

Series: You Asked For It! (10/6/19)

**Title: Why Did God Command His People to Kill?
Specifically the killing of Women & Children?**

Explain the difference between Murder & Killing.

This is an Emotionally Charged Issue.

In all cases, we must ask...

What Does the Bible Say?

The 6th Commandment: *“Thou shalt not kill.”*

Killing is the Taking a Life.

All Murder is Killing, but Not All Killing is Murder.

Murder is The act of unlawfully killing a human being with premeditated malice, by a person of sound mind.

**It IS NOT your Right to Take Life by your own authority
or for your own personal Gain!**

(Ex 20:13) *“THOU = YOU- shalt not kill.”*

When Is Killing Authorized By God?

Self Defense? - Personal Self Defense

(Lk 22:35-36) *And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing. 36 Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.*

God knows that Men are sinners & their heart is set to do mischief:

ILLUS: Home Invasion - Protection of Your Family

(Ex 22:2) *If a thief be found breaking up, and be smitten that he die, there shall no blood be shed for him.*

(No Revenge from the thief's family is allowed)

Illus: I have children: Someone breaks into my home to steal my child, rape my child, to kill my child.

If cannot stop him through restraint, what am I to do?

Love of Mankind compels me to Stand by and watch?

I use Lethal force to stop the suffering of my child.

Did I Murder that man? NO!

I did not plan it in advance.

I took no pleasure in it.

I had to act to relive the suffering of my child.

The Decision was forced upon me.

Capitol Punishment? What does the Bible Say?

The Bible Teaches that Government is Ordained of God:

(Rom 13:1-4)

God's Word says the Government has the right to exercise

Capitol Punishment for the Punishment of Evil Doers:

(1 Pet 2:13-14) *Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; 14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him (duly authorized by God) for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.*

The Bible Teaches that Capitol Punishment is Sanctioned

As a Deterrent to Evil Behavior:

(Ecc 8:11) *Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.*

What About WAR? - What does the Bible Say?

Recap: - The Government is Ordained of God.

Bible teach we are to be submissive to higher powers ordained of God.

War is sometimes the Necessity of Nations.

WDJS? What Did Jesus Say?

(John 18:36) *Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.*

The Government is Authorized By God to Wage War:

(Rom 13:1-4) *“He beareth not the sword in vain”*

Individuals Do Not Go To War: - Nations Go To War!

Nations send individuals who are trained to fight in that war.
(2 Sam 22:35) *He teacheth my hands to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.*

Our service members go into war as representatives of our National government, which is Ordained of God.

Why did God command His people to Kill in the Bible?

God is Sovereign, He uses War to Raise up a Nation, or take down a Nation:

(Dan 2:20-21) *Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: 21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings:*

That is how America Came Into Being?

God Raised Up a Nation.

How can God the father, the one who values life, order his people to wipe out innocent babies?

It's understandable to be repulsed by God's command.

No mercy for those women & children, no compassion on Young or Old, as His people conquer the land.

God's instructions were as clear as they were brutal.

God is specific so we will feel the weight of this command.

Many outside the faith have planted their flag here, arguing that our God is immoral, monstrous.

Illus: Carl Sagan, Sam Harris, Richard Dawkins Quote.

(2 Pet 3:3-7) Ignorant of the True & Living God.

Vs 3 They have fleshly self-interest to mock God's existence.
Willingly are Ignorant of= Dumb on Purpose = Fool (Ps 14:1)
Ignorant of The Creation, The Flood, The Judgement to come.

Faithful believers are simply puzzled & embarrassed.

Did God Command the Mass Killings in the Bible: Yes!

1. The Flood (Gen 6:5)
2. The 5 cities of the plain, Sodom/Gomorrah (Gen 18:20-21)
3. The Egyptian firstborn sons during the Passover (Ex11:4-6)
4. The Canaanites under Moses & Joshua (Num 21:2-3) (Deut 20:16-17)(Josh 6:17, 21)
5. The Amalekites annihilated by Saul (1 Samuel 15)

I. God Loves Generally:

God of the OT same as the God of the NT.

God's Immutability (Unchangeableness)–(Mal 3:6; Jam 1:17)
(Deut 7:7-8) God loves people

God never finds pleasure in the death of anyone:

(Ezek 18:23)

(Lam 3:33) Not willingly (A necessary forced Action)

(Lk 19:41-44) Jesus wept over Jerusalem:
(2 Pet 3:9)

Historical Context: Did any of these people Have a Chance?
Yes!

God Gave His Word: To Noah

God Gave His Witness: Abraham, Melchizedek, Isaac, Jacob

God Gave His Warning: (Deut 7:18-19)(Josh 2:9-11)

God Gave His Deadline: Waited for a Response-7 days march

God Plead with them the entire time. (Gen 6:3)

The Flood: (Gen 6:5-7)

Time to Repent: 100 years (1 Pet 3:20)

God's Witness: Noah

Salvation By Grace Though Faith (Gen 6:9; 7:8)

Sodom & Gomorrah: (Gen 18:20-21) Fire & Brimstone

Time to Repent: Abraham Pleads with God (Gen 18)

God's Witness: Lot's Witness (Gen 19:6-9,14)(2 Pet 2:7)

Salvation By Grace Though Faith:

Lot and family fled Sodom (Genesis 19:12-13)

Egyptian Firstborn: (Ex 12:12) Death Angel

Time to Repent: (Ex 7-10) The 9 previous plagues.

