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Sermon Notes - Six Things the Lord Hates Plus 1 (Part 1)
#1 A Proud (Haughty) Look
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How Smart is Smart?

A doctor, a lawyer, a little boy and a priest were out for a Sunday afternoon flight on a small private plane. Suddenly, the plane developed engine trouble. In spite of the best efforts of the pilot the plane started to go down. Finally, the pilot grabbed a parachute, yelled to the passengers that they had better jump, and bailed out.

Unfortunately, there were only three parachutes remaining. The doctor grabbed one and said "I'm a doctor, I save lives, so I must live," and jumped out. The lawyer then said, "I'm a lawyer and lawyers are the smartest people in the world, I deserve to live!" He grabbed a parachute and jumped. The priest looked at the little boy and said, "My son, I've lived a long and full life. You are young and have your whole life ahead of you. Take the last parachute and live in peace". The little boy handed the parachute back to the priest and said, "Not to worry, Father. The 'smartest man in the world' just took off with my backpack."

1 Cor 3:19 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their own craftiness"; (NKJ)

Proverbs 6:12–19 (NKJV) ¹² A worthless person, a wicked man, Walks with a perverse mouth; ¹³ He winks with his eyes, He shuffles his feet, He points with his fingers; ¹⁴ Perversity is in his heart, He devises evil continually, He sows discord. ¹⁵ Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly; Suddenly he shall be broken without remedy. ¹⁶ These six *things* the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: ¹⁷ A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, ¹⁹ A false witness *who* speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.

These six things the LORD **hates**, yes, seven are an **abomination** to Him: (beginning at verse 16).

In our society the term “hate” is a very harsh term. When we remember that the bible was written in another language other than English we have to take a little more time to get the authors meaning. Just as our word love in the bible, can mean” at least three different forms of “love” in the original language. The same is true with the word hate.

For example; when I first read Luke 14:26,

Luke 14:26 26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. KJV

I had to pause and wonder, do I understand that Jesus is telling me to hate my parents. That seems to contradict what God wants us to do. I thought we were to love and honor our parents. (*Exodus 20:12*)

What did Jesus mean when he said “hate” our family. And what does God mean when He said, these six things I “hate?”

First, what did Jesus mean. The original word that was translated hate was

NT:3404 **misēo** (**mis-eh'-o**); from a primary misos (hatred); to detest (especially to persecute); by extension, **to love less**: KJV - hate (-ful).

I like the way the living Bible translates that passage to read.

*Luke 14:26-27 26 "Anyone who wants to be my follower **must love me far more** than he does his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, or sisters-yes, more than his own life-otherwise he cannot be my disciple. TLB*

Let's try one more example. Jesus says in John 12:15

John 12:25 25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. KJV

I think you can see that in these instances the word "hate" means more closely to love less.

Now that explains what Jesus was talking about, what does God really mean when He uses the word in the passage relating to the six (6) things God hates?

The word "hate" in this passage was translated from the original word (**saw-nay'**);

OT:8130 sane' (**saw-nay'**); a primitive root; **to hate (personally)**:

KJV - **enemy, foe, (be) hate** (-ful, -r), **odious**, X utterly.

This is a very personal hatred, as one would have with an enemy. It was so odious (intense displeasure) that you don't even want to be around that which makes you feel that way. Another synonym for "hate" is detestable.

Example of what God hates

When the children of Israel were to go in and possess the promise land, God gave them a command to kill everything that breathed.

*Deut 20:16 16 "But of the cities of these peoples which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance, **you shall let nothing that breathes remain alive**, (NKJ)*

In chapter 12:31 He gives the reason why that command was given.

*Deut 12:31 31 You must not worship the LORD your God in their way, because in worshiping their gods, they do all kinds of **detestable things** the **LORD hates**. They even burn their sons and daughters in the fire as sacrifices to their gods. NIV*

Burning their children in the fire was only part of what they did.

These things were an abomination to God. Which bring us to our next word of focus.

ABOMINATION –Disgusting, **detestable** and loathsome acts.

Example of Abomination

*2 Chron 28:1-3 28:1 Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: but he did not that which was right in the sight of the LORD, like David his father: 2 For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for Baalim. 3 Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, **after the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD had cast out** before the children of Israel. KJV*

We all have our prejudice's about certain things, but putting prejudice aside we must understand what God says about things such as this. We are talking about **things that God hates and He hates those things that are an abomination to Him.**

There are over 90 references that speak of “abomination”. Knowing how God feels about them, it would be helpful for us to do a word study using a concordance to look at those things that are an **abomination to Him**. Key books to look at include Leviticus, Deuteronomy, Proverbs and Ezekiel.

