

The Wrong Side of God

WRONG TURN

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- 1 JOHN 1:9 KJV

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seven are an abomination unto him:

17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that
shed innocent blood,

18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet
that be swift in running to mischief,

19 A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that
soweth discord among brethren. Proverbs 6:16-19

One of man's basic instincts is to draw lines between the things he will and will not tolerate. Parents, for example, lay down rules for their children on how they should behave and usually they make it clear that not following their rules could lead to consequences. The same holds true for governments, whether they are local, state or federal. Laws are drawn up for the safety and protection of its citizens. These laws are designed to govern the behavior of the citizens and when the laws are broken there is in place a system of justice that

imposes punishment on the law breakers. It could be said that these lines that are drawn define the character and nature of the relationships between each citizen. So it is with our relationship with God. He has laid down rules, in the form of His biblical teachings, that he expects us to follow if we wish to have a personal relationship with Him, as our Creator and our heavenly Father. In our scripture text for today the Proverb summarizes in a nut shell the lines that God has drawn for us. He says: **“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.”** Anyone who chooses to engage in these behaviors will find themselves on **The Wrong Side of God!** You must understand that these seven abominations are indeed antithetical to the very nature of God. That means that these seven abominations are in conflict

with who and what God is. It is also worthy of note that God was not arbitrary in drawing these lines, it was not just some passing fancy or whim that spired Him. No, there was in deed a divine reason for His actions; He wanted to set down universal guidelines that would govern all human behavior regardless of one's race or ethnicity, creed or culture. God wanted all of humanity to be in total harmony. He rewards humility while teaching that pride cometh before a fall. Truth is the very essence of who God is so He would naturally abhor a lying tongue. Next to His only Son Jesus, life is the most precious gift that God gives us and He hates the hands of anyone who would needlessly shed innocent blood. God despises the dark minds and hearts of any who would deliberately devise malicious schemes against his fellow man. God is offended by any feet that unhesitatingly welcomes the opportunity to run toward evil. He that would deliberately set out to disparage and deceive his fellow man will never keep company with God and finally God loves the Peace

maker, but he that sews discord will experience the wrath of God because like his fellow evil doers they are on **The Wrong Side of God.**

I know what you are thinking, I have painted a very dark and bleak fate for mankind, because we have all sinned and have come short of the Glory of God, but what you need to remember is we don't have to stay short. Yes at some point in everybody's life we have all been on **The Wrong Side of God**, That is bad news! But there is some good news; 1John 1:9 **"If we will confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness!"** What this shows us about the God that we serve is that He does not want any of us to be on the wrong side and has provided us an escape, a way out, passage to the right side, **"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son That whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life"** John 3:16

Let me reiterate if you will that while God hates sin, He loves the sinner and has laid out this wonderful

plan for man's salvation. It is a Plan that will put us on the Right Side of God. The Apostol Paul lays this plan out for us in Romans 10:9 & 10 **“That if thou shalt confess thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thy heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”** Hallelujah! We don't have to be on **The Wrong Side of God.**

My brothers and sisters I'm sure that all of us have witnessed some if not all of these seven abominations being committed and truth be told we may have even been guilty some ourselves, but I here today to let you know that **The Wrong Side of God** is not the place to be and is not where He wants us to be. God has provided a way for us to put distance between us and the seven abominations that way is Jesus. I know that there may be some who believe that their sins are too great to be forgiven, but know that God's word is truth and it will not change! 9 **“ If we will confess our sins, He is faithful**

**and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from
all unrighteousness!” We can get on the Right Side
of God! Whosoever will let him come, Hallelujah!
Get off The Wong Side of God!**