

**BATS 5:
Righteousness, Reckoning and
Resisting**

**Selfism: The HAM's, The HATS
and The BATS**

Proverbs 19:8

- *He who gets wisdom loves his own soul;
He who keeps understanding prospers.*

Selfism

- Selfism – Concentration on one's own interests
- Selfishness - excessive or exclusive concern with oneself; concentrating on or seeking one's own advantage, pleasure or well-being without regard for others; supreme self-love or self preference.
- Selfism, in its worst sense, is the very essence of human depravity and stands in direct opposition to the benevolent character we are commanded to have.

Selfism

- *The problem with Selfism is that people try to derive happiness from the World, the Flesh, or the Devil, such as people, mood or things, rather than a relationship with the ONE who can truly provide it.*
- *They attempt this with faulty system of motivation inherited from Adam that I call The HAM's and HATS.*

Selfism

- HAM's:
 - *Human Achievement Motivators*
 - *aka the Lust Patterns of the Sin Nature*
- HATS:
 - Human Achievement Tactics & Strategies
 - The Strategies for the Attainment of the Selfishness Goals and the Tactics used to accomplish them.

Selfism

- *Motivator*
- The driving force, which originates from the inherited nature from Adam, which influences thinking in the mind, seeks to gain the cooperation of one's volition, and achieve its goals.

Selfism

- Strategy:
 - a plan designed to achieve a particular long-term aim or goal.
- Tactics:
 - made or carried out with only a limited or immediate end in view; short-range plans or actions to achieve a strategy.

Selfism

- *2. The Human Achievement Motivators of the Inherited Nature from Adam (INA) include:*
 - *a. Sexual*
 - *b. Chemical*
 - *c. Religious*
 - *d. Approbation*
 - *e. Power*
 - *f. Materialism*

Selfism

- *All of us succumb to one of these Motivators from time to time.*
- *The dominant Motivator related to you is derived from both your genetics and your environment and results in your Trend toward Human Goodness (HG) or Human Badness (HB); as well as your personal areas of weakness and your personal areas of strength in your Adamic nature.*

Selfism

- *These Motivators divorce the believer from reality, causes unrealistic expectation, eliminates understanding, and prevents one from advancing spiritually.*
- *Happiness and contentment do not originate from the fulfillment of the lust pattern of the sin nature.*
- *Happiness and contentment come from your relationship with God, understanding His principles, and applying them to the circumstances of life.*

Selfism

- *Selfism destroys the effectiveness and power of prayer.*
- *James 4:3 - You ask and receive not because you ask for yourselves with wrong motives, that you may squander it on your desire for pleasure.*
- *Selfism destroys the believer's motivation to glorify God and replaces it with self-promoting motivation.*

Selfism

- *Selfism divorces the believer from reality so that every mechanic of the Christian way of life is distorted.*
- *Selfism can only be overcome through spiritual momentum and growth to spiritual adulthood.*

Selfism

- *Signs of Selfism:*
- *Devoting any of your energy to acquire:*
- *Things*
- *Security*
- *Love*
- *Respect*
- *Independence*
- *Friends*
- *Fun*
- *Happiness*

Selfism BATS

- *Phil. 2:3-5 - Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility of mind, consider others more important than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.*
- *Rom. 12:10-13 - Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*

Selfism BATS

- John 13:34-35 - *A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this, all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*
- Prov. 18:1 - *An unfriendly man pursues selfish ends; he defies all sound judgment.*
- 1 Tim. 6:18 - *Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.*
- Heb. 13:16 - *And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*

Selfism: Approbation Motivation

- *The Human Achievement Motivator: Approbation*
- *Strategy: Attain Happiness in Life through obtaining the approval of others.*

Approbation Motivation

- *Approbation is related to what is called a deep-seated sense of inferiority and low self-esteem which insatiably seeks constant approval and praise from others.*
- *In reality, it is the deep-seated sense of superiority that is frustrated by real or imagined physical, mental, or social deficiencies to our Ideal Self.*

Approbation Motivation

- *This results in a dominant Appraisal Filtering by Self Concept.*
- *Everything in life is seen as an issue relating to my worth as a person based on my real or perceived shortcomings.*
- *If my SC is based on Self Image, I will see the world in terms of physical attractiveness and beauty. (Similar to the Sexual Motivation, and thus the reason that Approbation Motivation women are susceptible to the sexual advances of unscrupulous men.)*

Approbation Motivation

- *So, where does this Self Concept come from?*
- *From the Approbation Motivation.*
- *If I have a Genetic or Learned Approbation Tendency, I am going to want to receive validation of my self-evaluated worth.*

Approbation Motivation

- *If I see something in the mirror that is less than my perceived self-worth, I will develop a so-called “inferiority complex”, that is actually a “superiority complex”.*
- *My “body” is not living up to my Selfism expectations!*
- *I “deserve” to have the ideal size, shape, weight, and appearance.*

Approbation Motivation

- *This is a failure to understand that God knew what you would look like, and yet, still placed you (Soul) into the body he did.*
- *Therefore, there is no such thing as a true “inferiority complex”; it is always the “superiority complex” of Selfism choosing disappointment at what God has chosen for my physical appearance in life.*

Approbation Motivation

- *So, if I Filter with Self Concept, because of my Approbation Motivation, I will attempt to please people in some way to overcome my “deficiencies”.*
- *I will develop the HATS Strategy of elevating my Self Worth through the opinions of others.*
- *Such people are called “people pleasers” in the Bible:*

Approbation Motivation

- Men pleasing
- **ἀνθρωπάρεσκος** [anthropareskos /anth-ro-par-es-kos/] adj.
- **1** studying to please man, courting the favour of men.