If we want to do that which is pleasing to God then, we must be willing to deny ourselves. As we read the word of God let us understand more about God as to what pleases Him and what displeases Him.

Back to the seven things God hates (6+1)

1. **A proud look,**
2. **A lying tongue,**
3. **Hands that shed innocent blood,**
4. **A heart that devises wicked plans,**
5. **Feet that are swift in running to evil,**
6. **A false witness *who* speaks lies,**
7. **And one who sows discord among brethren.**

Pride is the first on the list, because it is most always at the bottom of our sins.

1. **A proud (haughty) look,** Scornfully and condescendingly proud. Haughtiness, conceitedness of ourselves, and contempt of others—a proud look.

1. **Definition: pride (prīd) noun**

1. A sense of one's own proper dignity or value; self-respect.
2. **Arrogant or disdainful conduct or treatment; haughtiness.**

3. **An excessively high opinion of oneself; conceit.**

- a. God sees the pride in the heart and hates it there; Pride comes in many forms. I don't want you to think that all pride is a bad thing. Notice that the scripture says” a **proud look**”

4. **Pleasure or satisfaction taken in an achievement, a possession, or an association: *parental pride.***

- a. Parents are proud of their children when they do good things, when others give good compliments about them. But when that pride in our children fosters conceitedness and a condescending attitude toward other children, then we have taken that pride into haughtiness.

We should take pride in our work, in our homes, in our accomplishments, but that type of pride is taking pride in doing the best job you can. It is better to take pride in someone else rather than in ourselves.

Listen what Paul said about some people in the church in Corinth.

*2 Cor 7:3-4 I have said before that you have such a place in our hearts that we would live or die with you. 4 I have great confidence in you; **I take great pride in you.** I am greatly encouraged; in all our troubles my joy knows no bounds. NIV*

A test you can take in your own life is to ask yourself, “Have I helped someone be better today than they were yesterday. How about this one? “Have I helped someone be better than me?”

Our natural self wants to keep our knowledge to ourselves in order to make ourselves look good?

*Gal 6:3-4 3 If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 Each one should test his own actions. **Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else,** NIV*

STORY OF HAMAN IN BOOK OF ESTHER.

Prov 16:18 18 *Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. NIV*

Est 6:6-11 6 When Haman entered, the king asked him, "What should be done for the man the king delights to honor?" Now Haman thought to himself, "**Who is there that the king would rather honor than me?**" 7 So he answered the king, "For the man the king delights to honor, 8 have them bring a royal robe the king has worn and a horse the king has ridden, one with a royal crest placed on its head. 9 Then let the robe and horse be entrusted to one of the king's most noble princes. Let them robe the man the king delights to honor, and lead him on the horse through the city streets, proclaiming before him, 'This is what is done for the man the king delights to honor!'" 10 "Go at once," the king commanded Haman. "Get the robe and the horse and do just as you have suggested for Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Do not neglect anything you have recommended." 11 So Haman got the robe and the horse. He robed Mordecai, and led him on horseback through the city streets, proclaiming before him, "This is what is done for the man the king delights to honor!"
NIV

God had flipped Haman's script.

- **The opposite of pride is TRUE humility.** God loves humility. One of the greatest men of God was also called the humblest man.
Num 12:3 3 (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.) NIV
- We should be humble before God and man. This does not mean to be subservient or a wimp. It means we should not seek to always promote ourselves by tearing another person down. We should be willing to genuinely encourage or compliment someone else and not always looking for it ourselves. I know this will take some practice because we live in such a competitive world
- To do that which is expected and more if possible because all that we do we do unto God and representing Christ.
- **God is a far fairer judge than anyone is and He will recognize us.**
The rewards from God is far greater than what man can offer.
James 4:6 6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "**God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.**" NKJV
- **Trust in the Lord for our recognition**
James 4:10 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and **He will lift you up.** NKJV
- **The greatest act of humility was done by Jesus.**
Phil 2:7-11 8 And being found in appearance as a man, **He humbled Himself** and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore **God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,** 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. NKJV

Message Scriptures: **Proverbs 6:12–19**, Luke 14:26-27, Exodus 20:12, John 12:25, Deut 20:16, Deut 12:31, 2 Chron 28:1-3, 2 Cor 7:3-4, Gal 6:3-4, Est 6:6-11, Num 12:3, James 4:6, James 4:10, Phil 2:7-11.

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