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Did you know that God is a God who hates?

Now, the Bible is clear that God is a God of love (I Jn. 4:8).

He loves people (Jn. 3:16) and He loves righteousness ---

> --Ps. 11:7 - "For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness: his countenance doth behold the upright."
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> --Ps. 33:5 - "He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD."
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> --Ps. 37:28 - "For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off."

Because God loves righteousness, He of necessity must hate unrighteousness; because He loves right, He abhors wrong; because He loves truth, He hates falsehood; because He loves holiness (purity), He hates sin.

In a fallen world, it is impossible to love without hating (Amos 5:15).

Those who love sin, hate God (Mic. 3:2; Prov. 8:36), and those who love God, hate sin (Ps. 97:10 - "Ye that love the LORD< hate evil" (cp. Prov. 8:13).

"Abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good" (Rom. 12:9).

"These six things...yea, seven" - This phrase is used to show that the list is not exhaustive. There are other things that God also hates, but He specifies 7 here. (similar phrase - SEE: 30:15, 18)

Notice: the various parts of the body through which people sin -

1. eyes (look)
2. tongue
3. hands
4. heart
5. feet

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What is a "proud look"? It is one whose <u>eyes</u> <u>look down</u> upon others ("haughty eyes")

Prov. 21:4 - "An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin."

Psalm 18:27 - "For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks."

A "proud look" refers to the man who with condescending eyes views others as being beneath him, and he himself as being above them. He has an inflated over-estimation of himself

(EX: The Pharisee toward the Publican - Lk. 18:11)

What is our "look" to be? -- Phil. 2:3; Rom. 12:3

God hates pride! Reason: Because the proud man does not recognize the supremacy of God, nor the grace and mercy of God.

Pride is devilish (Is. 14:12-15)

Prov. 30:11-14 prophetically teaches about our generation, and the attitudes and actions that would characterize people in our generation.

There is a generation that is:

1. Disrespectful (v. 11)
2. Self-righteous (v. 12)
3. Proud (v. 13)
4. Greedy (v. 14)

II. THE LYING TONGUE (v. 17b)

The reason God hates lying is because it is the opposite of Truth, and He is Truth (Jn. 14:6)

Prov. 12:22 - "Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight."

Ps. 31:18 - "Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous."

Our prayer needs to be: "Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue (Ps. 120:2).

III. THE BLOODY HANDS (v. 17c)

God is not against hands of government officials that shed guilty (murderous) blood (EX: capitol punishment - Gen. 9:6; Rom. 13:1, 4; Acts 25:11)

The shedding of innocent blood is murder! (Exod. 20:13); murderers are to be executed (Deut. 19:10) (SEE: Is. 59:1-8)

"Innocent blood" - abortion

"Innocent blood" - those who died recently (April, 1992) in LA by looters and rioters who justify their behavior because of the verdict of the Rodney King trial.

Murderers will not get away with it (Prov. 28:17).

IV. THE WICKED HEART (v. 18a)

"Wicked imaginations" = wicked plans; the heart that thinks about doing evil; to scheme a sinful act

Such imaginations are the result of the fall (Gen. 6:5). Such imaginations are vail (Rom. 1:21)

"Their heart studieth destruction" (Prov. 24:2)

"Inventors of evil things" (Rom. 1:30)

What kind of wicked imaginations go through the minds and come out of the hearts of sinners? (SEE: Mark 7:21-23)

How should the believer handle such imaginations? (SEE: II Cor. 10:5)

V. THE TROUBLESOME FEET (v. 18b)

God is not against swift feet. He loves righteous zeal and Godly ambition.

What He hates are feet that carry a person into wickedness.

Cp. Prov. 1:16 - mischievous feet

Our "feet" are to carry the life-giving message of the Gospel to people (Eph. 6:15)

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things" (Rom. 10:15; Is. 52:7)

VI. THE FALSE WITNESS (v. 19a)

This is a violation of the 9th commandment (Ex. 20:16).

Exodus 23:1 - "Thou shalt not raise a false report: put not thing hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness."

Prov. 19:5, 9 - "A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape. ... A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish."

Prov. 21:28 - "A false witness shall perish."

VII. THE DIVISIVE SOWER (spirit) (v. 19b)

God loves the unity of the brethren (Ps. 133:1)

"Tares" - are what are sown by the devil to disrupt and divide the Church (Mt. 13:24-30)

NOTE: Paul's warning about wolves (Acts 20:29-30)

CONCLUSION:

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Because God loves truth, He hates the lying tongue
Because God loves life, He hates bloody hands
Because God loves pure motives, He hates the wicked heart
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If God hates these 7 sins, can we allow them in our lives? Can we look lightly upon them?

Shouldn't such wickedness bother us as well?

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