God's Witness: Moses & Aaron

Salvation By Grace Though Faith:

Israelites marked by the lamb's blood (Ex 12:12-13)

Canaanites: (Deut 9:4-6, 18:12; Lev 18:24-25)

Israelite armies under Joshua

Time to Repent: Israel's 40 years in the desert (news reached Canaanites) – (Josh 2:9-11)

God's Witness: Israel led by Moses & Joshua

Testimony of the Deliverance had spread throughout the known world. :

Rehab's verbal testimony (Josh 6:23)

Salvation By Grace Through Faith: Rahab and family – she tied a scarlet thread outside window (Joshua 2)

Amalekites: (1 Samuel 15:2-3) (Saul's armies)

Time to Repent: 350 yrs since their sin against Israel (Ex 17)

God's Witness: Nation of Israel

Salvation by Grace Through Faith: 350 yrs of opportunity to repent & believe.

Not Genocide or Ethnic Cleansing:

Only the Canaanites that would not leave.

Canaanite cities outside the promise land were to have Peace treaty (Deut 20:10-15)

Not Genocide but a Forced Relocation:

(Ex 23:27-30) God sent his Terror, Pestilence

Not Genocide because God Drove out 90% before Israel Arrived.

(Deut 7:20) Only the Canaanites that would not leave.

(Josh 24:11-13)

Why Did God Command the Mass Killing of the Canaanites?

God's judgement was on a culture that was utterly pervaded by detestable religious practices.

90% had already left.

The remaining 10% were steeped in Satan worship.

(Deut 9:4-6)

(Deut 12:31)

(Deut 18:12)

(Lev 18:24-25)

The sinful religious practices of the Canaanites, included child sacrifice to the god Molech, incest, bestiality, homosexuality and cultic prostitution.

Is God a God of Love? Yes God Loves Generally...also

II. God Loves Generationally: (Deut 7:9-10)

Go back to the Illus: Someone is killing my children.

Now Imagine, it is My Son Killing My Grandchildren.

Children Learn from their Parents: (Prov 22:6)

Flood:

Sodom & Gomorrah:

Egyptians:

Canaanites:

Imagine the Countless Millions that would have been born to be slaughtered heinously in sacrifice to a false gods.

Imagine the countless thousands of generations of children that would have grown up to repeat these heinous acts of worship of their children to false gods.

REMEMBER: The Greater judgement than physical death is still yet to come. (Rev 20:14-15)

Imagine the Countless billions of human souls that would have damned to eternity in the Lake of Fire had God not stopped the process.

God uses War sometimes as a Mercy:

(Num 21:34-35) *And the LORD said unto Moses, Fear him not: for I have delivered him into thy hand, and all his people, and his land; and thou shalt do to him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon. 35 So they smote him, and his sons, and all his people, until there was none left him alive: and they possessed his land.*

This is the Hardest for us to understand.

Innocent children were killed.

They didn't sin against God and His People.

No One wants to see Innocent children killed.

If we believe what the Bible says @ sin, heaven, & eternity, THEN we Believe Every child that dies goes to Heaven to be with God.

In the Bible, God had given nations time to repent & worship the true & living God, & they refused.

Countless more generations of children would grow up only to go to hell for eternity.

I want to live in a War-less World.

We will not live in a Warless world until Jesus comes to Rule and Reign from His throne in Jerusalem.

@ Jesus return, He will execute Judgment by Waging War

(Rev 19:11-18) Vs *11 *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.*

III. God Loves Globally:

God has a plan to rescue sinful mankind from His wrath.

(Deut 7:6)

(Gen 12:3) Nations of the earth blessed via Abraham

(Gen 26:4) Nations of the earth blessed via Isaac

(Gen 28:14) Nations of the earth blessed via Jacob

The Knowledge of God would go to all people through the Israelites.

The Messiah would come through the Israelites.

The Israelites would be a witness/Testimony of God to the entire world.

Why did god destroy the Amorites? They were not even in the Promise land.

Back to my previous Illus: My Son Killing My Other Children.

The Amorites were attacking God's people from without.

Sihon, King of the Amorites: (Num 21:21-25)

OG, King of Bashan: (Num 21:33-35)

Balak: King of Moab tried to Curse Israel: (Num 22)

Why God Judged the Canaanites?

The Canaanites would attack Israel from within.

God children were being led astray by associating with the Canaanites.

They would intermarry with the Israelites and lead them into idolatry.

Why God Judged Israel? (Lev 18:24-29)

God holds the Israelites to the same standards as Canaanites.

God Commanded them not to copy the Canaanites.

They copied the behaviors of the Canaanites.

God judged them as He promised.

Judah began to the same cruel practices of the Canaan
Child sacrifice (Is 57:5; 2 Kgs 17.17),

Ritual prostitution (Jer 13.27),

Cultic homosexual prostitutes (I Kgs 15.12; 22.46; 2
Kings 23.7), and

Widespread social violence (Ezek 45.9; Is 59.6-10)

God judged them to be expelled from the Land.

He sent the Babylonians to 'drive them out'.

They were Supposed to obey God & go into exile—

The prophets told the people to surrender to

'dispossession' to Avoid being Killed!

(Jer 38:2-3,17-18)

(Jer 21:8-9)

God Used War to Judge His Nation for its Evil doings:

(2 Chron 24:24) *For the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men, and the LORD delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers. So they executed judgment against Joash.*

God Judged His Own people even More harshly than He did other nations. (2 Kings 21:12)(Jer 19:3) (Ps 106:34-42)

(Ezek 14:21) *For thus saith the Lord GOD; How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?*

Why God will Judge Us? (Heb 2:3)

Are We Loving Generationally?

Children Learn from their Parents: (Prov 22:6)
How are we any different from the Canaanites?

Are We Loving Globally? (Matt 28:19-20)

How are we any different from Israel?