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## Proverbs 6:16-19

16. “There are six things which the LORD hates, yes, seven which are an abomination to Him:

17. haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

18. a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that run rapidly to evil,

19. a false witness *who* utters lies, and one who spreads strife among brothers.”

This morning I’d like to comment on the third thing listed in this passage which God hates: namely, “hands that shed innocent blood.”

Earlier this month I had the privilege to publicly stand and pray peacefully with many others in the Flathead pro-life chain. Never before was the gravity of this event felt so deeply by many of us who turned out to pray.

This summer the Planned Parenthood organization has moved into Kalispell, taking up residence in the same location that Dr. Armstrong used to shed the blood of so many unborn babies. But now there is a big difference.

Whereas, when Dr. Armstrong was the head butcher, it was (more of) a local, family business. When his

assistant started cutting up the babies, as old Mr. Armstrong started slowing down; which was, of course, against the law in Montana back then, the local Flathead pro-life organization brought evidence before the county attorney. Armstrong's local attorney stalled until the state legislature could change the laws to now allow medical assistants, as well as certified doctors, to cut babies up while still in the womb and suck out the blood and body parts with a vacuum. Of course the assistant, Susan Canhill, never went to jail for unlicensed murder, but instead received national honors for her "cutting edge" courage in disobeying such antiquated Montana law.

But now the huge national organization to provide abortions has moved in. (Planned Parenthood is the official name. Those who have followed their practices call the organization "Planned Death.")

Planned Parenthood brings an uninterrupted flow of federal money and fresh personnel into the Flathead to significantly increase abortions here. Already large advertisements in the Daily Interlake have appeared. Currently radio stations have ads encouraging people to come in for their services. Planned Parenthood usually targets the jr. high and highschoools were they set up shop. At public and private conferences, young girls are instructed on how to get an abortion without their parents ever having to know about it. Who knows, maybe Planned Parenthood will be given their own office in the new Glacier Highschool. Our community is certainly

changing in that direction.

But when all is said and done, we must not miss the irony of the situation here that our sovereign God brings about. The innocent babies, whose blood is shed in abortion, all go to heaven. (No questions asked.)

On the other hand: the doctors and nurses, mothers, and fathers, and all those supporting the abortion are actually destroying themselves. And if they do not repent in this life, they will not only die physically some day, but God also promises that they will die a second time, being thrown into the eternal lake of fire described in Revelation chapter 20.

So when I stand publicly with any pro-life organization, I do so for the life of the adults involved in abortion--that they would repent. The babies will live, it's the hands that shed innocent blood who will die forever.