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Prov. 6:16-19

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

Did you know that God can hate? He has the capacity to hate as well as to love.

The word hate in this text means to detest, to abhor (verb). The action of hating.

The next word that is used in this text is the word abomination (noun), which also carries with it the idea of something loathed, detested, abhorred, or despised. That which is hated.

I'm sure that we can find other things which the Lord hates, but these are probably at the top of His list.

The seven things mentioned here would be some of the baser things that the Lord hates.

If God hates these, what should our attitude be toward them?

A proud look.

This means to show oneself above others, to be pre-eminent, arrogant, haughty. It is always used in scriptures in a bad sense.

- 2 Tim. 3:2, *“For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,”*
- James 4:6, *“But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.”*
- 1 Pet. 5:5, *“Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.”*

No matter what type of pride man allows in himself, the life and death of Jesus Christ stands as a rebuke to it.

Pride of birth and rank. Matt. 13:55, “*Is not this the carpenter’s son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?*”

Pride of wealth. Matt. 8:20, “*And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.*”

Pride of respectability. John 1:46, “*And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? ...*”

Pride of personal appearance. Isa. 53:2, “*For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.*”

Pride of superiority. Luke 22:27, “*For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.*”

Pride of ability. John 5:30, “*I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.*”

Pride of self-will. John 5:30, “*I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.*”

Pride of intellect. John 8:28, “*Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.*”

The Bible teaches that we should be humble. Matt. 5:5, “*Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.*”

A lying tongue.

Lying — An untrue statement with the intent to deceive, falsehood, an incorrect statement.

With some people in some parts of the world it has become an accepted thing.

The Bible says that all liars shall be cast into the lake of fire. Rev. 21:8, “*But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*”

The opposite of a lie is truth, and the Lord’s word is the truth. John 17:17, “*Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*”

Truth is that which saves. John 8:32, “*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*”

Hands that shed innocent blood.

This is murder.

It is usually committed because of revenge, greed, or hatred.

It is a work of the flesh.

Gal. 5:21, “*Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*”

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A heart that deviseth wicked imaginations.

This is a wicked heart; one that is ever thinking, planning, scheming, and outlining something evil.

Matt. 15:19-20, “*For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.*”

The Lord would have us to have pure hearts. Matt. 5:8, “*Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.*”

Feet that be swift in running to mischief.

Someone who is running about causing trouble, causing harm and injury; going about causing wickedness.

Acts 13:10, “*And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?*”

This may be done through gossip.

Examine what we are told before accepting or repeating it.

Deut. 13:14, “*Then shalt thou enquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, if it be truth, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought among you,*”

- Have you enquired?
- Have you made search?
- Did you ask diligently?
- Did you try and find out if the story is true?
- And the thing certain?
- Is it certain that such abomination is wrought among you?

A false witness that speaketh lies.

One who bears a false report.

It is one of the ten commandments. Exo. 20:16, *“Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.”*

Christ said that this sin proceeds out of the heart.

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Several Jews gave false testimony concerning Jesus Christ, and also Paul during his ministry. It is always associated with lying.

He that soweth discord among brethren.

This is one who causes division.

Jesus prayed that we might all be one. John 17:20-21, *“Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.”*

Paul said that there should be no division among us. 1 Cor. 1:10, *“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”*

Paul also said that we should mark those who cause divisions. Rom. 16:17-18, *“Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own*

belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.”

Conclusion.

If God hates these things, and you are involved in them, then you are opposing God.

All such people, the Bible tells us, will be lost.

We should remain free of these evils and hate them even as God does.

