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## WHAT SHOULD WE DESPISE?

**TEXT: Song of Solomon 8:7** Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: **if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.**

**Psalms 15:1** LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?  
3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. 4 **In whose eyes a vile person is contemned;** but he **honoureth** them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

**Psalms 10:3** For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and **blesseth the covetous**, whom the LORD abhorreth.

**Hebrews 12:2** Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, **despising the shame**, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Job 31:34** Did I fear a great multitude, or did **the contempt of families** terrify me, that I kept silence, and went not out of the door?

**Galatians 1:10** For do I now persuade men, or God? or **do I seek to please men?** for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

**Mark 8:38** Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of **me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation**; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

*"How a massive, silent cultural revolution has changed America...It happened without a Summer of Love, without Timothy Leary, without a groovy anthem or a shaggy new national look. In the past decade or so, there's been a silent revolution in American culture, one at least as profound as the '60s upheavals...Compared to just a few years ago, we have a completely different set of ideas about what constitutes acceptable behavior...Consider America circa 2002...support for gay marriages to be treated the same as straight ones went from 39% just nine years ago to 60% today, according to Gallup. As recently as 2010, a clear majority opposed gay marriage. Today, a large majority support it...As for the broader issue of whether gay and lesbian relationships are even morally acceptable, only 40% said yes in 2001. Today that number stands at 63%. In other words, more Americans are OK with homosexuality than were OK with divorce (59%) in 2001. A decade ago, a plurality of Americans did not even believe that homosexuality is innate...What caused all these changes? It's hard to say. Older Americans are dying off...Increasingly, we don't want to judge others for anything, even if what they're doing is destructive...As of 2002, only 45% of Americans thought it was 'morally acceptable' to*

have a child outside of wedlock. Today it's 61%..." (*NY Post*, June 6, 2015)

**Luke 16:15** 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.

**Psalms 123:3** Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are **exceedingly filled with contempt.**

4 Our soul is **exceedingly filled with the scorning** of those that are at ease, and with the **contempt** of the proud.

**2 Timothy 3:1** This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves...3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, **despisers of those that are good,**

**Psalms 10:13** Wherefore doth the wicked **contemn God?** he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it.

**Malachi 2:17** Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?

**Psalms 107:2** Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, and **contemned the counsel** of the most High:

12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help.

15 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

17 Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

**Proverbs 13:13** Whoso **despiseth the word** shall be destroyed: but he that **feareth** the commandment shall be rewarded.

**Proverbs 1:7**...but fools **despise wisdom** and instruction.

30 They would none of my counsel: they **despised all my reproof**.

31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way...

**Leviticus 26:15** And if ye shall **despise my statutes**, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant:

16 I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption...

**2 Chronicles 36:16** But they mocked the messengers of God, and **despised his words**, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy.

**Malachi 1:6** A son **honoureth** his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts...

7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, **The table of the LORD is contemptible**.

8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil?...

13 Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD.

**Numbers 11:20**...because that ye have **despised the LORD** which is among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?

**Numbers 14:31** But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know **the land which ye have despised**.

**Genesis 25:34** Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau **despised his birthright**.

**Proverbs 19:16** He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; but he that **despiseth his ways** shall die.

**Proverbs 14:2** He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the LORD: but he that is perverse in his ways **despiseth him**.

**Job 5:17** Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore **despise not thou the chastening** of the Almighty:

**Romans 2:4** Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

**Proverbs 14:21** He that **despiseth his neighbour** sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he.

**Proverbs 11:12** He that is void of wisdom **despiseth** his neighbour: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace.

**1 Thessalonians 4:8** He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God...

**Esther 1:17** For this deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, so that they shall **despise their husbands in their eyes**, when it shall be reported, The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not. 18...Thus shall there arise **too much contempt** and wrath.

**2 Peter 2:10** But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and **despise government**. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

**Proverbs 15:5** A fool **despiseth his father's instruction**: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent. 32 He that refuseth instruction **despiseth his own soul**: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.

**1 Timothy 6:2** And they that have believing masters, let them **not despise them**, because they are brethren...

**Matthew 18:10** Take heed that ye **despise not one of these little ones**; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

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