THE ABOMINATIONS OF GOD (Part 1)

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**TEXT: Proverbs 16:5; 6:16, 17; 12:22**

**TOPIC: Abomination**

**INTRODUCTION**

Up to this point in the Book of Proverbs we have been trying to go verse by verse

But again I’m going to change my direction a little

Instead of looking at the different Topics in each chapter

I’m going to switch over to just the different Topics covered in the Book of Proverbs

I think it will be a little easier for you and I to follow the thoughts, and for sake of time

I’ll try to be as exhaustive as possible with each Topic

Now, we might cover some things already covered, but I’m sure there will be a new prospective for you to see

Please pray for me as I continue to develop these messages

That I might be a help and a blessing in your growth in the Lord

Tonight we will be looking at What an Abomination is

The word *“****abomination”*** is from a Hebrew word which means *a disgusting thing; something that is terrible, morally repulsive, or wicked*

This word occurs more than 100 times in the Old Testament and it refers to such things as idolatry, homosexuality, human sacrifices, and occult practices

For Example …

[**I Kings 21:26**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Ki+21%3A26) **- “*And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the Lord cast out before the children of Israel”***

**Leviticus 18:22 – “*Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination”***

**Deuteronomy 12:31 – “*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”***

**Deuteronomy 18:9-12 – “*When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations” “There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch” “Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer” “For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee”***

The importance of this study in Proverbs is to help us understand what an Abomination to God is, and what He finds disgusting

Such understanding will help us to keep our nose out of trouble

**~~~Prayer~~~**

**I. A PROUD HEART**

**Proverbs 16:5 *– “Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished”***

Keep in mind that we are looking at things that are Disgusting to God

**A.** **Human Pride**

The Bible makes it very clear that God hates human pride

The proud, cocky, nose-in-the-air *look* that has a defiant, rebellious attitude toward God is repulsive to the Lord

**Quote:** William Barclay said, *“Pride is the ground in which all the other sins grow, and the parent from which all the other sins come”*

If we're going to get rid of our poisonous Fruit …

We have to attack the dangerous Root

That's a painful thing to do

When we get Proud, we resist God's leadership and start believing that we are able to live without His help

Whenever you find yourself wanting to do it your own way and looking down on other people,

You are being pulled away by Pride

Maybe we just don’t like how someone does something

And we are not going to do it their way

If, that someone is an authority, be careful

Pride can come in many different forms

**B. God Resist the Proud**

James reveals that the Lord resists those who are Proud

**James 4:6b –** ***“God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble”***

Why does God hate human Pride so much?

Because it is the one sin that keeps us from allowing God to use us for His Purposes

When we commit ourselves to doing things our way,

We are in no Position to do things God's way

Pride renders us useless in the kingdom of God

We fall Prey to Pride when we forget that God does not

… exist for us, but we exist for Him

Only when you eliminate Pride

Can God help you become all he meant you to be

The sooner you realize this in your younger years,

The fewer mistakes you will make as you continue to grow

**Proverbs 3:34 –** ***“Surely He scorneth the scorners: but He giveth Grace unto the lowly”***

**C. Pride gets everything Backward**

It takes credit or glory away from the Giver, who gives graciously

And awards it to the receiver who takes without thanking

**Quote:** The saintly Scottish preacher James Denney once said, *“No man can bear witness to Christ and to himself at the same time. No man can give the impression that he himself is clever and that Christ is mighty to save”*

Taking credit for what God has done is why God sees it as an Abomination,

**D. Pride tries to steal God’s Glory**

The Lord refuses to share His glory with anyone

Pride is the inner voice that whispers, *My way is best*

When we seek to take God’s glory for ourselves

We are saying in effect, *Look at what I have accomplished! Look at me! Look at who I am!*

We deny that everything we accomplish comes about because God enables and empowers us to accomplish it

Friend, any good in us is by His design and redemption

Anything noteworthy that we become,

We become, because He has enabled us

We have no goodness apart from God's goodness imparted to us

**E. The Judgement of Pride**

When we get Proud, we will eventually be punished no matter what we do to try to avoid judgment

