have come to know that we keep on loving the children of God unconditionally by loving God personally and executing His mandates.
  - v. 3 -For this is personal love for God, that we keep on executing His commandments and these commandments are not difficult.
  - This is virtue love: that we keep walking in compliance with His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should keep walking in virtue love.
- 11. In verse 12 we find that the reason they are condemned is "because they have not believed the truth." "Truth" is the dative of disadvantage of the indirect object:
  - ἀλήθεια, alētheia the three categories of divine revelation: (1) the Gospel, (2) the establishment code which develops nationally into cultural traditions regarding the standards of an ordered society, and (3) the spiritual code which develops within the individual soul regarding the standards of Christian integrity.
- 12. It is to the disadvantage of the unbeliever who rejects numbers one and two and of the believer who rejects numbers two and three.
  - 2 Thessalonians 2:12 -... in order that they all might be condemned because they have not believed the truth ...



- 1. What a person believes is a matter of his own volitional choice. If he changes his beliefs it is because he has decided to do so. A change of one's beliefs is the result of an alteration of thought due to the inculcation of new information into the mentality of the soul.
- 2. This is where the scrum of the Invisible War occurs. Truth is communicated by grace and is accepted by faith. On the other hand the lie is communicated by means of duplicity and deceit in the form of propaganda and is accepted as true because of ignorance, negative volition, or a number of dispositions associated with the lust patterns of the soul.
- 3. The lie can be accepted by one's faith in the source of the information. The Lord addresses this problem in:

Jeremiah 17:5 -Thus says the Lord, "Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind and makes flesh his strength, and whose heart turns away from the Lord."

4. Properly presented, children will learn the lie by placing their faith in false teachers. The Lord addresses this problem in:

Matthew 18:6 - But if anybody causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to be offended it would be more advantageous for him to have a huge millstone around his neck and to be drowned in the deepest part of the sea.