THE ABOMINATIONS OF GOD

(Part 2)

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**TEXT: Proverbs 6**

**INTRODUCTION**

176 times the word ***“Abomination”*** or a form of the word is found in the Bible

An **Abomination** is something horrible, an object of intense disapproval or dislike; something that is immoral, disgusting, or shameful; a feeling of intense dislike or disapproval toward somebody or something

58 times the Bible describes something or someone being ***“an Abomination to the LORD”***

There are; just some things, that are disgusting to God

And God doesn’t mince any words about what they are

Let’s continue to study the things that are Abominable to God found in the Book of Proverbs

**~~~Prayer~~~**

**v. 16 - *“These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto Him …”***

We need to take note of what the Bible tells us that God Hates (Lists)

That is some pretty strong language

Mark them down and avoid them at all costs!

The phrase ***“yea, seven are an abomination”*** is characteristic of emphasis

The expression implies that the list is not exhaustive

**I. WICKED IMAGINATIONS – v. 18a**

 ***“An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations …”***

This is # 4, in God’s list of things that are Abominable

What exactly is a ***“wicked imagination”***

**Imaginations** are things made up in the mind, visual imagery

The heart that devises wicked plans or imaginations are an Abomination to the LORD

**A. The Birth Place**

The heart is the nest *where* these wicked schemes or plans are birthed

**Matthew 15:19 – *“For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:”***

**Jeremiah 17:9 –*“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?”***

**B. They are Bent on Doing Wickedly**

It says that they *devise* wicked imaginations

The word *“****deviseth”*** is interesting

It means to *cut into something, engrave, or to plough, such as land for farming*

When you cut into something or engrave it, you are demonstrating planned intentions & permanence

A mind that has been made up

There is no turning back when you cut or engrave something

Once it is done, it is done, especially when you are cutting into metal or flesh

**Thought:** Tattoos & piercings are all the rage today

But once you have them, they’re all but impossible to get rid of

Do you know the Bible’s stand on Tattoos & piercings?

**Leviticus 19:28 … (I Peter 3:3, 4)**

There are people out there who are thinking up ways to do wickedly

They are bent on or determined to fulfill their wicked imaginations

**C. Their Intensions**

The intentions of their hearts are not an accident

They are deliberately preparing to do that which is wrong

Just like a farmer deliberately prepares the soil of his field by ploughing it

The thoughts of these folks are consumed with the fulfillment of their wicked whims

This kind of attitude reveals the person who has a damaged conscience and is no rookie when it comes to wretched living

They have erred or wandered away from what’s Right

[**Proverbs 14:22**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Pr+14%3A22)**a – “*Do they not err that devise evil?”***

Wicked imaginations or schemes are an abomination to God

In fact, God calls these kinds of folks troublemakers

[**Proverbs 24:8**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Pr+24%3A8) **– “*He that deviseth to do evil shall be called a mischievous person”***

God's Word provides us with several Examples of this kind of audacity

**1.** It was the wicked imaginations of the human race that led to the Genesis Flood

[**Genesis 6:5**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ge+6%3A5) **– “*And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every …***

***… imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually”***

**2.** Another classic example is found in the wicked schemes of King Ahab and Jezebel

Who lied, cheated, and killed Naboth to get control of his vineyards

**3.** Then there’s the plot of wicked Haman who schemed to destroy Mordecai and the Jewish people

God intervened on their behalf and they were spared

He turned the tables on Haman as he was hung on the same gallows that he prepared for Mordecai

Haman had a hang-up, it was his wicked imagination

**4.** The presidents of Persian devised a wicked scheme to destroy Daniel

They persuaded the king to pass a law that prohibited prayer, knowing that this would lead to Daniel's demise

Daniel was not intimidated by the death threat of this law

He was thrown into the lions' den, but was delivered by God

Deception was a key ingredient of these schemes and it confirms the truth of …

[**Proverbs 12: 20a**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Pr+12%3A20) **– “*Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil …”***

Hopefully you see why scheming in wicked ways is disgusting to God

**II Corinthians 10:5 *– “Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;”***

**WICKED IMAGINATIONS**

**II. RUNNING TO MISCHIEF – v. 18b**

***“… feet that be swift in running to mischief”***

This is # 5, in God’s list of things that are Abominable

The word ***“mischief”*** refers to evil

God hates the feet of those who are swift in running to evil

Satan ran swiftly to cause trouble for Job

When Satan appeared before God to give an account of himself,

The Lord asked in **Job 1:7 -** ***“Whence comest thou?”***

Satan replied – ***“From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it”***

