

**BATS 6:  
Righteousness, Reckoning and  
Resisting**

**HAM #1 Approbation: The HATS  
and The BATS**

# Approbation Motivation & Christian Service

- *Kindness, such as feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, giving to the poor and needy, and other acts of charity, when done with proper Holy Spirit motivation and FOTS Fruit production, are not only helpful but mandated by the Word of God, Prov.25:21; Ez.18:7-8, 16-17; Rom 12:20.*
- *The proper motivation includes freedom from self-promotion or personal aggrandizement for both believers and unbelievers, and the filling of the Holy Spirit for believers only.*

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- *Acts of charity are never permanent solutions for the problems of mankind, Deut. 15:11; Mt.26:11; Mk. 14:7; Jn. 12:8.*
- *The old sin nature quickly corrupts good intentions, so the only lasting solution is the personal, spiritual one: believing in Christ for the unbeliever; and, spiritual growth from learning doctrine for the believer.*
- *People can be so preoccupied with their service that they neglect Bible doctrine.*

# Approbation Motivation & Christian Service

- *Christian service organizations often have a lot of trouble because many of the people involved do not learn Bible doctrine or grow spiritually. Instead, they assume that their Christian service is spiritual growth. But the two should not be confused.*

# Approbation Motivation & Christian Service

- *Selfish motivation parlays good deeds and Christian service into dead works or evil, or both.*
- *Approbation Motivation substitutes Christian service for spirituality and its momentum in the Christian way of life.*
- *It is not the deed or service itself that matters but the status of the believer performing that deed.*

# Approbation Motivation & Christian Service

- *Christian service, like all functions of divine good, is always the result of the filling of the Holy Spirit as well as cognition and inculcation of Bible doctrine.*
- *Col. 3:23-24 - Whatever you do, accomplish it from the soul as to the Lord and not to mankind; knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance [escrow blessings]. You serve the Lord Christ.*

# Approbation Motivation & Christian Service

- *If a believer is not filled with the Holy Spirit, he will have wrong motivation in doing good deeds. This can easily result in complaining, grumbling, whispering, and disputes.*
- *Phil. 2:13-14 - For God [Holy Spirit] works in you, both to will and to do His good pleasure. Do all things without complaining [whining, fault-finding, grumbling, dissatisfaction, murmuring, griping, irritation] or strife [disputing, arguing, controversy, quarreling].*

# Approbation Motivation & Christian Service

- *Many people confuse activity that is considered to be good with spiritual growth.*
- *Usually those people are sincerely trying to do things that are pleasing to God, but they lack the knowledge that service is a byproduct of spiritual growth and not the cause.*
- *People with crusader lust often have a competitive attitude.*
- *They compete with others in order to become the spiritual king of the mountain.*

# Approbation Motivation & Christian Service

- *They compete in order to be better than others and to gain the choicest and the most blessings from God.*
- *Sometimes they compete with others in order to feel better about themselves and to feel worthy of God's blessings.*
- *People who do not believe or who are confused about dispensationalism think that they can bring about the Millennium by crusading for the greater good.*
- *Some even think that we are living in the Millennium now.*

# Approbation Motivation & Christian Activism

- *Believers get involved in crusader lust by applying temporal solutions to the problems of life when spiritual solutions are available.*
- *Satan is always trying to deceive believers into buying the idea that the solutions to our problems are physical rather than spiritual.*

# Approbation Motivation & Christian Activism

- *Crusaderism is the effort to whitewash the devil's world with human good solutions.*
- *The two Power Options/ Spiritual Skills,*
- *1) Filling of the Holy Spirit*
- *2) Learning and application of Bible doctrine, must be used for true divine good to be produced.*

# Approbation Motivation & Christian Activism

- *James 4:6 tells us to resist the devil, and many believers take this to mean that they must attack those things they see as wrong.*
- *We resist the devil when we learn and apply doctrine.*
- *But we are never commanded to go on the attack against the devil or anything else.*

# Approbation Motivation & Christian Activism

- *The good intentions in crusader lust can easily be parlayed into evil when they promote Satan's agenda.*
- *Examples:*
- *Demonstrations and legal action against capital punishment*
- *Civil disobedience*
- *Homosexual activism*
- *Prosecution of parents who use corporal punishment*

