

# Abominations unto the Lord

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**W**e are told that the things written aforetime (before the New Testament) were written for our learning...We are also told that the things written were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted, etc. So the Old Testament is for our learning and for our example that we might be warned against wicked practices.

Many things are said to be abominations unto the Lord. If they were abominations in the Old Testament, then they still are in our time. God hasn't changed His mind about abominable things. Abominable means that which excites disgust and hatred, generally by evident ill qualities, physical or moral; offensive, loathsome, odious, execrable or detestable.

*For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. -- Romans 15:4.*

*Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. -- 1 Corinthians 10:6-11.*

## **These things are abomination unto the Lord:**

**Before going further, it will be helpful to define the term abomination. Abomination means a detestable thing. If something was detestable to God in the Old Testament, then He hasn't changed His mind because you and I are beneficiaries of the New Testament or New Covenant. Abomination is still just that – abomination.**

**1. Incest, uncovering a woman's nakedness when she is put apart for uncleanness, adultery, offering of children to idols, sodomy and lesbianism, and bestiality are all said to be abominations before God.**

*And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the LORD your God. After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances. Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the LORD your God. Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the LORD. None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness: I am the LORD. The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy father's nakedness. The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, whether she be born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover. The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for theirs is thine own nakedness. The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she is thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's*

sister: she is thy father's near kinswoman. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister: for she is thy mother's near kinswoman. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife: she is thine aunt. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter in law: she is thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife: it is thy brother's nakedness. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, neither shalt thou take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; for they are her near kinswomen: it is wickedness. Neither shalt thou take a wife to her sister, to vex her, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her life time. Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness. Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself with her. And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD. Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is **abomination**. Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion. Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants. Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these **abominations**; neither any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you: (For all these **abominations** have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled;) That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that were before you. For whosoever shall commit any of these **abominations**, even the souls that commit them shall be cut off from among their people. Therefore shall ye keep

*mine ordinance, that ye commit not any one of these **abominable customs**, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I am the LORD your God. -- Leviticus 18:1-30.*

**2. Any dealings with wizards, witchery, divination, or enchantment is abomination unto the LORD. Beside the obvious dealers in witchcraft, there are modern psychics, tea-leaf readers, crystal-ball gazers, astrology prognosticators, ouija boards, and so forth. With these, there is a host of games, toys, and books that are designed to exalt these abominations. God's people need to recognize these abominable things and avoid them at all costs.**

*When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the **abominations** of those nations. 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: and because of these **abominations** the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. -- Deuteronomy 18:9-12.*

**3. Those who wear clothing and other items, which are obviously to be worn by people of the opposite sex are abomination unto the LORD. The following verse has been a battleground of controversy over women who wear pants. While it is clear that the word of God crosses all lines of cultures in the world, it seems sure which items normally mark a male and which mark a female in our society. Should a woman wear pants? I believe the answer to this is found by reversing the question. Should a man wear a dress, even if it had a zipper in the front? The fact that pants and such like are made by worldly manufacturers for women does not take away from**

**the fact that it is abomination before the Lord. Just reverse the question. The answer is obvious. In all fairness, however, concerning this verse, the exact meaning of "that which pertaineth to a man" has a definite military connotation. That which is usually used by men in military service is not to be worn by the woman.**

*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. -- Deuteronomy 22:5.*

**4. The hire of a whore or the price of a dog coming into the house of the LORD is abomination unto Him. The writer believes the reference to the "price of a dog," in this verse refers to sodomites.**

*Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are **abomination** unto the LORD thy God. -- Deuteronomy 23:18.*

**5. The taking again of a divorced woman who has been defiled by another man is abomination unto the LORD.**

*When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house. And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife. And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his wife; Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is **abomination** before the LORD: and thou shalt not*

*cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance. -- Deuteronomy 24:1-4.*

**6. Divers weights (deceitful weights) which, are used to defraud others are abomination unto the LORD. The very possession of them is an abomination to the LORD.**

*Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small. Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small. But thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have: that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. For all that do such things, and all that do unrighteously, are an **abomination** unto the LORD thy God. -- Deuteronomy 25:13-16.*

*A false balance is **abomination** to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight. – Proverbs 11:1.*

*Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them are alike **abomination** to the LORD. -- Proverbs 20:10.*

*Divers weights are an **abomination** unto the LORD; and a false balance is not good. -- Proverbs 20:23.*

**7. The proud, the liars, those who shed innocent blood, those who devise wicked imaginations, those who hurry to mischief, those who bear false witness, and those who stir discord among brethren are all alike 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. – Proverbs 6:16-19.*

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

*Every one that is proud in heart is an **abomination** to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished. -- Proverbs 16:5.*

## **8. The froward (unbelieving, disobedient) heart, thoughts, way, and sacrifices of the wicked people are abomination unto the LORD.**

*They that are of a froward heart are **abomination** to the LORD: but such as are upright in their way are his delight. -- Proverbs 11:20.*

*The sacrifice of the wicked is an **abomination** to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight. -- Proverbs 15:8.*

*The way of the wicked is an **abomination** unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness. -- Proverbs 15:9.*

*The thoughts of the wicked are an **abomination** to the LORD: but the words of the pure are pleasant words. -- Proverbs 15:26.*

*The sacrifice of the wicked is **abomination**: how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked mind? -- Proverbs 21:27.*

## **9. That which is highly esteemed among men is abomination unto the LORD. This passage from the New Testament is so relevant to the issue at hand that we include it in the article.**

*No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: **for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.** -- Luke 16:13-15.*

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