

7 Things God Hates

Proverbs 6:16-19

Calvary Bible Church

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Lesson Three: Hands that shed innocent blood

I. Review/Introduction

- A. *Review*
- B. *Why does God hate hands that shed innocent blood?*

II. What does the Bible say about shedding innocent blood?

- A. *The destruction of the innocent:*
 1. Hinders our prayers and our fellowship with God
 - a. **Isaiah 1:15** "So when you spread out your hands *in prayer*, I will hide My eyes from you; Yes, even though you multiply prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are covered with blood.
 - b. **Jeremiah 7:5-7** "For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly practice justice between a man and his neighbor, ⁶ if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, nor walk after other gods to your own ruin, ⁷ then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever.
 2. Is disobedient to the direct command of Scripture
 - a. **Deuteronomy 19:10** "So innocent blood will not be shed in the midst of your land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance, and bloodguiltiness be on you.
 - b. **Jeremiah 22:3** Thus says the LORD, "Do justice and righteousness, and deliver the one who has been robbed from the power of *his* oppressor. Also do not mistreat *or* do violence to the stranger, the orphan, or the widow; and do not shed innocent blood in this place.
 3. Is recognized to be evil even by unbelievers
 - a. **Psalms 106:38** And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and their daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with the blood.
 4. Was the recognized sin of Jesus' betrayer
 - a. **Matthew 27:4** saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to that yourself!"

III. What foundational attitudes of sin motivate people toward victimizing the innocent?

- A. *Anger*
 1. **Matthew 5:21-22** "You have heard that the ancients were told, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER ' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.' ²² "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, 'You good-for-nothing,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.
- B. *Selfishness*
 1. **James 4:1-3** What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? ² You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.
- C. *Injustice*
 1. **Leviticus 19:15** 'You shall do no injustice in judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor nor defer to the great, but you are to judge your neighbor fairly.

IV. Interacting with arguments people offer in support of legal abortion.

- A. *People will do it anyway, legalization makes it safe.*
 1. Should we determine what is legal based on the principle: "People will do it anyway."
 2. Is it really safe?

- a. One person dies
- b. The other is affected for life
- c. There are many things that can go wrong.

B. *It's legal. Who are we to oppose the government?*

- 1. What God says is more authoritative than what the law says.
- 2. We ARE the government.

C. *They aren't people yet.*

- 1. This is the same argument that was used to support slavery and the Holocaust.
- 2. If the unborn are not people yet, when exactly do they become people?
- 3. Would the overwhelming majority of pregnant women consider their unborn baby "not yet human"?

D. *The government cannot limit personal freedom of choice.*

- 1. Every single law on the books limits personal freedom of choice. Every. Single. One.

E. *It is hypocritical to oppose abortion and support capital punishment.*

- 1. Is it? Isn't there a difference here?
- 2. Even if it is, shouldn't that be corrected?
- 3. Why, then, would those who support abortion overwhelmingly oppose capital punishment?

F. *It's better to be dead than unhealthy.*

- 1. Really? Does anyone really think this way except for in the case of an unborn baby?
- 2. This is a slippery slope that may one day result in the termination of the elderly and/or infirm.
- 3. There is a subtle blasphemy in this way of thinking. Who makes the weak and infirm?
 - a. **Exodus 4:11** The LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes him mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?"

G. *In cases of rape or incest, the child would be a constant reminder of the woman's victimization.*

- 1. Why punish the innocent for the sins of the guilty?
 - a. **Ezekiel 18:20** "The person who sins will die. The son will not bear the punishment for the father's iniquity, nor will the father bear the punishment for the son's iniquity; the righteousness of the righteous will be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked will be upon himself.
- 2. If the child is truly a reminder of this victimization, why not give the child to a family who will love her without any sense of victimization?

V. Why does our society oppose some forms of destruction of the innocent and not others?

A. *Question:*

- 1. Why would a society (USA) be so vocal about protecting people from discrimination be so seemingly callous to the needs of the unborn?

B. *Proposed answer:*

- 1. Because they cannot scream.

VI. What can we do about this?

A. *We can pray that God would bring a true revival to His Church and to our country.*

B. *We can seek to persuade people that the shedding of innocent blood is wrong.*

C. *We can participate in any legitimate means to change the laws of the land.*