# Approbation Motivation & Christian Activism

- *Masonic Lodges*
- *Invasive laws such as: Seatbelt laws, Open container laws, Gun control Laws, Blue Laws, and laws that restrict the free exercise of religion.*

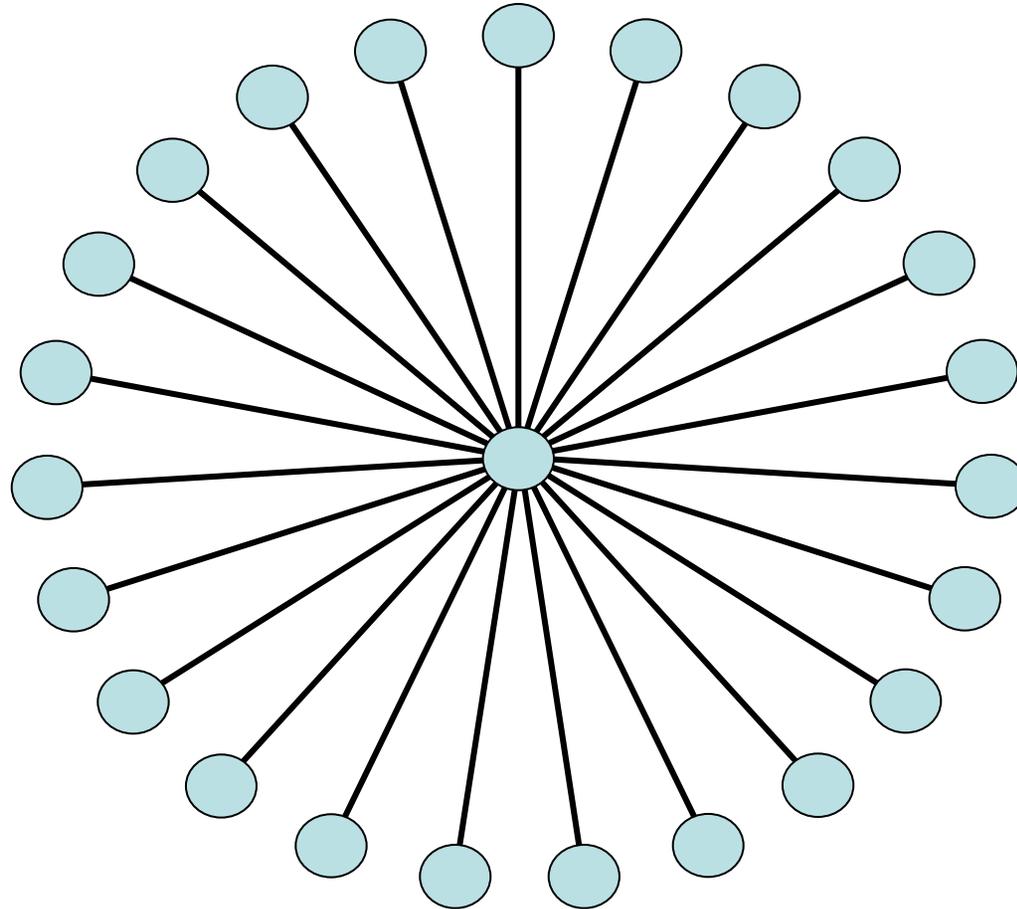
# Approbation Motivation & Christian Activism

- *Satan has promoted the establishment of organizations that entice ignorant believers to get involved in crusaderism.*
- *A.C.L.U. American Civil Liberties Union (Anti Christian Liberals Union),*
- *N.A.A.C.P. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People,*
- *C.F.R Council on Foreign Relations*
- *K.K.K. Klu Klux Klan*
- *N.O.W. National Organization for Women,*
- *N.E.A. National Education Association*
- *U.N. United Nations*
- *W.C.C World Council of Churches*

