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The attitude of the world today is one of denying the existence of evil. Nobody should be put into prison for drunkenness any more. It is a disease. He should be put in a hospital. Look of the case where you read of some terrible, brutal thing that is done. You find 3 times out of 4 he's out on parole! He has convicted before and has been released. Let him out to kill somebody else. We must be kind to the individual, we must give all our sympathy to him and not think of the other people who will be injured by him, and not think of the principles of God's law that he has broken, and attacked and defied. The Bible says, Do not I hate them O Lord that hate thee. Am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? I hate them with perfect hatred. I count them mine enemies."

What is this perfect hatred? How can your hatred be perfect? Jesus said, Let not the sun go down upon your wrath. Wrath if you think of it as a proper anger against that which is wrong and wicked is a right thing. But if you think of wrath as a thing it is very easy for all of us to fall into, it is not only a wrong thing. It is an injurious thing to ourselves as well as to others. You get the average man all upset about something and angry, and he becomes futile. He becomes unable to act reasonably. He's entirely at the mercy of those who want to destroy him. He loses all sense when he becomes angry. Hatred, the wrong sort of hatred does that to the people who have it. It makes them utterly unreasonable and ready to strike out against anybody.

But perfect hatred is a hatred that realizes that something is wicked, wrong, that it is not according to God's law, and then calmly and definitely to do something about it. It is a hatred that involves a strong, thorough attitude of opposition to that which is contrary to God's will, but an opposition which does not prevent us from praying for the individuals who have fallen prey to this. Praying for them, and helping them as human beings, even being personally friendly with them, but being very careful that this personal friendship does not make them (us) in some way partakers of their evil deeds. A perfect hatred is a calm hatred; it is not an excited hatred. /A hatred == It is not a hatred