WHAT IS ABOMINABLE TO GOD Pt. 4

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**TEXT: Proverbs (various)**

**INTRODUCTION**

We now come to the last 3 thoughts in Proverbs that deal with things that are Abominable to God

**~~~Prayer~~~**

**I. THE FROWARD OR PERVERTED HEART – 11:20a**

***“They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the LORD”***

**A. What a Froward Heart Is and Will do**

***“Froward”*** – means *crooked, distorted, or perverted*, but it can also mean *difficult to deal with, stubbornly disobedient or contrary*

This word describes the wicked as having *twisted or distorted minds*

Their thinking is consistently warped up in, and focused on, evil

In fact, people like this will take something that is wholesome or innocent and turn it into something perverted

Filthy words or stories are their forte

That is exactly what is going on from the Whitehouse to the Courthouse to the Schoolhouse

A perfect Bible example of this is the lives of the sons of Eli - Hophni and Phineas

These men were perverted in their actions and thinking

They turned the service of the LORD into a brothel,

Immorally seducing the women that served at the entrance of the tabernacle

They were men who did not know the LORD

The Bible calls them sons of Belial or the Devil

Their behavior was an Abomination and also a spiritual stumbling block to others

[**I Samuel 2:12**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Sa+2%3A12) **– “*Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD”***

[**I Samuel 2:22**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Sa+2%3A22) **– “*Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation”***

[**I Samuel 2:24**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Sa+2%3A24) **– “*Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD’s people to transgress”***

Eli, their father would later paid for not correcting this behavior

Since we know what *froward* means we can see why God detests a froward heart

David wrote in **Psalm 101:4 -** ***“A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person”***

**Proverbs 4:24 - *“Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee”***

**Proverbs 6:14** says if ***“Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord”***

As far as Solomon was concerned ***“All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them”* - Proverbs 8:8**

Because he realized that God hates a froward mouth

**Proverbs 8:13 *– “The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate”***

The Bible says that ***“the froward tongue shall be cut out”*** in **Proverbs 10:31b**

It’s normal for ***“the mouth of the wicked (to) speak forwardness”* – Proverbs 10:32**

The point in this is ***“They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the Lord”* - Proverbs 11:20**

**Proverbs 3:22 - *“the froward is abomination to the LORD”***

**B. The Believers Response to the Froward**

**I Peter 2:18** says **- *“Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward”***

This shows that even if someone is froward to us,

We should not respond in kind because then we lower ourselves to their level

David wrote in **II Samuel 22:27** that ***“With the pure Thou wilt shew Thyself pure; and with the froward Thou wilt shew Thyself unsavory”***

We all have a choice

We can choose what comes out of our mouth and show ourselves as being pure or …

We can speak with a froward mouth and show ourselves contrary

God says **Deuteronomy 32:20 - *“I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith”***

So someone who is froward has an evil, wicked heart

And it means that they are habitually disposed to disobedience and God resists such people

For those who refuse to repent, Solomon writes in **Proverbs 22:5 - *“Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward [but] he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them”***

**James 4:6** says that God *resists* the proud

And the froward and proud heart is setting itself up to be opposed by God

Anyone who is froward is twisted, distorted, or crooked and God will not accept such a person

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**II. THE FASHION OR CHARACTER OF THE WICKED**

**Proverbs 15:9a - *“The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the LORD”***

The Bible talks about a ***“way”***

**A Way** is someone’s *manner or method****,*** *preference or choices*

**Proverbs 14:12 – *“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death”***

This is Repeatedagainin **Proverbs 16:14**

The fashion or character or Way of the wicked is an abomination to God

It is an abomination because …

-- Their way is wicked (godless)

-- Their character is corrupt (immoral, dishonest)

-- Their habits are hellish and hurtful (and)

-- Their course of life leaves God out of their affairs

Their Way has their back toward the Lord and their ears closed to His voice

We are our own worst enemy

We will cause ourselves more pain and trouble than any ten foes

Our own soul is the deadliest danger in our life

Our Soul = Emotions, Intellect, Will

With such warnings, you would think that men would never trust their own thoughts, right?

Wrong! We destroy our own lives, all the while thinking that we are perfectly right

We never see the real danger in this!