You can link hands with others for protection, but it will be futile

***“though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished”***

You may be proud because you are smart, strong, wealthy, beautiful, or talented

But realize that such Pride will eventually lead to your downfall

Men like Goliath, Samson, Saul, and the rich farmer found out the hard way

**F. The Look of Pride**

**Proverbs 6:16, 17a – *“These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto Him:” “A proud look …”***

A Proud Look in the Hebrew means *haughty, high or lofty eyes*

It suggests arrogant ambition that leaves God out of someone's life or plans

It is the attitude that *over*values self and *under*values others, causing people to *look* down their nose at someone else

The Proud man considers himself a *cut above* everyone else

He disdains those folks whom he thinks are below him

This was the attitude of the Pharisee who thanked God he was not like the publican

It is interesting to note that most of the Hebrew words for Pride are also words for the exaltation and majesty of God

For example, the word ***“proud”*** in **6:17** means *to exalt*

**Psalm 34:3 – “*O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together”*** (Same word)

In **Proverbs 16:18**, it says that ***“Pride goes before destruction”***

That same Hebrew word that is translated as ***“Pride”*** in **Proverbs 16:18** is translated ***“majesty”*** in **Isaiah 2:10** and **Micah 5:4**

**Isaiah 2:10 – “*Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of His majesty”***

**Micah 5:4a – “*And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God …”***

It is to the Lord alone, to which majesty, exaltation, and glory belong

Yet, the Pride of man and the Majesty of God are in constant competition

The man that considers himself to be a *cut above* others is a fool

The man that believes he is a *cut above* God is an even greater fool

His attitude is an Abomination to the Lord

**G. Pride and Wickedness**

When we look through the Bible, we find that Lofty Eyes or a Proud Countenance are always associated with wickedness

And God warns extensively of His judgment toward those who have a proud countenance

[**Psalm 10:4**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+10%3A4) **– “*The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts”***

[**Psalm 18:27**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+18%3A27) **– “*For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks”***

[**Psalm 101:5**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+101%3A5) **– “*Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer”***

[**Isaiah 2:11**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+2%3A11) **–“*The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day”***

[**Isaiah 3:9**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+3%3A9) **– “*The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves”***

**Quote:** An article titled *The Art of Being a Big Shot* was written by a prominent Christian businessman named Howard Butt. Among many other insightful things he said were these words: “It is my pride that makes me independent of God. It's appealing to me to feel that I am the master of my fate, that I run my own life, call my own shots, go it alone. But that feeling is my basic dishonesty. I can't go it alone. I have to get help from other people, and I can't ultimately rely on myself. I'm dependent on God for my next breath. It is dishonest of me to pretend that I'm anything but a man—small, weak, and limited. So, living independent of God is self-delusion. It is not just a matter of pride being an unfortunate little trait and humility being an attractive little virtue; it's my inner psychological integrity that's at stake.

When I am conceited, I am lying to myself about what I am. I am pretending to be God, and not man. My pride is the idolatrous worship of myself, and that is the national religion of Hell!

(Friend, he’s right)

A proud look is an Abomination to God

We cannot survive without the God’s help

Jesus said in **John 15:5 – *“Without Me you can do nothing!”***

**A PROUD HEART IS AN ABOMINATION TO GOD**

**II. A LYING TONGUE**

Keep in mind, we are looking at things that Disgust God

**Proverbs 6:16, 17b *– “These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto Him:” “… a lying tongue …”***

**Proverbs 12:22 –*“Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are His delight”***

The father of all lies is Satan himself

Satan is the Composer of Corruption, the Penman of Perversion, the Designer of Deception, the Architect of Apostasy, the Contriver of Cults, and the Ruler of Rebellion

His mission in the Garden of Eden was to deceive Adam and Eve

He succeeded with Eve, but Adam sinned with eyes wide open

**I Timothy 2:14 *– “And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression”***

Lying is …

**A. Repulsive**

Liars are repulsive because their speech is untrustworthy and at odds with the ways of righteousness

They follow the path that Satan has blazed for mankind

God not only hates lying, but He also hates exaggeration, fraud, misrepresentation, false witnessing, and slander

He loves truthfulness

**Psalm 51:6 – “*Behold, Thou (God) desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom”***

**Proverbs 12:22b –*“but they that deal truly are His delight”***

Lying is …

**B. Deceptive**

Deception and lies hurt people, …

Deeply wounding their hearts and their trust in people

Lies make people skeptical of others and of life itself

Some conclude - *If you can't trust anyone, then why live at all?*

Others feel that if everyone else is a cheat, then they will cheat too, and get what they believe they deserve

