

## Abomination to God; Why Do the Wicked Prosper?; Salvation Is the Issue; God Abhors Wickedness, Not the Wicked; He Personally Loves Believers, Prov 15:9

18. “Is an abomination to the Lord” is a phrase that is used twelve times in Proverbs to describe mental attitudes and behavior that God considers to be abhorrent and they solicit His wrath.
19. Job and Jeremiah were perplexed that God did not impose His wrath upon those whom they considered worthy recipients but this is the devil’s world and sin is a significant factor in the playing out of the Angelic Conflict.
20. However, when mankind facilitates wheel-tracks of wickedness that ultimately violate the rules of engagement for the Invisible War, then divine wrath restores order by means of divine judgment.
21. Note that the things God abhors are the expressions of wheel-tracks of wickedness, not the wicked. Because of the cross God is able to unconditionally love the lost but abhor his sinful behavior, character traits, and lifestyle.
22. Some of the mental and overt sins that express the wicked disposition of the unbeliever’s soul and solicit divine judgment are mentioned by Paul in:

**1 Corinthians 6:9b** - Do not allow yourselves to be deceived by others to the point of engaging in the behavior of the unbeliever reversionist [ ἄδικος, *adikos* ]! The sexually immoral, idolaters, adulterers, homosexuals who are submissive sodomites [ μαλακός, *malakos* ], homosexuals who are assertive sodomites [ ἀρσενοκοίτης, *arsenokoitēs* ],

**v. 10** - thieves, the greedy, drunkards, the verbally abusive, and swindlers will not inherit the eternal state.

23. When these sins become widespread and approach extreme levels in a society then the wrath of God intervenes so that believers will not be overwhelmed by these out-of-control wheel-tracks of the wicked.

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24. God loves the unbeliever impersonally, a divine policy that emphasizes the integrity of God with stress on His righteousness and justice.
25. God loves the believer personally, a divine policy that emphasizes the attractiveness of the believer and is directed toward possession of divine righteousness.
26. The believer who is growing spiritually by means of the double-column advance has momentum from the mentorship of the Holy Spirit and blessings are imputed to his imputed righteousness, target of God’s personal love.

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27. The word “pursues” is the Piel participle of the verb *rathaph*: רָדַף *radeph*. This word brings out the power of the spiritual advance enjoyed by the believer who has momentum.
28. This word is used 143 times in the Old Testament. Its literal and figurative applications in Scripture and its occurrence in the Piel stem in our verse give us insight into the importance wheel-tracks of righteousness play in the life of the advancing believer: