

**QUESTION #28** – What are some of the flesh sins God says will never be in heaven?

Actually, no sin will ever be in heaven, but there are specific sins that God lists that He obviously wants us to realize will never be there. The list is quite extensive and probably given because we have done some of the things in the list. As near as I can determine, there are 28 specific things God says will never be in heaven:

- 1) Fornication (I Cor. 6:9a) - sexual activity committed by one not married.
- 2) Idolatry (I Cor. 6:9b; Gal. 5:20; Rev. 21:8) - worship and devote self to something not God.
- 3) Adultery (I Cor.6:9c) - sexual activity committed by one married outside of marriage.
- 4) Effeminate (I Cor. 6:9d) - a male who thinks and acts like a female.
- 5) Homosexuality (I Cor. 6:9d) - sexual activity between those of the same gender.
- 6) Thievery or stealing (I Cor. 6:10a; Rev. 9:21)) - one who steals or robs.
- 7) Covetousness (I Cor. 6:10b) - one who covets what another has.
- 8) Drunkenness (I Cor. 6:10c; Gal. 2:21) - one who gets drunk and intoxicated, addicted to alcohol.
- 9) Revilers (I Cor. 6:10d) - one who verbally abuses people.
- 10) Swindlers (I Cor. 6:10e) - one who cheats people out of money.
- 11) Immorality (Gal. 5:19a; Rev. 9:21; 21:8) - any type of immoral sexual activity or behavior not legitimate to or sanctioned by God’s Word.
- 12) Impurity (Gal. 5:19b) - sexual sins God classifies as unclean.  
(List of some things in Lev. 18:6-23)
- 13) Sensuality (Gal. 5:19c) - an excessively licentious person consumed by sex with no shame or restraint.
- 14) Sorcery (Gal. 5:20a; Rev. 9:21; 21:8) - the Greek word is “pharmakia” (pharmacy) and refers to those who are involved in witchcraft and sorcery typically drug related.
- 15) Enmities (Gal. 5:20b) - this word refers to hostile, hateful people.
- 16) Strife (Gal. 5:20c) - one involved in contentious wrangling and rivalry with everyone.

(37)

- 17) Jealousy (Gal. 5:20d) - burning desire for something someone else has.
- 18) Outbursts of Anger (Gal. 5:20e) - hot, explosive, impulsive, emotional outbursts of anger.
- 19) Disputes (Gal. 5:20f) - self-seeking arguments caused by rivalry.
- 20) Dissensions (Gal. 5:20g) - one who always stands apart as a dissenting person.
- 21) Factions (Gal. 5:20h) - one who promotes some peculiar opinion or heresy and tries to get others to follow it.
- 22) Envy (Gal. 5:21a) - jealousy wants what others have; envy wants to take away what someone else has.
- 23) Carousing (Gal. 5:21b) - unrestrained revelry.
- 24) Cowardice (Rev. 21:8a) - a timid coward who is afraid to stand up for anything.
- 25) Unbelief (Rev. 21:8b) - one with no faith or trust, specifically in God and His Word.
- 26) Abominations (21:8c) - something God classifies as detestable and abominable; something that totally disgusts Him.
- 27) Murder (Rev. 9:21; Rev. 21:8c) - one who kills or murders or slaughters someone.
- 28) Lying (Rev. 21:8d) - those who are false and speak that which is false. These kinds of people speak deceptively and do not speak the truth.

Now in Paul's list that he gives in Galatians 5:19-21, he concludes the list by saying, "and things like these." Things like these are flesh things, sinful things that will never be in heaven.

However, it is interesting and obviously important for God to specifically list these 28 things for three reasons:

**Reason #1** - These things will never exist in heaven.

**Reason #2** - These things are some of the things we have done in our life and are the reasons we need salvation through believing on Jesus Christ to go to heaven.

**Reason #3** - These things we don't want to pursue once we have believed and are on our way to heaven.

It is interesting that when Paul wrapped up his list in I Corinthians 6:12, he said, "not all things are profitable" for a believer and certainly this list of sins is not something profitable to pursue.