Our ways are the Ways of Death

Let me give you some Bible Illustrations

Consider David’s sons … (And others)

-- Amnon thought it alright to have his half sister

… he died for it ([**II Sam 13:1-39**](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/2%20Sam%2013.1-39))

-- Absalom thought it alright to steal his father’s kingdom, he died for it ([**II Sam 15:1-6**](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/2%20Sam%2015.1-6)**;**[**18:1-18**](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/II%20Sam%2018.1-18))

-- Adonijah thought it alright to use Solomon’s mother to

beg for Abishag, he died for it ([**I Kings 2:12-25**](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1%20Kings%202.12-25))

-- Samson thought it alright to date an unbeliever, but she left him blind and destroyed, & grinding in prison ([**Judges 16:1-21**](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Judg%2016.1-21))

-- Solomon thought it alright to marry unbelievers, but they turned his heart to idolatry ([**I Kings 11:1-13**](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1%20Kings%2011.1-13))

-- Rehoboam thought it alright to except the counsel of his peers over the counsel of the elders, he spilt the kingdom (**[I Kings 12:1-19](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/1%20Kings%2012.1-19" \t "_blank)**)

Some choices bring Physical death

While other can bring eternal Death in the lake of fire

**Revelation 20:14 –** ***“And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death”***

All liars & Fornicators shall have their part in the lake of fire

A surprise to most, the fearful and the unbelieving will also be there beside the abominable and murderers

**Revelation 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 only escape from this death is to be written in the Lamb’s book of life ([**Rev 2:11**](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Rev%202.11)**;**[**20:6**](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Rev%2020.6)**,[15](http://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/Rev%2020.15" \t "_blank)**)

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**III. FEELINGS, FANCY, & FABRICATIONS – 15:26a**

**Proverbs 15:26 – *“The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD”***

We believe (and are misguided) that just because we can’t read each other’s thoughts, that no one knows what you are thinking

Yet my Bible tells me that God can read our thoughts

[**Job 42:2**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Job+42%3A2) **– “*I know that Thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from Thee”***

[**Matthew 12:25**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mt+12%3A25) **– “*And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand”***

With the Lord, there is no such thing as *private thoughts*

We need to pray like David prayed in **Psalm 19:14**

***“Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my …***

***… heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer”***

**A. The Power of our Thoughts**

The mind is the control center of our life

Our thoughts govern our relationship with …

God, others, our successes, our failures, and the direction of our life

Godliness is the result of thinking rightly; thinking like God thinks

**Philippians 2:5 – *“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:”***

**B. The Problem with our Thoughts**

**1.** The Influence of our Past

When we were saved God gave us a New Spirit, a New Life, and a New Beginning

**II Corinthians 5:17 – *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new”***

**Philippians 3:13 – *“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,”***

But He didn't blot the past from our mind - Why?

God wants us to use the good and the bad of our past in ministering to other people / ourselves

We will be sensitive to their / our needs because of our past experiences

The more God uses us - the more Satan will attempt to harass us

**2.** The Wrong Input

What we allow into our mind each day greatly affects our thoughts

(Examples: television, magazines, newspapers)

Do you know that it is not so much the direct things but the incidental

**3.** Results of Wrong Input

-- Ungodly input creates an Appetite or Acceptance for the things of the world, dulling our senses

Things that were once sinful to us become just a different set of values

-- Ungodly input can create a spirit of hostility toward the things of God

When we develop an appetite for ungodly things

Godly things begin to irritate us …

… because they make us feel guilty

We begin to edit God from our life - and **strongholds** develop

A **stronghold** is an area of thinking in which **we** allow Satan entry

**Ephesians 4:27 – *“Neither give place to the devil”***

Satan **cannot** force his way into our mind

It's our private space

Satan ***“Blinds”*** the mind of the Unbeliever

**II Corinthians 4:4 – *“In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them”***

Satan ***“Deceives”*** the Believer

**II Corinthians 11:3 – *“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ”***

### C. Programming our Thoughts

Acknowledge you have the capacity to think rightly

**I Corinthians 2:16 –** ***“For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ”***

Seek to be spiritually minded

**Colossians 3:1, 2 *– “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God” “Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth”***

Screen thoughts through the God’s Word & Will

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

Choose to refuse some thoughts

Renew your mind by feasting on the Word of God

**Colossians 3:16 *– “Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord”***

God is looking for people who are Thinking His Way and Looking at Things from His Viewpoint

It is interesting to note that the English word *intelligence* is derived from two French words, ***inter*** and ***legere***

The word ***inter*** meaning *between* and ***legere*** meaning *to choose*

An intelligent person, therefore, is one who has learned to *choose between*

He knows that good is better than evil, that confidence should supersede fear, that love is superior to hate, that gentleness is better than cruelty, that forbearance is better than intolerance, that compassion is greater than arrogance, and that truth has more virtue than ignorance

How is your thought life?

Is it acceptable to the Lord or an abomination?

**CONCLUSION**

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