

SEVEN SINS THE WICKED PRACTICE GOD HATED THAT'S PRESENTED IN PROVERBS 6

The third part of this series will now address hands that shed innocent blood. Blood being shed has always been serious to God since the beginning of time. Blood is so powerful that God commanded sacrifices of blood through Old Testament to atone for man's sins. We know that no blood could speak and overcome all sin like our Savior Jesus whose blood was shed for all mankind. Jesus gave his life; however, some have committed murder and taken innocent lives due to envy, jealousy, rage, greed, pride, and many other sins that were rooted deep in their hearts. We will look at the first innocent bloodshed, what God says about murder and abortions which are also classified as murder.

Scripture Reference

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18 A heart that manufactures wicked thoughts and plans, feet that are swift in running to evil,
19 A false witness who breathes out lies [even under oath], and he who sows discord among his brethren.

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HANDS THAT SHED INNOCENT BLOOD

In Genesis 4:8-10, we read, "Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" And the Lord said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground." (ESV). We know Cain and Abel were the fulfillment of God's original command to Adam to be fruitful and multiply. Cain was a tiller of the ground and Abel was a keeper of sheep. God was already setting the precedent for the type of Christ Abel represented in the bible. When I mean the type of Christ, all in the Old Testament that were faithful servants of God demonstrated the character of Christ before he came in the flesh. When we read how all contributed to the showing us a redeemer was coming who would make a better sacrifice than all who have made sacrifices up to God. Going back to Cain and Abel, we see the first human sacrifice that was shed through murder due to jealousy, envy, anger, and hatred. Cain shedding Abel's blood was due to an unrepented heart and wickedness that was there. If you were to read in previous verses the conversation between Cain and God, it will illustrate God's choice to give Cain space to repent before murdering his brother.



Remember God knows everything by His Holy Spirit who is also God himself. Since God knows man's ways and thoughts he always gives us a chance to correct our mistakes before we even make them.

In 1 Samuel 18:10-12, we read, “The next day an evil spirit from God came mightily upon Saul, and he raved [madly] in his house, while David played [the lyre] with his hand, as at other times; and there was a javelin in Saul’s hand. And Saul cast the javelin, for he thought, I will pin David to the wall. And David evaded him twice. Saul was afraid of David because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul.” (AMPC). We know the backstory of Saul and David, where God removed the anointing (Holy Spirit) from Saul and anointed David who was after God’s heart. Since King Saul no longer had the Holy Spirit the Lord allow an evil spirit to enter Saul that influenced his mind and the true intentions of his heart. See this is imperative of why we need the Holy Spirit because only he can cleanse our hearts. Holy Spirit can cleanse our mind, emotions, and will to be yielded to Him so that we may reflect Christ in our mind, emotions, and will. The driving spirit behind Saul wanting to kill David was the spirit of fear. It says that Saul feared David because God was with him. Notice that most hate crimes that are committed in the world are driven by fear along with hatred towards their victim. Fear drives us to not walk in our purpose, obey others' voice over God’s voice, and many other instances you can think of that fear drives.

In 2 Samuel 11:14-17, we read, “In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. And he wrote in the letter, Put Uriah in the front line of the heaviest fighting and withdraw from him, that he may be struck down and die. So, when Joab was besieging the city, he assigned Uriah opposite where he knew the enemy’s most valiant men were. And the men of the city came out and fought with Joab, and some of the servants of David fell. Uriah the Hittite died also.” (AMPC) We all know that David at the time was supposed to be away at war, but instead stayed behind that led to him seeing the nakedness of Bathsheba who was Uriah’s wife at the time of this war. David due to his lust desired to take Bathsheba to bed and defiled Uriah’s marriage and committed adultery. This adulterous act led to a child being conceived between David and Bathsheba, so David concocted a plan to have Uriah lay with his wife if you read further back in the scriptures; however, Uriah understood it is time for war, he desires to fight and not be with Bathsheba. David knew if Uriah did not play with Bathsheba then he couldn’t pass the child off to Uriah. Since this plan was not successful, he chose to murder Uriah by sending him back to the battlefield, in the frontline to make certain he would not come back. David Shed innocent blood and God sent Nathan the Prophet to make David aware that God knew of his sin. It was from this moment Psalm 51 was birth and David immediately repented. Unlike Saul, David had a heart filled with repentance.