Approbation Motivation

- *Galatians 1:10 (ESV)*
10 For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Approbation Motivation

- *Ephesians 6:6 (ESV)*
6 not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,

Approbation Motivation

- *Colossians 3:22 (ESV)*
22 Slaves, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.
- Does Men Pleasing attain the Strategic Goal?

Approbation Motivation

- *Does Men Pleasing attain the Strategic Goal?*
- *No!*
- *Why not?*
- *Because, though outwardly trying to please, our inward motivation is to ourselves, not to the one being pleased.*
- *Therefore, we are found out quite easily, to be hypocrites, underhanded, or as having impure motives.*

Approbation Motivation

- *The desire to have friends and companions is normal, but approbation requires that a person receive validation from others in order to feel worthwhile and happy.*
- *They cannot relax because they are compelled to compare themselves to others to feel “superior”, so they must compete with others, resulting in put-down humor and snide comments.*

Approbation Motivation

- *People with approbation as their achievement motivation are horrible in positions of authority.*
- *Rather than being objective and standing firm when necessary, they are hyper-sensitive, easy to manipulate through flattery, and will do nearly anything to get subordinates to like them.*

Approbation Motivation

- *People's approbation tactics quickly turn into revenge tactics when they do not receive the attention or praise they crave.*
- *Such people target others who would dare disagree with or criticize anything they say or do.*

Approbation Motivation

- *Bible doctrine is the cure.*
- *It teaches us that we are all sinners and that no one is any better than anyone else.*
- *God loves all of us, all the time, and His love will never diminish no matter what we do or look like.*
- *Isn't it great to know that we don't have to compete for His Love or attention!*

Approbation Motivation

- *As we begin to understand that, we lose the need for validation from others and relax regarding our appearance and other human attributes.*
- *When we grow further, we begin to appreciate God and His Love for us; we start to reciprocate love back to Him which is the beginning of our spiritual self-esteem.*

Approbation Motivation & Social Life

- *Some people with Approbation Motivation make their social life the number one priority.*
- *It is normal to enjoy the company of others and to be sociable, but some people think that they cannot be happy unless they are involved in some kind of social activity.*

Approbation Motivation & Social Life

- *Social life with God compared to social life with people:*
- *God-emphasis must precede people-emphasis, and love for God must take precedence over love for people.*
- *This means that God must be your number one priority in life.*

Approbation Motivation & Social Life

- *If God comes first in your life, then so will Bible doctrine.*
- *Your relationship with God cannot be priority number one if you have put someone or something before Him (Ex.20:3, Deut.6:5, Psa.42:1, 73:25, Matt.10:37, Phil.3:8, Luke14:26)*

Approbation Motivation & Social Life

- *A right relationship with God results in right relationships with others.*
- *And of course, if you don't have a great relationship with God, you won't with people either.*
- *You respond or react to people based on what you hear and what you see.*

Approbation Motivation & Social Life

- *Since God is not visible or audible, you respond or react to Him based on Bible doctrine, nothing else.*
- *Through perception of Bible doctrine, the believer grows in grace and increases his fellowship with God.*
- *Christian fellowship is not the basis of spiritual growth, so no one grows spiritually or fulfills the plan of God through Christian fellowship.*

Approbation Motivation & Social Life

- *Social life with Christians can be a positive or a negative. It can be a source of help and encouragement for perception of doctrine. But, when believers rely on it like a crutch or it replaces the intake of B.D., it is a deterrent.*
- *Christian fellowship and sharing are no substitute for learning the mystery doctrine of the Church Age from your right pastor. Many have been deceived by being taught that the Christian way of life is the “fellowship of excitement.”*
- *Actually, the Christian way of life is fellowship with God accomplished through prayer, filling of the H.S., learning doctrine and applying it.*
- *Sin breaks our fellowship with God:*
- *1 Jn. 1:6 - If we say we have fellowship with Him [God the Father] and yet we walk in darkness [Cosmic Compound], we lie and do not practice doctrine.*

Approbation Motivation & Social Life

- *On the other hand, the practice of doctrine is fellowship with God. Fellowship with Him inevitably leads to love of God at the point of spiritual self-esteem, and thereafter. We are commanded to love God, Matt. 22:37.*
- *3. Those with social lust are unwilling to stop living for themselves or put away their social ambitions in order to make room for the Lord.*
- *2 Cor.5:15 - And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.*

Approbation Motivation & Social Life

- 1 Cor. 1:9 - *God, who has called you into fellowship [koinonia] with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful*

Approbation Motivation & Social Life

- *koinonia* (- communion, participation, social intercourse, fellowship, sharing in common; from *koinos*, "common", translated "communion" in 1 Cor. 10:16; Philemon 6, it is most frequently translated "fellowship";
- Fellowship with the H.S., II Cor. 13:14, Phil. 2:1; fellowship with the Father, * I John 1:3-7.

Approbation Motivation & Social Life

- *Psa. 1:1-2* - *Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law [B.D.] of the LORD, and on his law [B.D.] he meditates day and night.*
- *Jer. 15:16-17* - *When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God Almighty. I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation.*

Approbation Motivation & Social Life

- Prov. 13:20 - *He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.*
- *The following verses command us not to fellowship with people who would have a bad influence on us: Psa. 26:4-5, *Prov. 1:8-19, Prov. 4:15-16, Rom. 16:17, 1 Cor. 5:9-11, II Thess. 3:6 & 14, II Tim. 3:5, II John 1:10,*