The Hatred Of God
Prov. 6:16-19

Introduction:
A. We love to talk about the love of God — and rightly so.
   1. His love of the world. (John 3:16)
   2. His love for sinners. (Rom. 5:8)
   3. He loved us first. (1 John 4:19)
B. We need to think about the hatred of God.
   1. Several things that the Bible says that God hates.
   2. Narrow our study to three things that have a profound effect our lives as Christians:

Discussion:

I. Discord Among Brethren (Prov. 6:16-19).
   A. God hates each thing in own right, yet first six contribute to seventh. (vs. 16-19).
   B. Some others who sow seeds of discord among brethren:
      1. False teachers (2 Pet. 2:1,2; Rom. 16:17,18; Gal. 2:5)
      2. Those “obsessed with disputes.” — morbid interest in controversy (1 Tim. 6:3-5).
         a. Some have phobia of controversy.
         b. Others have a morbid interest in controversy.
      3. Otherwise sound people sometimes sow discord
         a. By too little forbearance, longsuffering and patience (Eph. 4:1-4; Rom 15:1-3).
         b. By an unwillingness to yield for sake of peace without sacrificing own purity. (Jas. 3:17,18).
         c. By uncontrolled tongue and contentious spirit (Prov. 26:20,21)
         d. By not dealing with divisive men (Tit. 3:10; Rom. 16:17,18).

II. Digression From The Lord (Jer. 44:3,4).
   A. Into false worship.
      1. False objects of worship (Duet. 16:22; Jer. 44:1-5).
      2. False items of worship (Mt. 15:9; Lev. 10:1,2).
      3. False attitudes in worship (Matt. 15:8; John 4:24)
   B. Into false doctrine. (Rev. 2:6,15; 2 John 9-11).

III. Divorce Of One's Companion (Mal. 2:14-16).
   A. Divorce, itself, is a sin against God’s law.
      1. It breaks the sacred marriage covenant (v. 14; cf. Rom. 1:31 kjv, asv)
      2. It violates God’s law from the beginning. (Matt. 19:3-8).
      3. It unlawful even if it does not lead to remarriage (Note perversion of. 1 Cor. 7:10,11).
   B. Divorce usually leads to more sin.
      1. By leading to adulterous marriages (Matt. 19:9; 5:32).
      2. By creating hardships for many innocent people.

Conclusion:
C. God loves us enough to save us, if we will turn from sin to him.
D. God hates sin, in all its forms, will punish the impenitent guilty.