



Welcome

...to Scartho Celebration Church!

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea
And a path through the mighty waters,
Who brings forth the chariot and horse, The army and the power
(They shall lie down together, they shall not rise;
They are extinguished, they are quenched like a wick):
“Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old.
Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth;
Shall you not know (perceive) it? I will even make a road in the
wilderness, And rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:16-19.

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Happy new year!

As we go into this new year, may our faith rise up to realise that God is always wanting to do something new in our lives! If our God is the God of the Bible, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit as revealed in the Scriptures, then He is looking to be creative in our walk with Him. He wants to show us His Ways and to lead us in His paths, even though there may not seem to us to be a way forward.

We can be so distracted with things which really are unimportant in the light of eternity. 2017 is now just a memory, and 2018, although just beginning, will soon fly by. However, eternity and God's kingdom will last forever! So let's increasingly invest our time and efforts in building His kingdom

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As we embark into another year, we will be focussing on many positive aspects of our journey of faith with God, in particular, the importance of prioritising God and His kingdom in our everyday lives. “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matthew 6:33.

However, here is an article which looks at seven things God warns us against, a list of things we would do well to check that we are not guilty of. If we find we are guilty of any of these things, then simply seek Him in repentance for cleansing and restoration, so that we can move forward in Him.

Seven things God hates. *An article taken from Gotquestions.org.*

The seven things God hates are a catalogue of sins summed up in [Proverbs 6:16–19](#). While these aren't the only sins that should be avoided, they do sum up most of the wicked things condemned by God. The seven things God hates are the sins that deal with the deep heart motives of the individual. The writer of Proverbs points the finger straight at our hearts and our sinful thought processes.

This is in line with our Lord Jesus Christ's elaboration of the Ten Commandments during His [Sermon on the Mount \(Matthew 5:21–48\)](#). Sin is committed the moment it is conceived in the heart, even before it is actually committed. Avoiding the seven things God hates will help us expose our hidden intentions and motives.

The following is Proverbs' list of seven things God hates:

Arrogant (haughty) eyes: This describes a feeling of pride and looking down upon others ([Philippians 2:3, 5–11](#)). When we begin to think of ourselves more highly and with unparalleled importance, we are forgetting the fact that anything good in us is the result of Christ living in us and that the old self is now dead ([Galatians 2:20](#)). Often, believers feel superior to other believers when they receive godly wisdom and display amazing tenacity against sin. We fail to realize these gifts were given by God through Christ and fanned into flame by the Holy Spirit and are not due to our own goodness. This sin of pride is so detested by the LORD that Paul was kept from committing this sin by being provided with “a thorn in the flesh” to humble him ([2 Corinthians 12:7](#)).

Lying tongue: A lying tongue is one that speaks falsehood, knowingly and willingly, with an intention to deceive others. Lying can be used to impugn the character of a brother or to flatter a friend. It is a most detestable evil to God, who is a God of truth. Nothing we do causes us to more closely resemble the devil, who is the father of lies ([John 8:44](#)).

Hands that shed innocent blood: This refers to cold-blooded murder. We may never have orchestrated killing someone or never have touched a gun or knife, but in [Matthew 5:21–24](#), Jesus says that anyone hating someone else

unreasonably without offering room for forgiveness commits a sin equivalent to murder. John reiterates this concept in [1 John 3:15](#).

A heart that devises wicked schemes: This encompasses thinking or conceiving evil against any individual or group for personal benefit or other misguided objectives, like modern-day terrorists indulge in. Any sin is basically a wicked scheme. David's sin against Uriah the Hittite and Bathsheba comes to mind ([2 Samuel 11](#)). The heart of an evil man continually contrives schemes to bring others to ruin, whether physically or spiritually.

Feet that are quick to rush into evil: Those whose feet are quick to rush into evil display no resistance whatsoever to sin. Having many examples in the Bible, and having the indwelling of the Holy Spirit ([Ephesians 4:30](#); [Galatians 5:16](#)), we are expected to be wise in this regard ([Romans 6:11–14](#); [Ephesians 5:5, 11](#)). In the Garden of Eden, Eve had the first experience of temptation. She displayed no resistance to the serpent's temptation. Instead, as soon as the devil attracted her to the fruit, she "saw that the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye" ([Genesis 3:6](#)). Eve had sinned at that moment itself. Contrast this with the attitude of Jesus: when tired and hungry after forty days and forty nights of fasting, He refused to yield to the devil's tempting and killed the temptation in His mind without allowing it to grow into sin ([Matthew 4:1–11](#)). "Resist the devil and he will flee from you" ([James 4:7](#)).

