

Series: Honoring God in the 10 Commandments

Title: A Life Worth Protecting

Text: (Ex 20:13) (Deut 5:17) “*Thou shalt not kill.*”

This is an Emotionally Charged Issue.

In all cases, we must ask...

What Does the Bible Say? (1 Cor 2:4-7)

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

Is this the Biblical basis for Passive-ism?

Passive-ism is not a Bible Principle.

Passive-ism is a miss-application of the Scripture.

Was Jesus a Passive-ist? NO!

(Jn 2:15) *he drove them all out of the temple,*

(Lk 22:35-36) *no sword, let him sell his garment, & buy one.*

(John 18:36) *then would my servants fight,*

Killing is the Taking a Life

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

Killing is Defined in the Bible as...

Premeditated: (Ex 21:14) *presumptuously... to slay him...*

Stems From Hatred: (Ex 35:20-21)

“THOU = YOU- shalt not kill.”

To constitute murder in law, the person killing another must be of sound mind or in possession of his reason, and the act must be done with malice prepense, aforethought or premeditated; but malice may be implied, or expressed.

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

(Ex 20:13) *Thou Shalt Not Kill*

WHY is Killing Wrong?

Unauthorized taking of life is an assault on the image of God. (Gen 9:6) *in the image of God made he man.*

Because Vengeance is not under our Authority to dispense.

(Deut 32:35) *To me belongeth vengeance, and recompence;*

(Rom 12:19) *avenge not yourselves... Vengeance is mine;*

Because Unauthorized Killing is a Work of the Flesh, not the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:19-21) *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these murders, ...that they which do*

such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Because God Commands Against Unauthorized Killing:

(Ex 20:13) *Thou shalt Not Kill*

(Prov 6:16-17) *hands that shed innocent blood,*

Because God is the Giver of Life! (Jn 10:10b)

Because We are like Satan who is the taker of Life:

(Jn 10:10a)

Why is There Unauthorized Killing? B/c Man is a sinner.

Until Jesus comes and Rules this earth, there will be killing.

Killing is out of the selfish wickedness of the human heart.

(Jer 17:9)

(Matt 15:19) *out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders..*

Every sin has its origin in your heart:

(Prov 4:23)

“Keep” Guard, treasure, build a fortress.

“Issues of Life”

Unauthorized Killing is a Heart Issue (Matt 15:11, 17-20a)

Wicked fruit from the wicked tree with a wicked root.

What goes in your eyes & ears goes into your heart will come out your hands, Feet and Mouth:

What do you watch? - What are you listening to?

What do you read? - Who do you spend time with?

Put the good in & take the bad out: -

(Rom 13:14)

(Rom 12:21) “*overcome evil with good.*”

We must replace the bad with the good.

B/c Removing bad is not enough.

When Is Killing Authorized By God?

What does the Bible Say?

Self Defense? - Personal Self Defense

(Lk 22:35-36) *no sword, let him sell his garment, & buy one.*

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

(Ps 28:3)

Home Invasion - Protection of Your Family: (Ex 22:2)

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

What About Capitol Punishment?

What does the Bible Say?

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

The Bible Teaches that Government is Ordained of God:

(Rom 13:1-4)

To have civilized Human Behavior, we must have civilized human government.

B/c Man is a sinner, he must be protected from other men.

Declaration Independence: Life, Liberty, Pursuit of Happiness

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 punishment of evildoers,***

(Gen 9:6)

(Ex 21:14) ***that he may die.***

What if I am the One who inserts the needle, or pushes the button, Am I a Killer? NO!

You were doing what you had been ordered to do by a civilized people determined to protect themselves.

The Bible Teaches that Capitol Punishment is Sanctioned As a Deterrent to Evil Behavior:

(Ecc 8:11)

Henry VIII gave a man a full pardon, with assurance that he would not re-offend.

Some time later, the man killed again.

When Asked, Henry the VIII said No.

The 1st man, He killed, the 2nd man, I killed.

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.

Preacher, I don't know if I believe that.

WDJS? What Did Jesus Say?

(John 18:36) *then would my servants fight,*

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;*

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) *he removeth kings, and setteth up kings:*

How do You think America Came Into Being?

God Raised Up a Nation.

Tyrannicide: the Killing of a Tyrant: (Rom 9:17)

Sometimes God Uses War to Judge another Nation for its Evil doings: (2 Chron 24:24) (Ezek 14:21) (Deut 32:39)

(Deut 32:41)

God uses War sometimes as a Mercy: (Num 21:34-35)

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.

BUT: If we go to War, children are going to be killed.

We are extremely Humane People.

We are Peace loving People.

We desire the best for every human life.

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

(Jn 19:11) *he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.*

We must pray for our leaders.

We must pray for our servicemen & women.

We must pray for Revival in these Godless countries who stop all gospel witness to their people.

**Homicide, Justifiable Homicide, & Infanticide:
Does Abortion fall under the 6th Commandment.**

(Ex 20:13) *Thou Shalt Not Kill*

This is an Emotionally charged Topic.

1 out of 3 babies conceived in the US will be Aborted.

As Christians, we are accused of mandating an outdated standard of Morality on our Society.

That is not the Case.

We are trying to Tell people the **Truth!**

As with all topics, Christians should be asking:

What does the Word of God teach on this topic?

Father said His word is Truth: (Ps 119:142, 151)

Jesus said the Word of God is Truth: (Jn 17:17)

The Holy Spirit will teach us Truth of the Word. (Jn 16:13)

As a Christian, what the Bible says ought to Matter to us.

The Bible Teaches that Life starts with Conception:

(Ps 139:13-16) *For thou hast possessed my reins:*

Reigns~ Seat of my Passion, Emotions, Intellect

(God had my soul already picked out)

thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

Life Starts in the Womb,

but lets get some more details...

14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. (I know in the very depths of my being)

15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I (denotes a person)

was made in secret,

(It took awhile before anyone else knew I was there)

and curiously wrought

(With nice care & art; exactly; neatly; elegantly.)

in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect;

(Even before I was fully formed, I was there, & God knew me)

and in thy book all my members were written,

(God was already aware of and had an inventory of my physical characteristics)

which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. (Prior to their formation)

The Bible Teaches that Life starts with Conception:

If that was the Only verse, maybe you could argue that it is all allegorical. BUT...

(Jer 1:4-5) *Then the word of the LORD came unto me,*

(God was speaking directly to Jeremiah) *saying,*

Before I formed thee in the belly

(Before you were Conceived)

I knew thee; (You were a person, an individual, with Identity)

and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee,

(God set him apart for sacred services.)

(God said Jeremiah was Valuable to Him)

and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

(God gave Jeremiah a divine Purpose)

And you hadn't even been conceived yet.

The Ability to Conceive is a Gift from God:

(Gen 4:1)

(Gen 29:31)

Children are Blessing from God:

(Ps 127:3)

Some call it a Choice,

Some Call it Post-conceptive fertility control

Voluntary Miscarriage

Every Woman's right

Planned Parenthood: The #1 Sexually Transmitted Disease.

On this issue, as Every Other Issue, we need to Stand Where God Stands on this Issue.

Slaying of the unborn is unauthorized killing of a person.

Abortion is the unauthorized killing of a unique human being that has Value & Purpose.

(Ex 20:13) (Deut 5:17) "Thou shalt not kill."

It is not in our purview to take human life by our own reasoning or for our own gain.

Because of the Sinfulness of the Human Heart People Kill People.

Some for their Gain.

Some as the duly authorized representative of a God ordained Government.

But Jesus said:

(Jn 10:10) The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.