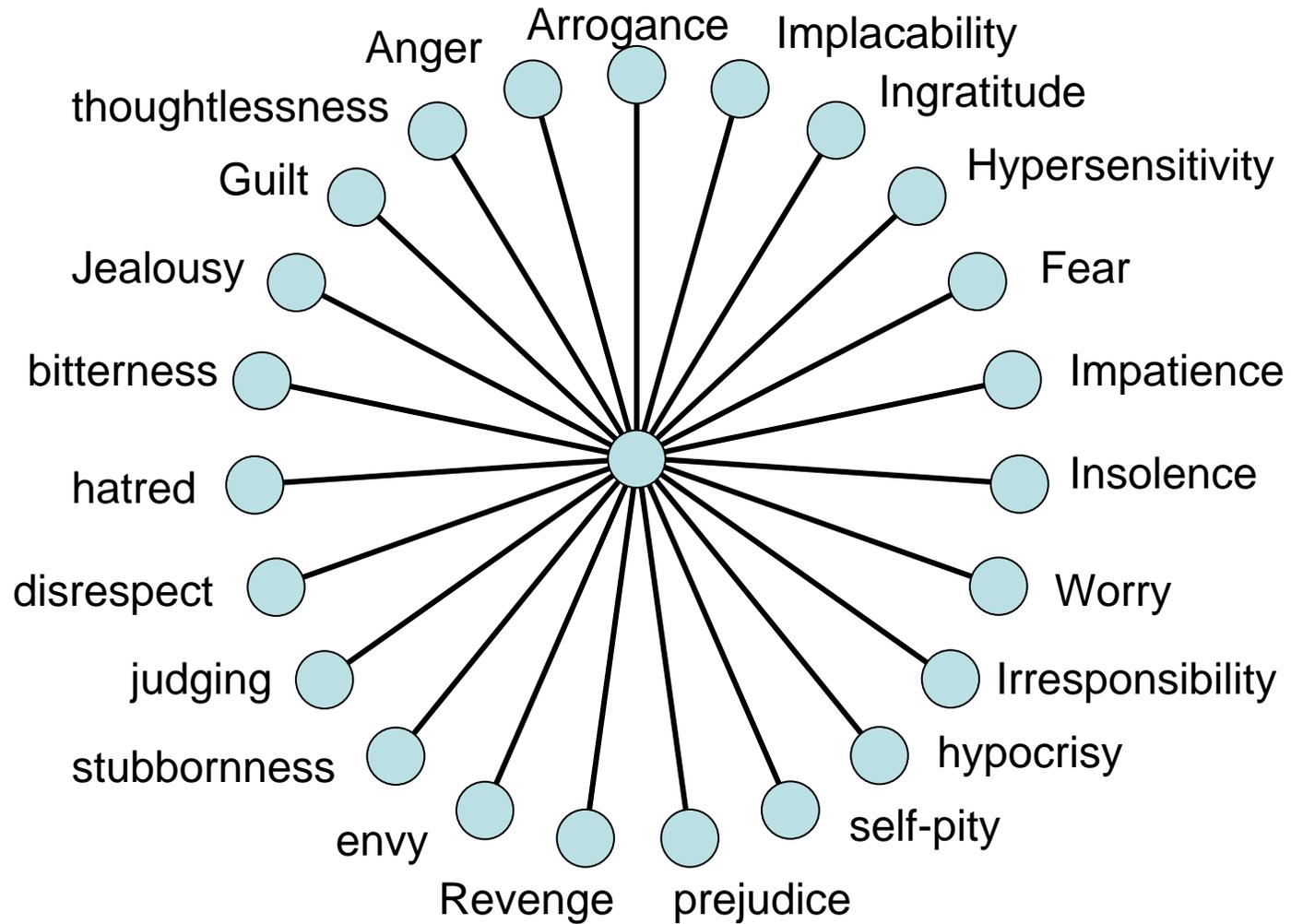
# Approbation Motivation

- *Human Achievement Motivator: Approbation*
- *HATS: Human Achievement Tactics and Strategies:*
- *Strategy: Attain happiness by means of approval and popularity among a selected population.*
- *Tactic: Approbation has at least 23 Tactics:*

# Approbation Tactics



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# Approbation Tactics: Hypersensitivity

- *No matter the Selfism Evaluation of my “Ideal Self”, it will always be subject to Hypersensitivity.*
- *Instead of being sensitive (thinking of others), Selfism is hypersensitive, (thinking only of ourselves).*
- *Hypersensitive people are arrogant, insecure, and very defensive.*

# Approbation Tactics: Hypersensitivity

- *HYPERSENSITIVITY*
- *Often, hypersensitive people will not admit it when they are wrong and get very upset if anyone even suggests that they are in error.*
- *They take everything personally and cannot look things objectively.*
- *Because they are always focusing on themselves, they think that everyone else is too, so they think that everything is about them.*