Clearly he was up to no good

Asked if he had taken note of Job and his integrity

Satan immediately slandered him

Given permission to destroy Job's wealth, Satan wasted no time – ***“swift”***

Some people are like Satan

They are not only evil schemers, they are consumed with wickedness to the point that they run to do it

There is an eagerness and an urgency to indulge in iniquity

No step is spared, no second is wasted, no expense is too great

These folks are quick to do that which is wrong because it is such a part of who they are

Like metal shavings to a magnet, these sinners are drawn to do wrong / they can’t help themselves

[**Isaiah 59:7**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Isa+59%3A7) **–“*Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths”***

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**III. A FALSE WITNESS – v. 19a**

This is # 6, in God’s list of things that are Abominable

***“A false witness that speaketh lies”***

God hates perjury and a witness that lies

A court of law has a drastic effect upon people's lives

And if you have ever been involved in court, you know what I mean

The testimony of a false witness would have devastating consequences

The Bible gives us some great examples of False Witnesses

False witnesses were hired to testified against Naboth,

Why? So that Ahab and Jezebel could take control of his vineyards after he was executed

[**I**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Ki+21%3A9-10) **Kings 21:9, 10 – “*And she (Jezebel) wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people:” “And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die”***

False witnesses also spoke against Jesus at His trial

[**Matthew 26:60**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mt+26%3A60) **– “*But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses,”***

Stephen was dealt with Falsely

**Acts 6:13 –** ***“And set up false witnesses, which said, …***

***… This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:”***

When the Christian lives an inconsistent, ungodly life,

He too, becomes a false witness concerning Jesus Christ

He damages the testimony of the cause of Christ in reaching others

**Story:** Henry Drummond, the great Scottish preacher, told how the Infidel Club was started in Glasgow. A Group of Men that hated God. Some men were standing on a street corner when a very prosperous looking man walked past. One of the men said, *“That is the founder of the Infidel Club in Glasgow.”* *“What do you mean by that?”* said another man. *“Why, that man is a deacon of the church.” “Deacon or no deacon,”* replied the man, *“he is the founder of Glasgow's Infidel Club.”* Then he told how the man's inconsistent life had been bearing for years a false witness for Christ. So false, in fact, that it had undermined the faith of these young men who joined together to form the Infidel Club.

Beloved, our hypocrisy can cause a person to choose a path that leads to Hell

Be careful how you are living and don't be a stumbling block to others

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**IV. SOWING DISCORD – v. 19b**

This is # 7 in God’s list of things that are Abominable

***“he that soweth discord among brethren”***

What does it mean to sow discord?

To *sow* means to plant seeds (Explain how)

***Discord*** is the conflict or strife caused by someone

Mainly, because of disagreement

Someone doesn’t like someone or the way something is being handled

And they decide that it’s their responsibility fix things

This happens all the time / especially in churches

How many churches have been split by the sowers of discord?

How many families are divided by the sowers of discord?

It’s a cold heart that takes delight in hurting and dividing people

(Explain how subtle it is)

Such a heart is an Abomination to the Lord

These folks are worse than the arsonist that sets a neighbor's house on fire

They kindle a fire which sets families, governments, and even nations on fire

Satan stirred up the flames of animosity between Cain and Abel, Ishmael and Isaac, Esau and Jacob, and Joseph's brothers against Joseph

Jeroboam’s sowing of the seeds of strife led to the idolatry of Israel

[**I Kings 16:26**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Ki+16%3A26) **– “*For he (Zimri) walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger with their vanities”***

We need to seriously look at our behavior,

Do you find yourself undermining the leadership of others and turning people against one another because of your selfishness or petty jealousy?

If we don’t allow God to Rule our hearts, that is what exactly will happen, you mark it down!

God says ***“he that soweth discord among brethren”*** is disgusting to Him

On the other hand, God's blessings are upon those who sow peace instead of strife

[**Matthew 5:9**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mt+5%3A9) **– “*Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God”***

**CONCLUSION**

We’ll finish there for tonight

But we will come back to the things that are Abominable to God

God has written them down so that we have before us a list of things we need to desperately avoid

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