

SIX THINGS THE LORD HATES

Proverbs 6:16-19

Introduction:

- 1. Because He is a Moral Being, God hates all evil.**
- 2. There are six things God is specifically said to hate.**
 - a. A seventh is added to round it out.**
 - b. The list of sins is climactic with the seventh being the worst.**
- 3. These seven sins are said to be an abomination to God.**
 - a. An abomination is “that which is viewed with hatred, loathing and disgust” (Webster’s New World Dictionary).**
 - b. God is “of purer eyes than to behold evil” (Hab. 1:13).**
- 4. The whole body is involved in these things God hates:**
 - a. Eyes: a proud look.**
 - b. Mouth: a lying tongue.**
 - c. Hands: shed innocent blood.**
 - d. Heart: devises wicked plans.**
 - e. Feet: swift in running to do evil.**
 - f. Lips: bearing false witness.**
 - g. The whole being: sowing discord among brethren.**

Discussion:

I. GOD HATES A PROUD LOOK.

- A. What a person is really like can be seen in his eyes for “eyes are the mirror of the soul.”**
- B. Pride is condemned throughout the Bible.**
 - 1. “Pride goes before destruction” (Prov. 16:18).**
 - 2. “God resists the proud” (1 Pet. 5:5).**
- C. Pride was Haman’s undoing (Esther 3 - 7).**

II. GOD HATES A LYING TONGUE.

- A. Truth is the foundation of all business, government and personal relationships (Prov. 23:23).**

- B. Lying has become a way of life in our modern world.**
 - 1. We make excuses to get out of doing things.**
 - 2. We make promises and commitments we don't intend to keep.**
- C. Lies are of the Devil and liars are his children (Jn. 8:44; Rev. 21:8,27).**
- D. Gehazi lied and became a leper (2 Kings 5:20-27).**

III. GOD HATES HANDS THAT SHED INNOCENT BLOOD.

- A. One does not shed innocent blood if he is a soldier protecting his country or a policeman protecting society.**
- B. The taking of innocent human life is the ultimate sin (Gen. 9:6; Exod. 20:13; Matt. 19:18; 1 Jno. 3:15).**
- C. Abortion is the most common way of taking innocent life today.**
 - 1. Lenin and Stalin killed twenty million Russians.**
 - 2. The Nazis killed six million Jews and other dissidents.**
 - 3. America has killed 50 million unborn babies since 1973.**

IV. GOD HATES A HEART THAT DEVISES WICKED PLANS.

- A. To devise means to "scheme and premeditate."**
- B. Before the Flood, "every intent of the thoughts of man's heart was only evil continually" (Gen. 6:5).**
- C. Jezebel devised a wicked plan to get the vineyard of Naboth for her husband (1 Kings 21).**
 - 1. She had false witnesses accuse Naboth at a feast.**
 - 2. Naboth was taken out and stoned.**
 - 3. When Ahab went to take possession, he was met by Elijah.**
 - 4. Jezebel was killed and eaten by dogs for her sin (2 Kings 9).**

V. GOD HATES FEET THAT ARE SWIFT IN RUNNING TO EVIL.

- A. "Swift" means they are eager and ready to do evil.**
 - 1. Criminals work hard at doing evil.**
 - 2. New security measures are constantly devised because thieves learn how to circumvent the old measures.**

B. David's son, Absalom, was swift running to do evil (2 Sam. 14 - 18).

VI. GOD HATES A FALSE WITNESS WHO SPEAKS LIES.

A. The Ten Commandments are the basis of our legal system (Exod. 20:1-17).

1. The ninth commandment is: "You shall not bear false witness."
2. In court, we swear to tell the whole truth.

B. Under the Law of Moses, one could not be condemned except on the testimony of two or three witnesses (Deut. 17:6; 1 Tim. 5:19).

C. Our Lord was condemned on the testimony of false witnesses (Matt. 26:59 - 61).

VII. GOD HATES THOSE WHO SOW DISCORD AMONG BRETHREN.

A. Discord in the church is condemned (1 Cor. 1:10; Gal. 5:15).

1. Christians must strive to "live peaceably with all men" (Rom. 12:18).
2. We must "endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3).
3. Those who are divisive must be disfellowshipped:

"Reject a divisive man after a first and second admonition, knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned" (Tit. 3:10,11).

4. N. B. Hardeman said: "I would rather be the Roman soldier who drove the spear in the Lord's side than one who divides the body of Christ."

Conclusion:

1. Our God is a God of love (1 Jno. 4:8).
2. He gave His Son to die for us because He loves us (Jno. 3:16).
3. We must always remember: God loves sinners while hating their sin.
4. We must be like the Psalmist:

"Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way" (Psa. 119:104).

