

WORDS FROM THE WORD – Seven Things God Hates

FEET THAT BE SWIFT TO MISCHIEF

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.

- “Notice that they cover thought (*deviseth wicked imaginations*), actions (*hands that shed innocent blood; feet that be swift in running to mischief*), words (*lying tongue*) and attitude (*proud look*).”
- **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.

Proverbs 6:12-15 A naughty (*b^elîya'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.

- **What is the Hebrew word for “naughty” in Proverbs 6:12?** Belial

#1 – “a proud (to be high) look (an eye)” – A HIGH EYE

- “scorning to look down upon others; or looking upon them with disdain (*the feeling that someone or something is unworthy of one's consideration or respect*);...having an high opinion of [your] own worth and merit.” ~Gill
- Psalm 101:5b ...him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.
 - “will not I suffer” is literally “not + to be able”; the LORD can’t do anything with someone who has this ATTITUDE
 - The LORD calls us to **humility** (Ephesians 4:1-2)
 - **Do I consider myself BETTER than anyone in this church?**
 - WHAT DO WE LEARN ABOUT GOD? HE is HIGH above us in every way **and IMPARTIAL** – YET He extends mercy and grace and loves a humble spirit

#2 – “a lying (untruth) tongue”

- An untruth/lie against someone else (“bear false witness” Ex. 20:16)
- An untruth in our mind that causes us to act foolishly (Ps. 33:17 – “An horse is a vain thing...” A FALSE SECURITY)
- Pride is an untruth that causes us to cheat others of the respect that they deserve (Ps. 119:78 & James 2)
- Psalm 101:7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he

- that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.
- Proverbs 26:28a A lying tongue hateth *those that are* afflicted by it;...
 - Would we have dropped DEAD this week if...
 - NOTE that Psalm 119:78 tells us the way to avoid our wrong thinking, speaking and acting is to "meditate in thy precepts."
 - WHAT DO WE LEARN ABOUT GOD? Because HE is TRUTH, He hates UNTRUTH in any form...but especially coming out of our mouths BUT He delights when we WALK IN TRUTH – our words, our thoughts, our actions

#3- "hands that shed innocent blood"

- PRIDE and UNTRUTH was at the ROOT of MURDER – Cain would not listen to the LORD when He spoke with him about his sin
 - Abortion – pride and untruth at the root
 - Euthanasia – pride and untruth at the root
 - Sinful habits that lead to the innocent dying – Drunk driving
- Is there HATRED in our heart toward anyone? Has someone hurt you so badly that you wish them evil and NOT GOOD? If so, this is HATRED

Ezekiel 33:6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned...his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.

- WHAT DO WE LEARN ABOUT GOD? He places a high value on HUMAN LIFE, and He HATES when MAN takes another man's life into his own hand

#4 - "an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations"

"deviseth" **chârash** (*khaw-rash'*) to scratch, to engrave, plough; to fabricate

- Often translated "held his peace"; also translated "secretly practiced"
 - Example: article – monogamous relationship engraves a clear path; pornography scratches a confused path

"wicked" **'âven** (*aw'-ven*) to pant (hence to exert oneself, usually in vain; to come to naught); strictly nothingness; also trouble, vanity, wickedness; specifically an idol:

- Do I want anything so much that it doesn't matter what God says about it? I will TWIST what He says or just IGNORE what He says to get MY WAY

"imaginations" **machšhâbâh** (*makh-ash-aw-baw'*) a contrivance, that is, (concretely) a texture, machine, or (abstractly) intention, plan (whether bad, a plot; or good, advice) [From to plait]

- First use: Gen 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination (form; purpose) of the thoughts of his heart [1st use] was only evil continually (ALL + to be hot; a day (from one sunrise to the next)).
 - NOTE: **Man's heart** = evil; **God's heart** = justice, mercy
 - NOTE this attribute in the description of the man of Belial: "Proverbs 6:14 Frowardness *is* in his heart, he deviseth mischief

continually; he soweth discord.”