False witness who pours out lies: This is similar to the sin of the lying tongue mentioned earlier, but this form of lying is given special mention as it could send an innocent person to jail or even lead to him being stoned to death as happened to Naboth, thanks to [false witnesses](#) instigated by the wicked Jezebel ([1 Kings 21:8–14](#)). The prohibition against bearing false witness is the ninth of the Ten Commandments, and the New Testament is equally condemning of it. [Colossians 3:9–10](#) explains the reason for the continued prohibition against lying. Christians are new creations in Christ ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#)), and, as such, we reflect His nature. We have been released from our "old self" with its evil practices such as lying and bearing false witness.

A man who stirs up dissension among brothers: Brothers are created by God to live in unity ([Psalm 133:1](#); [1 Thessalonians 4:9](#)). Believers are brothers and sisters since they have one Father God and one Brother, Jesus Christ. The Church is also the Bride of Christ ([Ephesians 5:25–27](#)). In many situations strife among brothers and even within the church seems unavoidable, but anyone who purposely causes disruption to peace in the body of Christ will displease God above all, since that person gives room for others to sin and for himself to sin further ([1 John 2:9–11](#); [4:19–21](#)). Moreover, Jesus pronounced a great blessing on peacemakers, the privilege to be called "sons of God" ([Matthew 5:9](#)).

God bless you and your family in 2018

January Calendar & Readings

<p>Wed. 3rd Jan: Bible Study, 7.30pm at Glen & Debbie's Thurs.4th: Bible study, 10.30am at Bette's Fri. 5th: Bible study, 7.30pm at Andy & Karen's Sat. 6th: Men's prayer breakfast, 7am at Andy's</p>	<p>Lev.7-19 Prov.22-31 Mat.10-13</p>
<p>Sun. 7th Jan: Sunday Service, 10.30am, Andy King Mon. 8th: Prayer meeting, 7pm at John & Hilary's Wed. 10th: Coffee morning & dancing, 10.30am at SJF Bible Study, 7.30pm at Glen & Debbie's Thurs.11^h: Bible study, 10.30am at Bette's Fri. 12th: Bible study, 7.30pm at Andy & Karen's</p>	<p>Lev.20-Num.6 Eccl.1-5 Mat.14-18</p>
<p>Sun. 14th Jan: Sunday Service, 10.30am, Ant Spitteler Mon. 15th: Prayer meeting, 7pm at Andy & Karen's Tues.16th: Ashgrove Nursing Home service, 2.30pm Wed. 17th: Bible Study, 7.30pm at Glen & Debbie's Thurs.18th: Bible study, 10.30am at Bette's Prayer for Israel, 7.15pm at Ruth & Tony's Sat. 20th: Men's prayer breakfast, 7am at Paul's</p>	<p>Numbers 7-20 Eccl.6-12 Mat.19-21</p>
<p>Sun. 21st Jan: Sunday Service, 10.30am, Andy King Food donations for local charities Mon. 22nd: Prayer meeting, 7pm at Ruth & Tony's Wed. 24th: Coffee morning & dancing, 10.30am at SJF Bible Study, 7.30pm at Glen & Debbie's Thurs.25th: Bible study, 10.30am at Bette's Fri. 26th: Bible study, 7.30pm at Andy & Karen's</p>	<p>Num.21-31 Song 1-8 Mat.22-25</p>
<p>Sun. 28th Jan: Sunday Service, 10.30am, Dr Annang Mon. 29th: Prayer meeting, 7pm at Steve & Nicky's Wed. 31st: Coffee morning & dancing, 10.30am at SJF Bible Study, 7.30pm at Glen & Debbie's Thurs 1st Feb: Bible study, 10.30am at Bette's Prayer for Israel, 7.15pm at Ruth & Tony's Fri.2nd: Bible study, 7.30pm at Andy & Karen's Sat. 3rd: Men's prayer breakfast, 7am at Steve's? Sun. 4th: Sunday Service, 10.30am, Andy King</p>	<p>Numbers 32-Deut.12 Job 1-9 Mat.26-28</p>