Lastly, we will look at several scriptures where God talks about murder being a sin. In Exodus 20:13 and Romans 13:9, we read, “You shall not kill” (KJV). In Matthew 5:21-24, we read, you have heard that it was said by them of old time, You shall not kill, and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment” (KJV). This is a part of Jesus giving his Sermon on the Mount. Jesus was talking about the prohibition of committing murders, but also having a murderous attitude. Many don’t realize that we can murder someone through the words we speak. We can murder their character through our attitudes the same way the Pharisees constantly spoke ill of Jesus. Slander and gossip are sins as well and can be considered as killing someone with words without touching them. Remember in our last teaching words have power and they authorize blessings or curses



against others. We won't get into this sin until we get to the false witness and those who sow discords.

In Exodus 21:22, we read, "If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according to as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determines" (KJV). This is speaking of a woman who is pregnant. If her unborn infant is harmed intentionally it is considered murder against the child. When a woman has an abortion she is murdering an unborn child. The laws of the land will disagree and try to determine what is an unborn child and not through countless abortion laws that have been presented to the Supreme Court; however, we know that God's law is what we as believers follow and is the final authority and ruler over our lives. Let us look at God's words concerning a child in its mother's womb. In Jeremiah 1:5, we read, "Before I formed you in the belly I knew you, and before you came forth out of the womb I sanctified you, and I ordained you a prophet unto the nations. In Psalm 139:13, we read, "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb" (ESV). Here we see that in God's written word our identity is already established before we even are placed in our mother's womb. He knew what we would be meaning the gender, race, the family we would be placed in, our calling/purpose, and so much more before we were even physically created.

As believers, Paul teaches us that we do not belong to ourselves. We have been brought with a price and we belong to Jesus the one who paid the price for us all. In 1 Corinthians 6:15,19-20, we read, "Know you not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God Forbid. What? Know you not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost/Spirit who is in you, which ye have of God, and you are not your own? For you are brought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (KJV). We cannot do anything with our bodies that are a dwelling place for God through his Holy Spirit. God also stated as believers that just because a law is permissible/lawful doesn't mean it is beneficial in previous verses within this chapter. The world may tell us that it is our body we do what we want with it, but that's not true, we aren't the creators of ourselves nor the children that are placed in our wombs. We all belong to God, whether we like to reject it or accept it, we are of God. We are all his creation. We may not have a sonship relationship with God when we reject his son Jesus Christ; however, for those that have accepted Jesus Christ, this adoption is possible for us to be a part of the Body of Christ. When an abortion occurs, there is a shedding of blood and if we recall in the video previously that bloodshed is powerful.

Blood is such a powerful weapon and has a high price because of what blood offers. Many in several occult practices understand that blood has power. Of course, any blood outside of Jesus Christ is null and void and can always be trumped because Jesus' blood was pure and sinless. Unlike, a man whose blood was stained due to the fall of Adam's sin and the bloodshed of Abel due to Cain, our blood became an infectious disease that could never atone for our righteousness. Therefore, it took Jesus Christ and him crucified on the cross to be the one to offer up his blood which speaks louder than any sacrifice whether human or animal. The blood creates a covenant. When a woman who is a virgin lies with her husband on their wedding night, there should be tearing and bloodshed, or if anyone has sex before marriage this is to occur. I know some have argued this was not the instance for them; however, when the Heyman is torn there is supposed to be some shedding of blood. Imagine if blood is this power that creates a Godly covenant in



marriage and us being reconciled to the Father through Jesus' blood, then the opposite of blood-shedding due to sinful ways such as committing murder creates a different effect. It activates curses that are placed on our lives and until repentance for that sin is to occur there will always be an issue of that murdering spirit rising.