- Could we be CONTRIVING VAIN, GODLESS PATHS in our hearts? For ourselves? For our children? For our grandchildren?
- What do we do about it?
 - Be honest with yourself & the LORD
 - Jeremiah 17:7-10 Blessed *is* the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. (8) For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. (9) The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? (10) I the LORD search the heart, *I* try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.
 - Are we willing to bring ALL of our thoughts/plans before the LORD and seek His approval?
 - Ask Him to reveal His will in the situations that we face.
 - Ask Him for WISDOM and FAITH to trust Him in decisions and advice
- “According to Proverbs 6:18, the LORD also hates the *depraved heart*, the “heart that deviseth wicked imaginations.” ... Adam lived for 930 years, long enough to see the wickedness take deep root on earth, long enough to see the sinful trend that would take hold of his posterity and end in the flood. How Satan gloats over the depravity of man. The depraved heart is seen today, for example, in people who publish, peddle and purchase pornography. They are an abomination in the sight of God. In contrast to the condition of their hearts, the heart of the LORD Jesus is pure, holy, and undefiled (Hebrews 7:26). He ‘knew no sin’ (2 Cor. 5:21).”
- **WHAT DO WE LEARN ABOUT GOD?** God knows that man’s heart is deceitful and prone to vanity and sinful thoughts, so He has given us His Word to warn us and His Son to save us from our sins.

#5 - “feet that be swift in running to mischief (bad)”

“be swift” **mâhar** (*maw-har'*) A primitive root; properly **to be liquid or flow easily**, that is, (by implication); to *hurry* (in a good or bad sense); often used (with another verb) adverbially *promptly*

- Wrong thoughts lead to an inclination to do wrong actions
- NOTE how in verse 14, the action of the feet are mixed with the devising of the heart: “Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth (**from heart; inner**) mischief (**from feet; outer**) continually”
- “unable to restrain their eagerness for every form of wickedness”
~Kretzmann’s Comm
- “he who works iniquity with greediness” ~Clarke
- “Vigour and diligence in the prosecution of sin - *feet that are swift in running to mischief*, as if they were afraid of losing time or were

impatient of delay in a thing they are so greedy of. The policy and vigilance, the eagerness and industry, of sinners, in their sinful pursuits, may shame us who go about that which is good so awkwardly and so coldly." ~*Matthew Henry*

- ""To run to mischief" is to carry out with alacrity and without delay what has already been devised in the heart. It implies more than falling or sliding into sin...It denotes...[an] "insatiable appetite [for sin]." ~*Pulpit Commentary*
 - Because it has been in the heart, OPPORTUNITY arrives and our feet run to it...though it is a pit and a trap!
- Isaiah 59:1,...4b Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: (2) **But...** (4) None calleth for justice, nor *any* pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and **speak lies (#2)**; they **conceive mischief [bad/evil] (#4)**, and bring forth iniquity.
 - "conceive" **to be(come) pregnant**
 - NOTE the BABY is SIN! It's conceived on the inside but it is BIRTHED into an ACTION
 - The forethought that leads to sin
 - James 1:14-17 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away (**to drag forth**) of his own lust (**longing (for what is forbidden)**), and enticed (**entrapped/deluded**). (15) Then when lust hath conceived (**clasp(ed); seized**), it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. (16) Do not err, my beloved brethren. (17) Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
- Isaiah 59:7-8 **Their feet run to evil (#5)**, and they make haste to **shed innocent blood (#3)**: their thoughts *are* **thoughts of iniquity (#4)** [**"wicked imaginations"** (Prov 6:18)]; wasting (**violence [to swell up]**) and destruction (**fracture [to burst]**) *are* in their paths. (8) The way of peace they know not; and *there is* no judgment in their goings: they have made them **crooked paths**: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.
 - OPPORTUNITY knocks, and we run to the sin that is conceived in our hearts!
 - NOTE "paths" in v.7 and "way" and "goings" and "paths" in v.8
 - When we go crooked paths, we can't see the end, but we can know from the Word of God that it will end in "no peace" and "destruction"
- Pro 1:10-11 My son, if sinners **entice** thee, consent thou not. (11) If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for **blood**, let us lurk privily for the **innocent** without cause:...
 - "entice" **pâthâh** (*paw-thaw'*) **to open**, that is, *be* (causatively **make**) **roomy**; usually figuratively (in a mental or moral sense) to *be*

