



WHAT DO YOU HATE?

You say that *He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.*

I John 4:8

So, therefore you do not hate? Well, God does. Solomon tells us of seven things the Lord hates: *These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:*

- ⊗ *A proud look,*
- ⊗ *A lying tongue,*
- ⊗ *Hands that shed innocent blood,*
- ⊗ *A heart that devises wicked plans,*
- ⊗ *Feet that are swift in running to evil,*
- ⊗ *A false witness who speaks lies,*
- ⊗ *And one who sows discord among brethren.*

Proverbs 6:16-19

Note that there is one thing for the eyes, hands, heart, and feet. There are three which apply to the tongue! The psalmist said, *Keep your tongue from evil, And your lips from speaking deceit.*

Psalm 34:13

and James wrote, *But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.*

James 3:8

“Well,” you say, “it is ok for the Lord to hate but not us!” Not true. Solomon also listed (at least) five things for us to hate. These are all in the same basic areas that the Lord hates. Solomon said:

- ⊗ *The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate.* Proverbs 8:13
- ⊗ *He who is surety for a stranger will suffer, But one who hates being surety is secure.* Proverbs 11:15
- ⊗ *A righteous man hates lying, But a wicked man is loathsome and comes to shame.* Proverbs 13:5
- ⊗ *He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house, But he who hates bribes will live.* Proverbs 15:27
- ⊗ *A ruler who lacks understanding is a great oppressor, But he who hates covetousness will prolong his days.* Proverbs 28:16

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We are to hate the same things that God does. Note that three of the five things we are to hate also involve the tongue. We are to hate a *perverse mouth, lying, and bribery.*

Let’s consider the things we are to hate. Some of these are quite obvious, one that is not is *surety.*” Solomon said, *Do not be one of those who shakes hands in a pledge, One of those who is surety for debts; If you have nothing with which to pay, Why should he take away your bed from under you?;*

Proverbs 22:26-27

One of the surest ways to loose both the glory of the Lord and the closeness of a friend is to lend (or borrow) money or to cosign (be surety) with him or her. Solomon minces no words about this when he says, *My son, if you become surety for your friend, If you have shaken hands in pledge for a stranger, You are snared by the words of your mouth; You are taken by the words of your mouth. So do this, my son, and deliver yourself; For you have come into the hand of your friend: Go and humble yourself; Plead with your friend. Give no sleep to your eyes, Nor slumber to your eyelids. Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, And like a bird from the hand of the fowler.*

Proverbs 6:1-5

If you are in such a situation, he says for you to use all haste in freeing yourself of this situation. Note that this, also, is a problem which we get into with our tongues.

We are to hate lies and *bribes.* A Biblical example of this is found in that *Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac. But Abraham gave gifts (bribes) to the sons of the concubines which Abraham had; and while he was still living he sent them eastward, away from Isaac his son, to the country of the east.*

Genesis 25:5-6

He bribed the other sons to go away and leave everything to Isaac. That act is still causing trouble in the middle east.

Finally, we are to hate all forms of covetousness.

Well, I hate to say this, but this is all for this week!

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