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Luke 14:25-27, 33

INT:

PARADOX: Seemingly contradictory statement which is true in fact. Play on words. Keen interest-getter. Sounds strange coming from Son of the God of Love. Oriental word with oriental meaning, oriental setting. Jews knew what He meant; We can too with little study.

I. PRINCIPLE OF THE PARADOX EXPLAINED.

A. Play on the word HATE: Means to "love less."

B. Paradox points out two avenues open to man today.

1. Love earthly ties so strong, this love interferes with obedience and service to Christ.2. Love Christ so intensely, it demands rejection of *(Heavenly ties)* earthly ties - if necessary to please God. *Bluff!*

C. Suggests two possible rewards also.

1. Love world and get only world's temporal rewards.2. Love Jesus and get only Heaven's eternal reward.II. LOVING-HATERS ILLUSTRATED. They love earthly ties most.A. Sentimental preachers. Unfit for the pulpit.

1. "Just kills me to hurt anyone's feelings." G. 4:16.

2. "Love people too much to hurt them." Matt. 15:13-14.

3. Simple truth, taught in love, will not hurt honest men. Eph. 4:15. *True test in results!*B. Molly-Coddling Parents. Unfit to rear children.

(Prov. 22:15) 1. "Just can't whip my child-remember my childhood."

2. "Love child too much to make him go to B. S. and to church. Results if hate him? Prov. 29:15.*EXTREME:* 3. "Don't want to warp my darling's disposition by inhibiting his little personality." Prov. 22:6.a. *Ill.* Dr. Ken McFarland: "Our little girl turned out to be a common beatnik. Nation: Psy-maniacs. *SUPER-PERMISSIVENESS!*C. Sentimental Sinners. Unfit for the kingdom.1. "If I obey Christ, condemn my parents." *FALSE!!!!*(Phil. 2:12) a. Who made your life standard of judgement?b. Who made you the judge of souls? Matt. 7:1.c. Who else can be an example before them? M. 5:16.III. HATING-LOVERS ILLUSTRATED. These put Heavenly ties firstA. CHRIST under pressure to love Jews most. Don't hurt!

1. Love warned them of wrath to come. M. 23:33-34.

2. Love lamented their sinful state. M. 23:37-38.

3. Results of His plea: Salvation if heeded.

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- B. **PAUL** hated both Jew and Gentile. (loved less)
1. Rom. 1:14-16. Wanted to please God & **help** men.
 2. Phil. 3:7-8. Forsook family, fame & fortune. **Sal.**
- C. **GEO. WYSONG** hated his wife and own life.
1. Lost job. Depression. \$3 after gro. Do? **1939**
 2. Gave all to church!!! Wife berated him!!!
 3. Got job on Monday, held 26 yrs. **t.o.c.**
 4. Today wife expects less love: **God still first!**

INV: What do you love more than Christ today? This is wrong!
 We hate Christ when we love Him less.
 Heart can only be right with God when you **hate all in this world by loving Christ most.**

[Faint, mostly illegible text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. Some words like "Loving Christ" and "hate" are visible.]