SEVEN THINGS THAT GOD HATES

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A HEART THAT DEVISES WICKED IMAGINATION: (NIV - SCHEMES)

There are several biblical characters that comes to mind when I think of who might fit this description. Let’s start with a man who is said to be a man after God’s own heart. 1-SAM 13:14, & ACT 13:22,

Now don’t get it twisted, David was not a perfect man nor a perfect servant, but God simply used him for a purpose and for a season…. Pastor Braxton always says that “***God can make a straight strike even with a crooked stick***”…. I can attest to that…. and David has proved that point.

DAVID; 2-SAM 11: ,

* *Saw*, *Desired* and *Got* Bathsheba; (what the King wants the King gets)
* She wasthe wife of Uriah the Hittite; (adultery)
* David laid with her, then put her out of his house (*she conceived a child*)
* David sent Joab to bring Uriah home from the war so he could lay with his wife
* Uriah would not go to his house but slept at the David the King’s door
* David tried to get Uriah drunk, but he still would not go and lay with his wife.
* David had Uriah sent to the front-line, the hottest part of the battle… then he had the troops pull back and **Uriah died**.

This was a man with a “Heart that devises wicked imaginations or Schemes”. But God has a way of getting your attention. In 2-SAM 12: 1, “**And the Lord sent Nathan to David**”. ….and Nathan told him a story about a rich man and a poor man who had one little lamb….. then said, “*You are the man*”. (V-10) declared “*that the sword shall never depart from your house*”.

But God is always ready to start over… David prayed a prayer of contrition PS 51:

1. He asked God to “Have **mercy** on me O God, according to your loving kindness”…… “Blot out my transgressions”.
2. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity & clean me from my sin
3. I acknowledge my transgressions
4. Against you, you ONLY have I sinned and done this evil in your sight
5. Purge (Clean) me with hyssop and I shall be clean.
6. *Create* in me a clean heart, O God and *renew* a right spirit within me.
7. Restore to me the joy of your salvation….
8. **THEN** will I teach transgressors Your way and sinners will be converted unto you.

This from a manwho had a heart that devises wicked imaginations or Schemes

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*Another family* who had a heart that devises wicked imaginations or Schemes

**Esau, Jacob and Rebekah (their mother)**; GEN 25: 20 -34 & CH 27: ,

* Rebekah gave birth to twin boys, Esau and Jacob
* Esau was hairy, he was a hunter and worked in the field.
* Jacob was a “plain man” (Quite man) and dwelled in the tent.
* Isaac loved Esau and Rebekah loved Jacob (Problem!)
* When Esau was hungry, Jacob would not give him food unless Esau sold him his birthright, which he did.
* When their father Isaac had grown old, was blind and about to die their mother Rebekah had Jacob (her boy) pretending to be Esau, to steal his Blessing which traditionally went to the first born. (elaborate hoax)
* When Isaac realized that he had been deceived and Esau vowed to kill Jacob, Rebekah sent Jacob to stay with her brother Laban. (another trickster).

Another heart that devises wicked imaginations or Schemes

**SECULAR LEADERS:**

There are also secular world leaders who have hearts that devises wicked imaginations or Schemes

* **HITLER**: Shed Innocent blood / killed over 6 million Jews /

* **MUSSOLINI**: The founder of Fascism: **FASCISM** = Is a method of government that involves far-right policies and authoritarianism…… They will use violence to suppress anyone who oppose their rules.
* **TRUMP**: Shows tendencies of FASCISM. Also shows Pride – Think too highly of himself – Lies Freely – Boast – Lies regularly

Feet that be swift in running to mischief: **NIV**, Feet that are *quick* to rush into evil.

We should try and avoid evil at all cost but when you rush to get involved, that’s worse. To live a healthy Christian life, we should try and avoid evil at all cost.

When Jesus was teaching His Disciples to pray, MATT 6:9, evil was one of the main things that He told them to pray to be delivered from…… “*Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from EVIL*”… NIV, from the evil one… Since Satan is the Evil one, let’s not run to him.

* JAMES 4:7, Resist the devil and he **will** flee from you. I know that’s, true, I’ve been there and done that. Satan is known as the tempter… **MATT4:7**, He even tries to tempt Jesus in the wilderness, so if he tried to tempt Jesus, what do you think he will try with us?..... That’s why we have to resist him.
* 1-COR 10: 13, NIV*, no temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted* ***beyond what you can bear****. But when you are tempted he will also provide you* ***a way out so that you can stand up under it***. So, don’t run toward Satan, run away…..
* 3-JOHN 1: 11, *Follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that does good is of God but he that does evil has not seen God*.

We must do as the song calls for, ask God to “**Order My Steps in Your Word**”. **PS 37: 32**, tells us that “The steps of a good man is ordered by the Lord”….…..It is only He who can keep out feet from slipping……

**PS 119: 105**, Lets us know that “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path”.

So, in order to keep our feet from running to mischief we need to have them guided by the **WORD of God**…… There are two eternal things in this world….

1. The **Soul** of man (will live somewhere forever)
2. The **Word** of God (Saves, Protects & Never fails)