

I remember in 1918 just after the end of World War I, I went to a very wonderful Bible Conference where they had some grand messages on Scriptural truth which impressed me so much. But then they had a man speak who gave a message and this was about 5 months after the Armistis was signed, who said, If Germany comes to us and says, We have done wrong, we utterly repent, we are sorry; forgive us. Then it is our duty to receive them back into the family of nations and to forgive them." And those people around me, those women were ready to pull hairs! Oh, the spirit of those people! They were about ready to lynch that man! Because of that very mild thing he said. "If Germany should come to us and repent, and say we were sorry, we were entirely wrong; forgive us. We should forgive them." Oh, that spirit. I felt the wickedness of the human heart in that group of really fine Christians. Godly people! I just felt it there as much as at any time in my life that prejudice against the Germans which was largely through the lying propoganda, of course of World War I.

They had gotten that attitude. He didn't say the Germans had been right in the war. No! He said if they'd say, We've been wrong. Forgive us. We repent." Yet that wasn't the attitude, And all too often that wrong spirit and attitude of hatred is in the Christian and how easy it is to develop hatred than to develop love.

When I went to Princeton Seminary, I was a first year student and I remember a very nice young fellow who had come from Missouri riding in the cabosesof frieght trains and having to change way out in the yards in different places and having difficulty getting anything to eat that way. He made the trip very cheaply from Missouri back to Princeton because he wanted to get the training at Princeton Seminary. In that day when I was in Princeton Seminary we had a group of Professors who stood by the Word of God. They presented the evidences of the truth of the Word of God. Wonderful men -- Dr. Robert Dick Wilson, Dr. J. Gresham Machen and others. And then we had a group of professors there who claimed to believe all the fundamental doctrines, who said, Wemust be tolerant, we must be chairtable, and friendly with all those new developments within the church and not have this hard barrier that we have against them. Among the students there were a good many who had that latter attitude which had been incūcated into the students. I don't believe this fellow had any of that attitude when he came.