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Revelation 2:6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

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Our Lord Jesus just mentioned something the congregation had lost---love. Now he mentions something they haven't lost; they have it.

Revelation 2:25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.

that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate

Loving those things that we ought to love is essential.

Here we learn that hating those things we ought to hate is essential, also.

Here it is deeds or works that we are to hate. A few lines down, it is doctrine or teaching which we are to hate.

Revelation 2:15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

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THE LORD HATES ALL WICKEDNESS

Psalm 45:7 Thou lovest righteousness, and **hatest** wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

The Lord loves right and hates wrong.

THE LORD HATES WICKEDNESS THAT LIES IN DOING WRONG TO OTHER PEOPLE

The Lord hates people doing wrong to other people.

Zechariah 8:16-17 And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I **hate**, saith the LORD.

- imagining or devising evil in your heart against your neighbor
- loving a false oath

Proverbs 6:16-19 These six things doth the LORD **hate**: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: 17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, 19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

- a proud look
 - which shows that a person thinks himself better than others
- a lying tongue
- hands that shed innocent blood
- a heart that deviseth wicked imaginations
- feet that be swift in running to mischief
- a false witness that speaketh lies
- he that soweth discord among brethren

The Lord hates a husband getting rid of his wife, or a wife getting rid of her husband.

Malachi 2:13-16 And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with good will at your hand. 14 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. 15 And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. 16 For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he **hateth** putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

THE LORD HATES WICKEDNESS THAT LIES IN CORRUPTING HIS WORSHIP

The Lord hates people worshiping other gods.

Jeremiah 44:3-5 Because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, and to serve other gods, whom they knew not, neither they, ye, nor your fathers. 4 Howbeit I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that **I hate**. 5 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense unto other gods.

The Lord hates people worshiping Him while doing wrong to people.

Isaiah 1:14-15 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul **hateth**: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them. 15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

Amos 5:21 **I hate**, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.

The Lord hates people setting up an image to worship.

Deuteronomy 16:22 Neither shalt thou set thee up any image; which the LORD thy God **hateth**.

The Lord hates people looking to the inventions of man to see how to worship.

Deuteronomy 12:29-32 When the LORD thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their land; 30 Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise. 31 Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he **hateth**, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods. 32 What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

the deeds of the Nicolaitans

The doctrine and deeds of the Nicolaitans, which our Lord Jesus Christ hates, must have consisted in doing wrong to others people while corrupting the worship of God.

The Ephesians knew that Jesus hates all such wickedness, so they hated all such wickedness, also.

It doesn't matter what exact wicked thing the Nicolaitans were doing that wronged other people, and that corrupted the worship of God, because the Lord hates all such wickedness. Let us hate it, too. And when we have hatred of wickedness, let us keep that hatred, and not lose it, until he comes back!