

It Is Abomination

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The word “abomination” occurs 76 times in 69 verses in the Bible. It literally means, “a disgusting thing.” We take a look at what the Bible calls abomination.

1) **Homosexuality.**

Leviticus 18:22 says, “Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.” The book of holiness continues: “If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them” (Lev. 20:13).

2) **Idolatry.** God commanded, “Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image...” (Ex. 20:3). The book of obedience states: “The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it

is an abomination to the Lord thy God. Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing” (Dt. 7:25-26). Deuteronomy 27:15 continues, “Cursed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image, an abomination unto the Lord...”

3) **Giving Less Than the Best.**

Deuteronomy 17:1 establishes this principle: “Thou shalt not sacrifice unto the Lord thy God any bullock, or sheep, wherein is blemish, or any evilfavouredness: for that is an abomination unto the Lord thy God.” The days of Malachi found the Lord’s people bringing the torn, the lame, and the sick. The Lord said, “Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought? neither do ye kindle fire on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the Lord of hosts, neither will I

accept an offering at your hand” (Mal. 1:10). Are we giving the Lord the best?

4) **Witchcraft.** The Lord instructed His people, “There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord...” (Dt. 18:10-12).

5) **Cross-Dressing.**

The law said, “The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman’s garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God” (Dt. 22:5). A man ought to look like a man, and a woman ought to look like a woman! Today, in some cases, you may scratch your head, “Was that a man or a woman?”

6) These Seven Things. The book of wisdom reveals seven things which are an abomination unto the Lord. "These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren" (Prov. 6:16-19).

7) A False Balance. Proverbs 11:1 says, "A false balance is abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is his delight."

8) A Froward Heart. "They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the Lord: but such as are upright in their way are his delight" (Prov. 11:20). Are you His delight?

9) Lying Lips. Proverbs 12:22 teaches, "Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight."

10) The Sacrifice, Way, and Thoughts of the Wicked. If you think the Lord will accept just anything and everything, read Proverbs 15:8, "The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: but the prayer of the upright is his delight." Verse 9 adds, "The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness." Again it is written, "The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord..." (Prov. 15:26).

11) Every One That Is Proud in Heart. Proverbs 16:5 reveals, "Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished"

(Prov. 16:5). Checked your heart lately? You might need a pressure gauge on that thing, lest it be over-inflated!

12) He That Justifies the Wicked, and Condemns the Just. Some things are reverse of what they ought to be. Proverbs 17:15 is a good example: "He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the Lord."

May we not be like those in Jeremiah's day: "Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush..." (Jer. 6:15; 8:12). Revelation 21:27 shows the seriousness of this: "And there shall in no wise enter into it (heaven) any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie..." Will you enter?

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