

There Is A Time To Hate! Eccles. 3:8

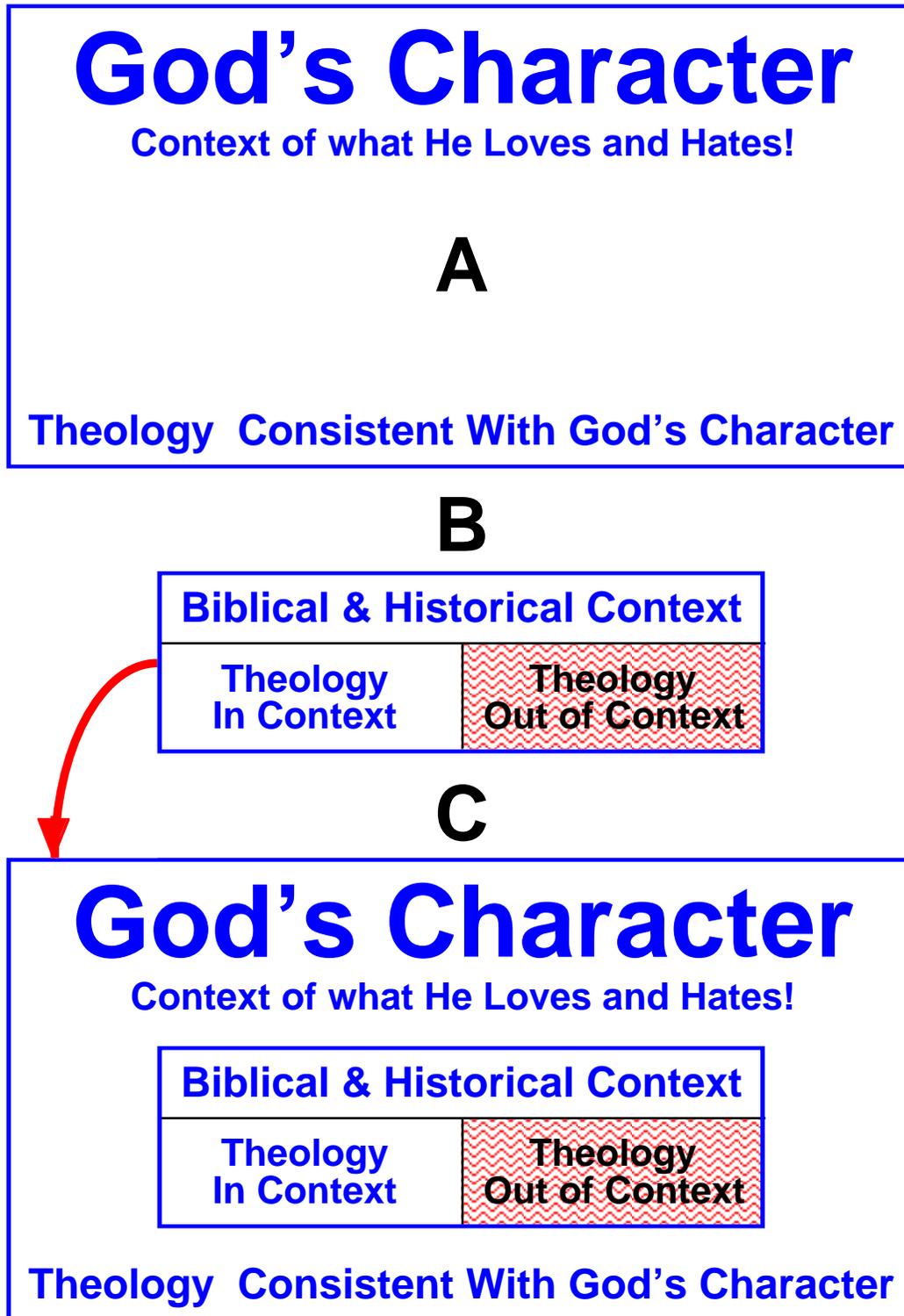
Fast forward 18 years from now and ask yourself how the child of the 34-year old Manhattan woman who aborted his twin siblings will feel when he finds out the truth of her actions. Will he feel that his mother truly loved him or that he was just the lucky fetus? What if his mother had wanted two? Would she have chosen the twins over him? Now think about a child whose mother carried to term and then gave up to adoption. He was told his mother chose to give him life because of her love, but was unable to raise him as her own child. Perhaps these young men will meet in college and compare their mother's love someday. Who will say their mother had the *greatest* love? The selfish interests of one woman were interrupted by the reality of three babies and a future lifestyle different than what she had planned. She hated the idea of a life focused on motherhood and three children.

Childbirth is not the time for anyone to hate; it is a time to rejoice over “the children whom God has graciously given.” However, there is a time to hate and God's Word makes that fact abundantly clear. You should hate what God hates. HE hates the shedding of innocent blood and the killing of children either in the womb or out of the womb. No one can deny the clear Bible references that prohibit abortion unless they are among those who Jesus does not know. Do you know God's Son? If you do, you should also know God and that HE expects us to hate all forms of evil.

My friend Dean said: “It's a paradox. You are actually loving when you hate what God hates.” Indeed, love should be genuine and part of that genuine love is to hate what is evil and to hold fast to what is good.

“Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good.” Romans 12:9 NRSV

The “A” exegesis graphic below takes into account the character of God. Many doctrines are limited to the *Biblical and Historical* context “B.” Because that approach fails to take into account what God loves and hates, it yields false doctrines such as claiming the Bible supports abortion or trying to say that the Bible is silent on the subject. Model “C” places “B” into the context of “A.” Only with this model can you discern God's truth.



Myth—Abortion Doesn't Matter

If You Can't Hate, You Don't Know God!	
God hates these seven abominable things. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A proud look 2. A lying tongue 3. Hands that shed innocent blood 4. A heart that devises wicked plans 5. Feet that are swift in running to evil 6. A false witness who speaks lies 7. One who sows discord in a family 	Proverbs 6:16 <i>All table verses are from NRSV. Note: This is not a full or complete study of what God hates.</i>
God hates all evildoers.	Psalm 5:5
God abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful.	Psalm 5:6
God hates wickedness.	Psalm 45:7
God hates robbery and wrongdoing.	Isaiah 61:8
God hates evil in hearts and false oaths.	Zechariah 8:17
God hates divorce.	Malachi 2:16
Hate every false way; Hate the double-minded.	Psalm 119:104; 113
Hate those who hate the LORD.	Psalm 139:21
Hate intensely what God abhors.	Sirach 17:26

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“The LORD loves those who hate evil.” Psalm 97:10 NRSV

Exodus 21:22-25 Exegesis!

This brings us back to an exegesis of Exodus 21:22-25 and whether God places a different value on the life of the mother and the fetus [baby] in her womb. Some modern translations give that exact impression by using a “miscarriage” metaphor. The NRSV translation is not alone and even a Hebrew translation³⁴ makes the same mistake. These interpretations fail to consider the bigger context of God’s eternal character. Therefore, they are myopic in their interpretation of Exodus 21:22-25. This doesn’t make them useless translations since most Bibles do contain some vagaries. However, the NKJV is one modern translation that does get Exodus 21 right. The NKJV wording parallels the KJV translation, but with updated English.