

The nature of God is so holy that he cannot but hate what is evil (Steven Charnock)

- What God hates has become the norm in our society.
- What God describes here in Proverbs 6 regarding the worthless man is commonplace amongst a majority of men. That doesn’t make it OK. It underscores the pervasiveness of sin, the patience of God, and the punishment that will soon erupt.

- **See what we can learn about the surrounding context of Proverbs 6:12-19...**

1. This is a father warning his son = a message for ALL YOUTH!
2. Sin involves whole body — outward/inward; behavior & heart = all corrupt
3. God will punish all sin upon those who have committed it.
4. God hates those who commit sins.
5. It’s appropriate to speak against & discipline for such sins.
 - So then, we see the tone & manner as we teach the youth:
 1. **urgency** — soon-coming wrath
 2. **sobriety** — infinitely fierce anger
 3. **clarity** — unmistakable truth
 4. **courage** — bold-speaking to youth

THESIS — We’ll walk thru this text in 3 ways:

1. The **DESCRIPTION** of the worthless man (12-14)
2. The **DESTRUCTION** of the worthless man (15)
3. The **ABOMINATION** [God’s disposition] of the worthless man (16-19)

I. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE WORTHLESS MAN! (12-14)

The **worthless man** —

- A. who walks with perverse mouth
- B. who winks with his eyes
- C. who signals with his feet
- D. who points with his fingers (note the body parts!)
- E. who devises evil in his heart - Mark 7.22!
- F. who spreads strife

II. THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WORTHLESS MAN! (15)

- This is the destruction, the judgment, the doom. Many mock this because they've never seen this.
- God's delay in punishing sin does *NOT* mean that God has forgotten the deeds of sins!

what do we learn about judgment from verse 15?

1. it is **sudden** (v.15 - suddenly)
2. it is **fierce** (his calamity...)
3. it is **deserved** (the consequence/result) (Therefore...)
4. it is **personal** (*HIS* Calamity)
5. it is **unstoppable** (WILL come)
6. it is **thorough** (he will be BROKEN)
7. It is **eternal** (with NO healing/NO remedy/mercy/grace)

III. THE ABOMINATION OF THE WORTHLESS MAN! (16-19)

- Here we come to God’s *attitude* — *God’s Disposition* — toward this worthless man. He’s an abomination! God hates him!
- Mark it: it’s not just some “sins” that God abhors but the *sinners who commit the sins* that he hates. **(Ps 5.5)**

v.16 — The numerical pattern of x and x+1 (six things ... seven...) is a literary device in the Hebrew language [Prov 30; Job 5; Eccl 11; Amos 1-2; Micah 5]:

- the purpose here is to signal the cumulative effect of the completion of the activities; a summary; not exhaustive, but a summary
- it also may serve to emphasize the final list/attribute as the **CULMINATION** of the preceding items. Often it can be the last item that matters most with the greatest emphasis.
- God’s hatred is escalated when you add one more

The sins that God abhors:

1. PRIDE —
2. LYING —
3. BLOODSHED —
4. PLOTTING — heart that devises wicked plans. the real problem is his heart (v.14a; v.18)
5. WICKEDNESS —
6. FALSEHOOD —
7. FACTIOUS man —

Why does God care so much about unity amongst His people?

- 1.unity resembles the **Trinity** (John 12.49)
- 2.unity **distinguishes** the saved from the lost (Eph 4)

Proverbs 6:12-19 — "What God Hates & The Worthless Man's Fate!"

- 3.unity is what the **Spirit creates** (Eph4)
- 4.unity is what **Jesus prays** for (John 17.23)
- 5.unity is most fully manifested in **LOVE** (Col 3.14)
- 6.unity is **pleasantly beautiful** (Ps 133.1)

Alexander Strauch writes: "When conflict arises, our attitudes and behaviors should reflect our new life in Christ given by the Holy Spirit who lives within us. We are to display the fruit of the Spirit and not the works of the flesh. We are to walk in step with the Spirit's leading. We are to be Spirit-controlled and not flesh-controlled or out of control."

Did you notice the progression in these verses?

1. **source** = heart is evil
2. **thoughts** = from the heart comes evil thoughts and plans
3. **actions** = then they give rise to actions
4. **infecting others** = which soon draws in others as accomplices
5. **eternal hell** = then brings swift & sure destruction upon the worthless man

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.
[Refrain]

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has
done!**

Great things he has taught us, great things he has
done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
[Refrain]

BENEATH THE CROSS

Beneath the cross of Jesus
 I find a place to stand,
 And wonder at such mercy
 That calls me as I am;
 For hands that should discard me
 Hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
 Beneath the cross of Jesus
 My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus—
 The path before the crown—
 We follow in His footsteps
 Where promised hope is found.
 How great the joy before us
 To be His perfect bride;
 Beneath the cross of Jesus
 We will gladly live our lives.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
 His family is my own—
 Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,
 Now one through grace alone.
 How could I now dishonor
 The ones that You have loved?
 Beneath the cross of Jesus
 See the children called by God.

JESUS, THANK YOU

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend
 The agonies of Calvary
 You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son
 Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near
 Your enemy You've made Your friend
 Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
 Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

CHORUS

Your blood has washed away my sin
Jesus, thank You
The Father's wrath completely satisfied
Jesus, thank You
Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table
Jesus, thank You