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**The Lord wants you to live in His light.**

**Ps. 97:10** *Let those who love the LORD hate evil, for He guards the lives of His faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked. (NIV)*

As much as the LORD desires us to be filled with His love, He also desires for us to hate evil. Love God, Hate sin. This is a picture of the righteousness and justice of our God. He loves everyone that He has created. In fact, He loves us so much that He carried the cost of our total sin debt to the cross and paid it in full. He loves us but He hates sin; because sin separates us from His presence. We should also hate the things that separate us from our loving LORD.

This Psalm reminds us that our Father is ever watching over us to protect us. And, we certainly need protecting. He guards us. In fact, **Ps. 121:7-8** says ***The LORD will keep you from all harm - He will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.*** I can tell you that there is nothing more comforting than to know that my LORD is watching over me all the time. I am never out of His sight or His protection. And He will fight for us against the wicked forces of this world. He always will. He love us so much and He will not allow evil to attack us without His full retribution.

In the same way that the LORD hates evil, we should too. We cannot turn a blind eye or deaf ear towards things around us that are detestable to God. Let us stand for everything that is right and true and holy.

**Dear Father, praise You for delivering us from the evil one. Thank You for our salvation. Thank You for guarding us and pushing away the enemy. We are certainly blessed. In Jesus Name, Amen**