# Approbation Tactics: Hypersensitivity

- *They are quick to judge, quick to make excuses, and quick to seek revenge.*
- *They are usually very slow to forgive.*
- *It is easy to see that hypersensitive people are not very fun to be around because others have to always be on guard not to say or do anything that may set them off.*

# Approbation Tactics: Hypersensitivity

- 6. 1 Cor 6:7-8 *The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated? Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your brothers.*

# Approbation Tactics: Hypersensitivity

- Prov. 20:22 - *Do not say, 'I'll pay you back for this wrong!' Wait for the LORD, and he will deliver you.*
- 1 Pet. 2:19-20 - *For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.*

# Approbation Tactics: Hypersensitivity

- 1 Cor. 9:12 . . . *we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ.*
- Col. 3:13 - *Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

# Approbation Tactics: Hypersensitivity

- *Unbelievers, and even Believers, at times, are just garbage trucks full of HAM's trying to do our best, and even though we try not to offend others by what we do or say, it is going to happen from time to time.*
- *So we must not wear our feelings on our sleeve if we plan to keep our friends and to apply the doctrine of unconditional love.*

# Approbation Tactics: Hypersensitivity

- *Unconditional love and hypersensitivity are mutually exclusive.*
- *There is one area where we all tend to be a little hypersensitive and that is when we are on the receiving end of criticism.*
- *Even constructive criticism that is given in a loving, thoughtful way can sometimes cause our blood pressures to rise and our voices to change pitch.*

# Approbation Tactics: Hypersensitivity

- *Hypersensitive people will not take criticism, correction, and certainly not reprimand or censure very well.*
- *Therefore, because “you can’t fix what you don’t admit” and hypersensitive people seldom if ever admit to any error or wrong-doing.*
- *They doom themselves to a lifetime of misery.*

# Approbation Tactics: Hypersensitivity

- *On the other hand, Believers who are filled with the Holy Spirit have a Relaxed Mental Attitude (RMA) and don't take themselves too seriously.*
- *An RMA allows us to laugh at ourselves, and if falsely accused, we don't get upset.*
- *Instead, we depend on the Lord to vindicate us.*

# Approbation Tactics: Fear

- *Fear is an valuable emotion to alert our bodies and mind to the presence of danger.*
- *This fear can manifest itself in panic, horror, terror, and hysteria when the pressure is immediate and extreme.*
- *Sinful Fear takes that potential danger and begins to structure the way we approach the people and situations in our life.*

# Approbation Tactics: Fear

- *In Approbation Motivation, Fear is used as a defensive mechanism to protect us from injurious self-concept intrusions.*
- *Fear then controls us and results in a lack of thinking.*
- *It manifests itself in worry, apprehension, dread, anxiety, trepidation and foreboding.*
- *Fear is something that, if not controlled, continues to develop in your soul until you become a complete loser with no capacity in any area of life.*

# Approbation Tactics: Fear

- *The more you surrender to fear, the more it controls you and ruins your life.*
- *The MAS of fear is linked with arrogance because it causes a person to become totally preoccupied with himself.*
- *It makes self-concept protection, rather than Bible doctrine, the number one priority in life.*

# Approbation Tactics: Fear

- *The emotional complex of sins becomes the basis for making decisions instead of Bible doctrine.*
- *Fear and the function of your spiritual life are mutually exclusive.*
- *You choose which one will be in control.*

# Approbation Tactics: Fear

- EMOTION AND FEAR
- Legitimate emotion can respond to doctrine but can never legitimately apply doctrine.
- Nor is an emotional response required in order to apply doctrine.
- In other words, an emotional response may result from application, but it is not necessary.
- Emotion becomes sinful when one is under stress because it motivates irrational thought.
- “Feelings” can become the basis of illogical opinion or belief.

# Approbation Tactics: Fear

- God designed emotion to be the appreciator of thought, decision, and action, not the source of them.
- The source of legitimate emotion is the soul, the origin of sinful emotion is the ISNA.
- Neither legitimate nor sinful emotions contribute anything to the inculcation of truth, nor can they be depended upon to sustain the spiritual life.

