

## A PROUD LOOK

### REVIEW

Proverbs 6:16-19 These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination (*disgusting*) unto him: (17) A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, (18) An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, (19) A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

- WHY STUDY THIS PASSAGE? To get to know God better (when we understand His Heart (what offends Him), we know His nature and personality better)
- WHY does God hate these things? They are AGAINST His very nature...They are OPPOSITE of His design
  - We must SEE them in ourselves AND hate them in ourselves.
- “The 7 things...are all characteristics of fallen Lucifer, and all of them stand in stark contrast to the characteristics of the Lord Jesus.” ~Phillips
- “all the seven...belong to one man, the man of Belial.”

Proverbs 6:12-15 A naughty (*b<sup>e</sup>lîya'al – without profit*) person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward (*perverse; distorted*) **mouth**. (13) He winketh (*w/ malice*) with his **eyes**, he speaketh with his **feet**, he teacheth (*to throw; point out*) with his **fingers**; (14) Frowardness (*perversity; to turn over*) *is* in his **heart**, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord. (15) Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.

### #1 – “a proud look”

“proud” (v.17) **rûm** (*room*) A primitive root; **to be high** [also translated exalt himself; lift me up on high]

“look” **‘ayin** (*ah'-yin*) Probably a primitive word; **an eye**

- A HIGH EYE
- “scorning to look down upon others; or looking upon them with disdain; or reckoning them as unworthy to be looked upon, having an high opinion of [your] own worth and merit. Pride is ...directly opposite to God and to his nature, and against which he sets himself; for "he resisteth the proud", ([James 4:6](#)) ; the pride of the heart shows itself in the eyes,..." ~Gill
  - “disdain” **the feeling that someone or something is unworthy of one's consideration or respect**
- Pulpit Commentary says: “It is not merely the look which is meant, but the temper of mind which the look expresses...The lofty look is the indication of the swelling pride which fills the heart,...the supreme disdain...for everything and everybody. Pride is put first, because it is at the bottom of all disobedience and rebellion against God’s laws.”
  - Just as **humility** is at the bottom of all virtue expounded in the

beginning of Ephesians 4:1-2: "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, (2) With all **lowliness** and **meekness**, with **longsuffering**, forbearing one another in **love**;"

- Our eyes speak
  - Matthew Henry says: "God sees the pride in the heart and hates it there; but, when it prevails to that degree that the show of men's countenance witnesses against them that they overvalue themselves and undervalue all about them, this is in a special manner hateful to him, for then pride is proud of itself and sets shame at defiance."
  - Do I consider myself BETTER than anyone in this church?
    - I'm on a higher social/financial status than...
    - I'm on a higher intellectual level than...
    - I'm on a higher spiritual level than...
    - Maybe you are higher socially, but lower spiritually OR...IF you're really higher spiritually, THEN you won't be looking down on others...
    - **LOOK OUT!**
  - NOTE what the Bible says to the high-eyed:
    - Isaiah 2:11 The **lofty looks** of man shall be **humbled** (*sunk*), and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.
    - Psalm 18:27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt **bring down** (*sink*) **high looks**.
    - Job 40:11-12 Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath: and **behold every one that is proud, and abase** (*sink*) **him**. (12) **Look on every one that is proud, and bring him low** (*bend the knee*); and tread down the wicked in their place.
- JB Phillips in Exploring Proverbs says:

The Lord hates the *disdainful look*—the "**proud look**" in Proverbs 6:17. We use a similar expression when we speak of a person "looking down his nose" at someone else. Pride is the father of all sin. The **proud look** is scornful and contemptuous, the look of a person who imagines himself to be much better than others. Satan cast his evil gaze on the throne of God and planned an even higher seat of glory for himself. The Lord Jesus looked down from His lofty throne in compassion and grace upon poor, fallen man, made of the dust of the earth.

  - When we catch ourselves with HIGH attitudes, call on the LORD and remember his COMPASSIONATE EYE that looks on us with an attitude of MERCY and GRACE.
  - Isaiah 66:1-2 Thus saith the LORD, The heaven *is* my throne, and the earth *is* my footstool: where *is* the house that ye build unto me? and where *is* the place of my rest? (2) For all those *things* hath mine hand made, and all those *things* have been, saith the LORD: but to this *man* will I look, *even to him that is* poor and of a

contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

- God isn't interested in a building of stone, but a house of flesh – he finds it in a humble spirit
- GOD IS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO WILL LIVE THEIR LIVES FOR OTHERS...THIS IS ONLY POSSIBLE IF WE HAVE A HUMBLE SPIRIT!
- WHAT DO WE LEARN ABOUT GOD? HE is HIGH above us in every way – YET He extends mercy and loves a humble spirit (realizing our inferiority to the LORD and responsibility to obey and love HIM)

## WORDS FROM THE WORD – Seven Things God Hates

### HANDOUT

Proverbs 6:16-19 –

Proverbs 6:12-15 –

Proverbs 6:17 “proud look” –

Ephesians 4:1-2 –

Isaiah 2:11 –

Psalms 18:27 –

Job 40:11-12 –

Isaiah 66:1-2 –

*What do we learn about God?*

“lying” –

Exodus 20:16 –

Psalms 33:17 –

Psalms 119:78 –

Hosea 4:1-2 –

“tongue” –

Revelation 21:7 & 27 –

Colossians 3:9-10 –

*What do we learn about God?*

Proverbs 12:22 –

“hands that shed innocent blood” –

John 8:44 –

1 John 3:11-12 –

1 John 3:15 –

Matthew 5:21-22 –

*What do we learn about God?*