They become what they hate

They become liars

Lying is …

**C. A Liability**

The ability to lie is always a liability

Lying hurts the person doing the lying, most

Those who are given to white lies soon become color blind

They cannot see the truth because they have become numbed by their dishonesty

In fact, they end up deceiving themselves about the importance and imminence of salvation

They delay their decision … until one day,

They cannot make it because they are dead

It is then they will scream to make their decision for Christ, but it will be too late

If a person dies without Christ, he will spend eternity in Hell with all the other liars

[**Ezekiel 13:22**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eze+13%3A22) **– “*Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life:”***

[**Revelation 21:8**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+21%3A8) **– “*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”***

Lying is …

**D. Abhorrent to God**

**Abhorrent –** means *incompatible or conflicting with something*

God's abhorrence for lying is seen in **Acts 5**

Ananias and his wife Sapphira were members in the church at Jerusalem

They sold some property and gave a large offering to the apostles,

But they lied in keeping back some for themselves

They said that they were giving it all

The truth came out and the lie was exposed

We know the rest of the story

**Quote:** Someone once said – “A little lie is like a little pregnancy—it doesn't take long before everyone knows”

Lying will …

**E. Comes back to Haunt you**

When we lie, we reap what we sow

**Ill.** A melon farmer's crop was disappearing from his field. Thieves were stealing the fruit under the cover of night. The farmer finally became desperate and in an attempt to save his crop decided to put up a deceptive, intimidating sign. The sign had on it a skull and crossbones, and it read: *“One of these melons is poisoned”* Only the farmer knew that it was not true. Sure enough, for two nights not a melon was missing, but, after the third night, the farmer noticed that his sign had been altered. Someone had scratched out the word *“one”* and replaced it with another word so that the sign now read: *“Two of these melons are poisoned.”*

Thinking to save his whole crop through lying and deception, he lost it all

This goes to illustrate …

**Quote:** Sir Walter Scott's observation – “*Oh, what a tangled web we weave, When first, we practice to deceive!”*

**A LYING TONGUE IS AN ABOMINATION TO GOD**

**A PROUD HEART IS AN ABOMINATION TO GOD**

And lastly for tonight …

**III. HANDS THAT SHED INNOCENT BLOOD**

… are an Abomination to God

Again **Proverbs 6:16, 17c – “*These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him” “….hands that shed innocent blood …”***

According to the Bible …

**A. Satan has been a Murderer from the Beginning**

**John 8:44 *– “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it”***

If only Eve could have seen the end of the path that she had chosen, perhaps she would not have listened to the serpent

Little did she realize that her first born would grow up to be a murderer

Since the murder of Abel, men have been killing one another

Day after day the news is filled with the murders of all sorts of people

Even those who should be innocent are killing the innocent

Satan’s murderous ways are continued in his children

**B. The LORD Hates Murderous Hands**

The blood-stained fingers of Cain, Ahab, Absalom, Joab, Ahimelech, and Athaliah were repulsive in the eyes of Almighty God

Our Lord loves life, for He is the living God, and He gives life and breath to all

Life is sacred, not because man is special, but because God created it and defends it!

Things like the atrocities in Syria or the slaughter of babies in abortion mills, are an Abomination to God

Great will be the judgement on Leaders who kill their own people

Heavy will be the judgment on the mothers that killed their babies and the doctors that aborted them

**C. Today Popular Ideas**

The politically correct view today is completely opposite the Bible

After a man has been killed, the murderer is brought to trial,

Then suddenly the life of the killer is considered to be precious

God says that human life is precious and that when a man kills another man, he has forfeited his own life

That’s how serious the taking of innocent blood is

That is the teaching of the Word of God

The only hope for folks who have done this Abomination is to repent and trust Christ as their Saviour

**CONCLUSION**

We have to end there

We will revisit this next time, as we continue to look at

**What is an Abomination to God**

So far we have seen that …

**A PROUD HEART**

**A LYING TONGUE**

**HANDS THAT SHED INNOCENT BLOOD**

**ALL ARE AN ABOMINATION TO GOD!**