(causatively *make*) *simple* or (in a sinister way) **delude**

- NOTE: Don't take up with the bullies when you are young or you will continue
- "without cause" refers to the fact that the "victims" are innocent, but v. 19 explains the cause (reason) the sinners are attacking – they are "greedy of gain"
 - Prov. 1:19 So *are* the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; *which* taketh away the life of the owners thereof.
- Proverbs 1:15-16 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: (16) **For their feet run to evil**, and make haste to shed blood (of the innocent [v.11]).
 - KEY: WHEN we have OPENED our mind and heart to SIN, we will QUICKLY DO IT when the OPPORTUNITY presents itself

Romans 3:10-12 As it is written, **There is none righteous, no, not one:** (11) There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. (12) They are all gone out of the way, they are together become **unprofitable** [like the man of Belial in Prov. 6]; **there is none that doeth good, no, not one.**

- Quoting Psalm 14:1-3: "The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God*. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, **there is none that doeth good**. (2) The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and* seek God. (3) They are all gone aside, they are *all* together become filthy; **there is none that doeth good, no, not one.**"
- Also Psalm 53:1-3: "The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God*. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: **there is none that doeth good**. (2) God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were *any* that did understand, that did seek God. (3) Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; **there is none that doeth good, no, not one.**"

Romans 3:13-14 Their throat *is* an **open sepulchre**; with their tongues they have used deceit (*lying "untruth" tongue*); the poison of asps *is* under their lips: (14) Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness:

- What does it mean that their throat is an **open sepulchre**?
 - READY to DEVOUR DEAD STUFF
 - DEAD THINGS are INSIDE and the STENCH is coming OUT
- What does "poison of asps" imply?
 - "The asp...is a species of serpent whose poison is of such active operation that it kills almost the instant that it penetrates, and that without remedy. It is small, and commonly lies concealed, often in the "sand" in a road, and strikes the traveler before he sees it...The sentiment is, that as the poison of the asp is rapid, ...spreading quickly through the system, and producing death; so the words of the slanderer are deadly...quickly destroying the reputation and happiness of man."

Romans 3:15-16 **Their feet are swift to shed blood:** (16) Destruction and misery *are* in their ways:

- BECAUSE there is DEATH inside of them, it's going to come out of their MOUTH, but it is ALSO going to come out in their ACTIONS
- They are like a volcano; the stuff inside is going to blow up and cause destruction and misery
- The person who allows these things INSIDE will be miserable and will hurt others

Romans 3:17-19 And the way of **peace** have they **not known**: (18) There is **no fear of God** before their eyes. (19) Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

- PEACE comes from LOOKING to GOD in HUMILITY; then we will see OUR SIN and NOT focus on OUR GOODNESS and the WRONGS that we have endured

Then too the Lord hates the *delinquent foot*. "Feet that be swift in running to mischief" are an abomination to Him (**Proverbs 6:18**). Satan ran swiftly to cause trouble for Job. When Satan appeared before the living God to give an account of himself, the Lord asked, "Whence comest thou?" Satan replied, "From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it" (Job 1:7). Clearly he was up to no good. Asked if he had taken note of Job and his integrity and piety, Satan immediately slandered him. Given permission to destroy Job's wealth, Satan wasted no time.

A sequence of disasters befell Job with lightning speed.
 Each disaster followed hard on the heels of the previous one. Satan's feet were truly swift in running to mischief.

In contrast, the feet of the Lord Jesus always brought Him swiftly to where He could help and heal. Back and forth He went—north and south, east and west—always seeking out the diseased, the downtrodden, and the distressed. He was never in a hurry, yet He was never too late or too soon.

WHAT DO WE LEARN ABOUT GOD?

Knowing that man is swift to run to violence and evil, he points us to Jesus as THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE.

John 14:5-6 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? (6) Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

Psalm 56:13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death: **wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling**, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

Isaiah 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

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