

Haters
John 9:24-34
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Thesis: I want to show the problem with being a “hater”.

- Intro:
1. Unfortunately, there have always been those who will dislike others unfairly.
 2. This has been the case since Cain & Abel.
 3. What can we learn from “haters”? That’s what we want to find out today.

I. What do we mean by “haters”?

A. Hater defined

1. A person who has an intense dislike for another person or thing
2. A person who thrives on showing hate toward, criticizing or belittling other people or things, usually unfairly

B. The actions of haters are illogical and unbiblical.

1. Those who hate others are often cruel (**Gen 4:8**)
2. They often hate because they seek their own will above all others (**Phil 2:3-4**)

II. Examples of haters

A. The Pharisees (**John 9:13-34**)

1. These men on numerous occasions were unwilling to see the truth (**Jn 9:27**)
2. They saw with their own eyes and then said false and illogical things about Christ (**Mt 9:32-34**)

B. The Scribes

1. They were haters who tried to bind their traditions on Christ (**Mk 7:1-9**)

C. Chief Priests and Elders

1. They bullied others to do as they wanted (**Mt 27:17-18,20**)

III. Lessons for us today.

A. Haters, hate for no justifiable reason

1. Words of unjustified anger and jealousy often are the tools the hater thrusts upon the blameless (**Ps 109:1-5**)
2. Such illogical and ungodly attitudes are not pleasing to God.

B. Haters will stand condemned at the judgment

1. Make no mistake, such individuals will be condemned for such unrighteous, illogical and unloving actions and attitudes (**Pro 26:24-27**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. The kind, considerate, and the just are pleasing to God, these stand in opposition to the attributes of haters.
2. One would be wise to examine himself to make sure you are not a “hater” of good or of the godly.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9