

# Abomination

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Abomination - Something disgusting (an abhorrence; espec. idolatry.

ABOMINA'TION, n.

1. Extreme hatred; detestation. Hence, defilement, pollution, in a physical sense, or evil doctrines and practices, which are moral defilements, idols and idolatry, are called abominations. In short, whatever is an object of extreme hatred, is called an abomination.

Mentioned in Scripture 176 times.

I. There are things that are abominable to us.

- A. Sexual sins are abomination to us – especially if it is someone we care about.
  - 1. The perversions of our day are abominable to everyone who has any conscience left.
  - 2. Adultery and fornication have become less abominable because of the brainwashing of our society – but they are still detested by those who are hurt by it.
- B. Contaminated food is abominable to us.
- C. Dishonesty is abominable to us – especially if we or someone we care about are the ones taken advantage of.
- D. Cruelty is abominable to us – again, especially if we are touched by it.
- E. So you see that most of what is abominable to us is because it hurts us or costs us in some way.
- F. The things we consider to be abominable can become acceptable to us if they suit our selfish purposes some way.
  - 1. People who hate sexual immorality in others may become involved in it themselves if given the opportunity.
  - 2. People who hate dishonesty may cheat if they stand to gain by it.
  - 3. In other words, people have a way of changing that which is abomination into something that is acceptable by rationalizing it in their minds.

II. There are things that are abominable to God.

- A. And God doesn't change his mind about them.
  - 1. He cannot be talked into accepting them because of some excuse.
  - 2. When you embrace or tolerate something that God says is an abomination to him then you have positioned yourself against God and put enmity between you and him.
- B. Sexual sins are an abomination to God.
  - 1. Homosexuality

Lev 18:22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it *is* abomination.

Lev 20:13 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.

- 2. Prostitution

Deu 23:18 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.

3. Wife swapping

Deu 24:1-4 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.

4. Adultery

Ezek 22:11 And one hath committed abomination with his neighbour's wife; and another hath lewdly defiled his daughter in law; and another in thee hath humbled his sister, his father's daughter.

- C. Dishonesty and taking advantage of others through deceit and cheating is an abomination to God.

Deu 25:13-16 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.

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

- D. Those who sacrifice their children to their gods are an abomination to God.  
1. Also, fortune-telling, witchcraft, superstition, communicating with the dead are all abominations to God.

Deu 18:10-12 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.

Witchcraft (sorcery)- 5332. pharmakeus, far-mak-yoos'; from pharmakon (a drug, i.e. spell-giving potion); a druggist ("pharmacist") or poisoner, i.e. (by extens.) a magician:--sorcerer.

- E. Perverved minds are an abomination to God.

Prov 3:32 For the froward is abomination to the LORD: but his secret is with the righteous.

- F. Proud looks, lying tongues, hands that shed innocent blood, heart that devise wicked imaginations, those that cause trouble between brethren.

Prov 6:16-19 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 12:22 Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight.

- G. The prayers of people who will not listen to the Word of God.

Prov 28:9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

H. Cross-dressers – strongest language used here than any other verses.

Deu 22:5 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.

1. It is a direct affront to God's order and his creation.
2. It does not matter what your opinion or preference is.

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.

3. You didn't get your opinion from the word of God if you are at odds with God about this.
4. You may go ahead and cross dress if you like, but you are making yourself (not what you are doing) an abomination to God.

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

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

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

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

Prov 17:15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both *are* abomination to the LORD.

III. There is a solemn warning to those who choose to go ahead and do the things that are an abomination to God.

Rev 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

- A. If you are a child of God with a home in heaven then you will be concerned and ridding your life of anything that is not pleasing to God.
- B. Certainly no child of God would deliberately keep a habit, a wardrobe, or a disposition that they know to be an abomination to God.