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Psalm 5:5

The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes;
You hate all who do iniquity.

Psalm 11:5

The Lord tests the righteous and the wicked,
And the one who loves violence His soul hates.

Psalm 45:7

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You
With the oil of joy above Your fellows.

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Abomination: *“To stink, to be loathsome, to be unclean. That which causes disgust and turns the head.”*

OT Examples:

- *Idols (Deut 7:25)*
- *Sexual immorality (Ezk 16:22,58, 22:11, 33:26)*
- *Temple prostitution (1 Ki 14:24)*
- *Homosexuality (Lev 18:22)*
- *Cross dressing (Deut 22:5)*
- *Child sacrifice (Jer 32:35)*

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Proverbs 18:12

Before destruction the heart of man is haughty,
But humility goes before honor.

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- Satan’s Attitude (High, lofty, exalted) in Isaiah 14 & Ezekiel 28
- “Pride and haughtiness, is the trunk of the tree from which all other sins sprout.” – C.H. Spurgeon

Psalm 18:27

For You save an afflicted people,
But haughty eyes You abase.

James 4:6

But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

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Proverbs 19:9

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And he who tells lies will perish.

Revelation 21:8

“But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

Proverbs 26:28

A lying tongue hates those it crushes,
And a flattering mouth works ruin.

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John 8:44

You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Ephesians 4:25

Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.

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Genesis 4:7

If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."

Matthew 5:22

But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, 'You good-for-nothing,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.

James 4:2

You lust and do not have; so you commit murder.
You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.

1 John 3:15

Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

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Jeremiah 17:9

“The heart is more deceitful than all else
And is desperately sick;
Who can understand it?”

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Mark 7:21-22

For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness.

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Proverbs 4:23

Watch over your heart with all diligence,
For from it flow the springs of life.

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Proverbs 4:14, 26-27

¹⁴ Do not enter the path of the wicked
And do not proceed in the way of evil
men.

²⁶ Watch the path of your feet
And all your ways will be established.

²⁷ Do not turn to the right nor to the left;
Turn your foot from evil.

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Proverbs 15:18

A hot-tempered man stirs up strife,
But the slow to anger calms a dispute.

Proverbs 20:3

Keeping away from strife is an honor for
a man,
But any fool will quarrel.

James 3:13-18

¹³ Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. ¹⁵ This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

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¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

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Psalm 97:10

Hate evil, you who love the Lord,
Who preserves the souls of His godly
ones;
He delivers them from the hand of the
wicked.

Proverbs 8:13

“The fear of the Lord is to hate evil;
Pride and arrogance and the evil way
And the perverted mouth, I hate.”

Thomas Watson

“Till sin be bitter, Christ will not be sweet.”

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2 Corinthians 5:21

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