Overcoming The Spirit of Murder

Let us look at the response of David when King Saul was persistent in his pursuit to murder David. In 1 Samuel 24: 1-19, we read, "When Saul returned from following the Philistines, he was told, Behold, David is in the Wilderness of En-gedi. Then Saul took 3,000 chosen men out of all Israel and went to seek David and his men among the Rocks of the Wild Goats. He came to the sheepfolds on the way, where there was a cave, and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the cave's innermost recesses. David's men said to him, Behold the day of which the Lord said to you, Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hands, and you shall do to him as seems good to you. Then David arose [in the darkness] and stealthily cut off the skirt of Saul's robe. Afterward, David's heart smote him because he had cut off Saul's skirt. He said to his men, The Lord forbid that I should do this to my master, the Lord's anointed, to put my hand out against him, when he is the anointed of the Lord. So, David checked his men with these words and did not let them rise against Saul. But Saul rose up and left the cave and went on his way.

David also arose afterward and went out of the cave and called after Saul, saying, My lord the king! And when Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the earth and did obeisance. And David said to Saul, Why do you listen to the words of men who say, David seeks to do you harm? Behold, your eyes have seen how the Lord gave you today into my hands in the cave. Some told me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, I will not put forth my hand against my lord, for he is the Lord's anointed. See, my father, see the skirt of your robe in my hand! Since I cut off the skirt of your robe and did not kill you, you know and see that there is no evil or treason in my hands. I have not sinned against you, yet you hunt my life to take it. May the Lord judge between me and you, and may the Lord avenge me upon you, but my hand shall not be upon you. As the proverb of the ancients says, Out of the wicked comes forth wickedness; but my hand shall not be against you. After whom has the king of Israel come out? After whom do you pursue? After a dead dog? After a flea? May the Lord be judge and judge between me and you, and see and plead my cause, and deliver me out of your hands. When David had said this to Saul, Saul said, Is this your voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice and wept. He said to David, you are more upright in God's eyes than I, for you have repaid me good, but I have rewarded you evil. You have declared today how you have dealt well with me; for when the Lord gave me into your hand, you did not kill me. For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go away unharmed? Therefore, may the Lord reward you with good for what you have done for me this day" (AMPC).

David's response was to still Honor Saul although he was in right standing to harm Saul who sought his life. Yes, there is self-defense, if someone is trying to intentionally kill us, but in regards, I looked at this passage from a different standpoint of how God truly will deal with your enemies. Notice David's response went back to what God said about Saul, and God honored the word he had spoken over Saul's life when he did appoint him as a King as the people desired. This also was to highlight the testing of David's heart and proved that he truly was a man after God's own heart.



David was on the run from Saul, but then God allowed for David to have Saul be delivered right into David's hand where David could have taken Saul out; however, David chose to humble himself before God and then converse with Saul. Saul in the end began to speak well of David and even admitted his sins before David and his error. This is a witness of when God says he will make even your enemies have peace with you. This is the justice of a God that fights our battles. David responded God's way. God hates murder so much that through the testing of David's heart, David didn't commit murder which pleased God. God is illustrating that we don't pay evil with evil but with good. We follow the ways of God. Have we seen other unjust murders in the bible such as Stephen being murdered due to Paul who was Saul in the New Testament persecuting Christians? God tells us in Romans 12:19 that vengeance belongs to God, not us, and when we want to respond anyway other than what God's word says it leaves room for the enemy to have his way.

The answer is repentance and asking God to show you in your heart what tendency is present that could lead you into having a murdering spirit. If you have already had an abortion, just repent, and allow Jesus to wash you. There is no sin that Jesus could not heal and cleanse to make us new. Once you've done this and have a heart of changing from those acts which are true repentance then God forgives. If you are struggling in that area to forgive yourself, know he has forgiven you. He already knew what would happen before you did. That's the goodness and love of a father whose love is unconditional.

Examine Yourself

Jesus gave a teaching about murder and that we will be judged for murdering if we do not repent.

- Examine your heart and determine if you have had any murderous attitudes towards others that could cause you to murder an individual's reputation.
- If you murdered abortions or other ways, repent, and ask Holy Spirit to help you operate in God's perfect will.
- Renounce anything with that sin and allow Jesus' Blood to wash you. The Blood of Jesus is your weapon and truth that will speak louder than any sin you commit in this world. Give all of it to Jesus and allow yourself to be renewed and forgiven in Jesus' name.