# Approbation Tactics: Fear

- Sinful emotion is destructive because it contains:
- 1) No rational thought
- 2) No ability to draw conclusions from doctrine in the soul
- 3) No wisdom or spiritual common sense
- 4) No technical vocabulary
- Believers who stay in the Fear emote themselves to death.
- Rather than responding to doctrine in the soul, they continually react to outside adversities, which creates stress in the soul which wears them out emotionally.

# Approbation Tactics: Fear

- The emotional believer:
- 1) Does not think doctrine, nor does he advance in the Divine Domain.
- 2) Does not have spiritual self-esteem, therefore he lacks confidence.
- To defeat fear, one must have confidence in the Lord and be able to concentrate on His Word under pressure.
- Concentration is necessary in learning doctrine.
- It is also necessary in applying doctrine.

# Approbation Tactics: Fear

- The ability to concentrate on doctrine under pressure is called courage.
- The failure to concentrate on doctrine under pressure is called fear.
- The emotional believer is distracted from doctrine (Romans 16:17-18).
- Emotional believers have impeded spiritual growth (II Corinthians 6:11-12).
- They have made emotion their god (Phillippians 3:18-19).

# Approbation Tactics: Fear

- The Bible identifies the problem of sinful emotion by means of certain physiological references.
- The Hebrew word KILYAH, and the Greek word NEPHROS are both translated into English as “kidneys”.

# Approbation Tactics: Fear

- The adrenal glands are located in the fat pads around the kidneys, and they secrete many hormones, one of which is adrenaline which is the hormone of fright, flight, or fight.
- This hormone increases the pulse rate, increases glucose, increases blood supply to the muscles, and increases blood pressure.

# Approbation Tactics: Fear

- Several passages demonstrate the importance of controlling our emotions.
- The Lord examines our thinking to see if we are responding to doctrine or reacting to circumstances.
- Jeremiah 11:20 - O Lord of the Armies, Who judges righteously, Who tries the kidneys (Kilyah: emotions) and the heart (LEB: stream of consciousness) . . .
- Jeremiah 17:20 - I the Lord search the heart and I examine the emotions. . .
- Revelation 2:23b – I am He Who searches (constantly investigates or inventories) the reins (nephros - emotions) and the heart ( kardia – stream of consciousness in the soul).

# Approbation Tactics: Fear BATS

- Deut.31:6 - Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD your God, he it is that goes with you; he will not fail you, nor forsake you.
- Deut.31:8 - And the LORD, he it is that goes before you; he will be with you, he will not fail you, neither forsake you: fear not, neither be dismayed (anxiously looking about).

# Approbation Tactics: Fear BATS

- Prov. 29:25, - The fear of man provides a snare, but he who trusts in the Lord shall be exalted.
- Josh 8:1 - And the LORD said to Joshua, `Fear not, neither be dismayed: `
- Isa. 41:10 - Fear not; for I am with you: be not dismayed, for I am your God: I will strengthen you; yes, I will help you; yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness.

# Approbation Tactics: Fear BATS

- Psa. 4:8 - In peace I will both lie down and sleep, for You alone, O Lord,
- make me to dwell in safety.
- Ps 56:3-4 - What time I would be afraid, I will put my trust in You, instead. In
- God, whose word I praise, in God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid of
- what man can do to me.
- 2 Tim 1:7 - For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love and of sound judgment.

# Approbation Tactics: Fear BATS

- 1 John 4:18 - There is no fear in love. But perfect love (virtue love inside the Divine Domain) drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.
- Heb 13:5-6 - Let your way of life be free from the love of money. Be content with what you have; for He Himself has said, `I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,` so that we confidently say, `The Lord is my helper. I will not be afraid what man shall do to me.`

# Approbation Tactics: Fear BATS

- THE SOLUTION TO FEAR, CONCLUSION
- Spiritual self-esteem, personal love for God, and confidence in doctrine motivate courage toward man and circumstances.
- This courage is expressed by sound thinking under pressure, and sound decision –making and action founded in thought rather than emotion.
- Personal love for God and unconditional love for man generate the virtue love that drives fear out of the soul (I John 4:18).
- The more you allow fear in your soul, the more you become preoccupied with yourself.
- Self-centered people fall into the arrogant traps of self-justification, self-deception, and self-absorption.