

1 John 4:20

by John Gill

The sermon emphasizes that genuine love for God is inseparable from love for others, highlighting the contradictions in claiming faith without love.

Scripture: Matthew 22:39, John 13:34, 1 John 4:20

Topics: "Love for Others", "Authentic Faith"

Description

John Gill emphasizes the contradiction in claiming to love God while harboring hatred for one's brother, asserting that such a profession is false and impossible. He explains that love for God is inherently linked to love for others, as one cannot genuinely love an unseen God without loving those who are seen and in need. Gill highlights the importance of compassion and respect for our fellow humans as a reflection of our relationship with God, making it clear that true love for God manifests in our actions towards others.

Transcript

Ver. 20. If a man say I love God, and hateth his brother,... Than which profession nothing can be more contradictory, not black and white, or hot and cold in the same degree:

he is a liar; it is not truth he speaks, it is a contradiction, and a thing impossible:

for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen; his person, which might have drawn out his affection to him; and something valuable and worthy in him, which might have commanded respect; or his wants and distresses, which should have moved his pity and compassion:

how can he love God whom he hath not seen? it cannot be thought he should; the thing is not reasonable to suppose; it is not possible he should; See Gill on "1Jo 4:12".

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