

REFLECTIONS OF THE FATHER'S HEART

[Exhortations From The Father]

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* Hatred in ANY of its forms [*offense, unforgiveness, unwholesome words, self-exaltation etc.*] both "defiles" and "blinds" one's spirit [*inner man*].

"hatred" - extreme aversion or hostility to someone or something; intense dislike; contempt;

"defile" - to make foul or dirty; pollute; to tarnish or sully the brightness of [*in this case, referring to the Enemy's attempt to afflict one's spirit {inner man}*];

.... "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you".... Matthew 5:44 NASB

.... "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give [*impart*] Grace to those who hear [*including themselves*]".... Ephesians 4:29 NASB

.... "and while being reviled, He [*Jesus*] did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously".... 1 Peter 2:23 NASB

.... "If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you".... 1 Peter 4:14 NASB

THEREFORE

.... "Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, [*by*] perfecting holiness in the fear [*reverence*] of God [*thus allowing Him to expel {displace} every last ground of fear {unrighteousness, hatred}*]".... 2 Corinthians 7:1 NASB