

**Enemy of God**  
**Proverbs 6:12-19**  
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## Introduction

In **Proverbs 6**, we notice that Solomon is talking about progressively worse situations. For each situation, there is a spiritually worse progression. In Proverbs 6:12-19, Solomon is talking about a man who does evil to people, and he is making God angry. Solomon is warning his son about this man, saying that he does not want to end up like this man who does evil because God is going to judge him swiftly and with finality. Solomon is hinting to us that God is ultimately the offended party. So what Solomon is doing is that he is telling his son not to be this man but to do the opposite of what God hates. He is telling his son how to live in fear of YHWH.

## I. Worthless Man (12-15)

- Worthless and wicked
  - Solomon does not talk to this man (but talks about him)
  - There is not much hope for this man
  - Worthless
    - Hebrew word—*belial*
    - Used 27 times in OT
    - Person who turns people from God

***Deuteronomy 13:13** that wicked men have arisen among you and have led the people of their town astray, saying, "Let us go and worship other gods" (gods you have not known),*

- Destroys relationships

***1 Samuel 30:21-23** Then David came to the two hundred men who had been too exhausted to follow him and who were left behind at the Besor Ravine. They came out to meet David and the people with him. As David and his men approached, he greeted them. **22** But all the evil men and troublemakers among David's followers said, "Because they did not go out with us, we will not share with them the plunder we recovered. However, each man may take his wife and children and go." **23** David replied, "No, my brothers, you must not do that with what the LORD has given us. He has protected us and handed over to us the forces that came against us."*

- Rebels against authorities

***2 Samuel 20:1** Now a troublemaker named Sheba son of Bicri, a Benjamite, happened to be there. He sounded the trumpet and shouted, "We have no share in David, no part in Jesse's son! Every man to his tent, O Israel!"*

- NT, word means Satan, the most worthless and most wicked being

***2 Corinthians 6:15** What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?*

- Perverse mouth
  - Crooked mouth
  - Smirk—disdain for others
  - Used to destroy others
    - Lying, gossip, put-downs

- Eyes, feet, hands
  - Non-verbal communication—deviousness
  - Used to communicate to do evil to another
  - Can be used to call out others to help in destroying a victim
- Perverse heart
  - This is where evil originates
  - He desires to hurt others for his own gain
  - He plans evil because he loves it heart, mind, and soul

**Luke 6:45** *The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.*

- His whole person
  - He sows discord—he himself is doing the action
  - He is causing conflicts in relationships
  - By causing conflicts, he is destroying relationships
  - It comes from his whole being

**James 4:1** *What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you?*

- Judgment
  - Swift and final; no second chance

**Nahum 1:2-3a, 6, 8** *The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD takes vengeance and is filled with wrath. The LORD takes vengeance on His foes and maintains His wrath against His enemies. 3 The LORD is slow to anger and great in power; the LORD will not leave the guilty unpunished. 6 Who can withstand His indignation? Who can endure His fierce anger? His wrath is poured out like fire; the rocks are shattered before Him. 8 but with an overwhelming flood He will make an end of Nineveh ; He will pursue His foes into darkness.*

**Nahum 3:1, 3-6** *Woe to the city of blood, full of lies, full of plunder, never without victims! 3 Charging cavalry, flashing swords and glittering spears! Many casualties, piles of dead, bodies without number, people stumbling over the corpses— 4 all because of the wanton lust of a harlot, alluring, the mistress of sorceries, who enslaved nations by her prostitution and peoples by her witchcraft. 5 "I am against you," declares the LORD Almighty. "I will lift your skirts over your face. I will show the nations your nakedness and the kingdoms your shame. 6 I will pelt you with filth, I will treat you with contempt and make you a spectacle."*

## II. Six ... Seven Things YHWH Hates (16-19)

- Six ... Seven
  - What does this mean?
    - There are six things He hates, but there is the seventh that disgusts Him
    - To teach us that God is ultimately the offended party, not people
      - The worthless man offended people
      - But he offended God infinitely more
- God hates

**Note:** There is a tradition of the seven deadly sins. This passage is not what it means. This list is not comprehensive, but to show that God hates sin with a passion. All sins offend God and arouse His wrath.

**Note 2:** Solomon uses body parts to illustrate the totality of wickedness in a person. He goes from head to feet, with the heart at the center. The Bible holds the person responsible for their own actions and attitudes.

- Pride
  - Disdain for everyone, including God
  - Elevates self above God

**Isaiah 14:13-14** *You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. 14 I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."*

- Lying
  - God is truth: it is His character

**Hebrews 6:18a** *that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie*

- By lying, you are going against His character

**Proverbs 19:9** *A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will perish.*

**Revelation 21:8** *But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.*

- Murder
  - God is the only one who has the right to take away life
  - By murdering someone, a person is playing God
  - America is under His wrath for the sins of killing unborn children

**Psalms 106:37-38** *They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons. 38 They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was desecrated by their blood.*

- Plotting evil
  - God created man to worship Him and glorify Him
  - With an evil heart, they are rebelling against God and worshipping self
  - This person does not think about God or His words
- Rushing to evil
  - The action to do what the heart desires
- False witness
  - Distorting facts for personal advantage
  - Graphically demonstrated in the fake trial of Jesus

**Mark 14:55-56** *The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. 56 Many testified falsely against Him, but their statements did not agree.*

- Disgusting to Him
  - Causing conflict
    - Six things escalating to the seventh thing which He finds disgusting
    - God wants His people to be united

**Psalms 133:1-3** *How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! 2 It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. 3 It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows His blessing, even life forevermore.*

- To God, that unity is a dew that smells sweet and is refreshing
  - Spreading conflict is like gangrene—noxious and disgusting
- The Lesson
  - By hurting people, you are offending God
  - By offending God, you are under His judgment and are His enemy
  - That is the worst thing a person can do

### III. ~~Six~~ ... Seven Things YHWH Loves

- The beatitudes

**Matthew 5:3-9** *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.*

- The List
- The gospel
  - The only way we can encounter peace with God is if we believe His Son Jesus Christ and repent of our sins
  - What happens is that all the things that we did that God hates, He now loves because of His Son
  - We have acquired His perfect righteousness along with the forgiveness of sins
  - We are no longer enemies of God, but children of God
  - We have peace with Him!

**Romans 5:6, 8, 10** *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 10 For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life!*

**Romans 5:1** *Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*