

WHY GOD KILLS PEOPLE

A BIBLICAL ANSWER

“LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?”

~ Psalms 94:3

1. Introduction

- a. People turn away from God by reading the Bible and discovering this.
- b. When people sling mud at God, they sling this - it to many the unanswerable question.
- c. Christians want to avoid this, but it is what needs to be preached – Rom 1:18-19
- d. Is God a cold heartless monster killing innocent people (women, children) in violence?
- e. Look at what is in the Bible - Gen 6:17, Lev 20:9, Deu 2:34, Psa 137:9, Jer 19:9
- f. It is not just in the OT, but the NT – Acts 5:3-5, Act s 12:23, Rev 6:15-17, 9:5,18
- g. The answer is simple, but it requires understanding Rom 3:4
- h. The answer to why God kills people in the Bible: sin, wrath, judgment, justice, mercy.

2. The Wickedness of Sin

- a. Is the Bible God’s love letter to us? Is God the ultimate “nice guy”? Gimme’ a break
- b. The Bible is where we learn about the dirtiest three letter word - SIN
- c. How many are righteous? Half? 1/3 One in a million? Answer: Rom 3:10 (Psa 14:1-3)
- d. No one is innocent born of flesh, we are guilty - Psa 51:5, 58:3, Eph 2:3, Jo 3:6, 5:29
- e. God hates hands that shed innocent blood (Prov 6:16-19). God does not do it.
- f. Our culture is desensitized to sin even when it slaps them in the face – Psalms 94
- g. Hypocrites! Why are you shocked that a righteous holy God intervenes to kill sinners?
- h. Why doesn’t he kill all of us?! How long shall the wicked triumph? – Gen 6:3, 5-8
- i. Justifying the wicked, and condemns the just is an abomination - Prov 17:15

3. The Righteousness of Judgment

- a. We don’t ask the question when we think it is justified: judgment, justice, defense
- b. God kills to punish, judge, and rid the world of sin/corruption/evil.
- c. God is the first and last Avenger, b/c all sin is against him – Nahum 1:2
- d. Wrath ~def. Violent anger, indignation, the just punishment of an offense or crime
- e. God does not grade sin on a curve, God is not violent, he is the righteous Judge
- f. Violence is against the innocent; God doesn’t do violence – Eze 45:9, Jer 22:17
- g. He is no respecter of persons: “women and children!” – ISIL, women in the military?
- h. The Amorites were spared until their iniquities were full – Gen 15:16, Deu 2:24-35
- i. Hypocrites! Who are you to judge a holy eternal Creator God to be unrighteous?
- j. Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil - Isa 5:18-23, Rom 3:5-6

4. God is Willing to Shew His Wrath

- a. The Bible shows both the goodness and the severity of God’s wrath – Rom 2:1-11
- b. God is not ashamed of his wrath, we should respect/fear it - Rom 9:22-23, 2 Cor 5:11
- c. Do you think there is a sin, a death, an injustice, that God has not seen?
- d. How could a loving God kill so many? How could a righteous God not kill all of us?
- e. We cannot appreciate the grace of God in Christ, until you understand the price of sin