

Deadly/Lethal Force & The Bible

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- Exodus 20:13 (AMP)
- [13] You shall not commit murder.

- Exodus 20:13 (YLT)
- [13] 'Thou dost not murder.

- Exodus 20:13 (KJV)
- [13] Thou shalt not kill.

#7523 - Strong's Webster's

- “a primitive root; properly, to dash in pieces, i.e. kill (a human being), especially to murder:-
-put to death, kill, (man-)slay(-er), murder(-er).”

Murder -

- : the crime of unlawfully killing a person especially with malice aforethought

We're going to look at is God's law.

1. So in one phrase, how can the OT Laws be described?

'Rules to PROTECT THE INNOCENT'

2. When the laws were broken, the innocent would eventually be hurt.

God says someone must be killed in these circumstances:

1) Old Testament Law: (Examples)

- A. When a person is killed intentionally (vs. accidentally). (Numbers 35 - Cities of Refuge)
- B. When an Ox kills and the ox had a violent history. (Ex. 21:28-29)
- C. Afflict a widow or stranger & they cry out to God - God will kill the the perpetrator.(Ex. 22:22-23)

God says someone must be killed in these circumstances:

- D. Cursing Parents, Adultery, Many forms of Incest, Homosexuality (Men or Women), Bestiality - God says they must be killed. (Leviticus 20:9-16)
- E. Cursing the Camp, Blaspheming the name of the Lord - Brings death penalty.(Leviticus 24:13-23)
- F. Certain Nations in War - everyone was to be killed. (Numbers 31)

2) New Testament: (Examples)

- A. Romans 13:1-5 (Authority to use Deadly Force)
- B. Revelation 11:5 (The two witnesses)
- C. Revelation 19 (The Battle of Armageddon)
- D. Revelation 20:7-10 (The Last Insurrection)

What is God trying to control via killing?

What makes killing in some situations right and other times it's wrong?

Genesis 4:6-8 (NIV)

[6] Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? [7] If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it." [8] Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field."* And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

1 John 3:12 (NIV)

[12] Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous.

Genesis 6:5 (NIV)

- [5] The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time.

Genesis 9:1-6 (NIV)

[9:1] Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. [2] The fear and dread of you will fall upon all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves along the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea; they are given into your hands. [3] Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.

Genesis 9:1-6 (NIV)

[4] “But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it. [5] And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each man, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man. [6] “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man.

Authority --- Evil

1. Humans must now begin to govern themselves.
 - > Why?? Because of evil. If there were no evil.....
2. The Core Purpose of the Government has to do with
 - a. Given Authority for the purpose of:
 - b. Restraining Evil.
3. If Evil did not exist - Government would not be needed.

God's intention for
Human Government
is to Restrain and
Control Evil.

Romans 13:1-5 (NIV)

[13:1] Note Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, (KJV - 'Higher Powers') for there is no authority (KJV - 'Power') except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. [2] Consequently, he who rebels against the authority (KJV - Power) is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves

Romans 13:1-5 (NIV)

[3] For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority (KJV - Power)? Then do what is right and he will commend you. [4] For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. [5] Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.

v. 1:

- Authority is established by God.
- > Marriage, family, church, Government, etc.
- God is the Supreme Authority.
 - > He establishes all Authority. (All Authority is Delegated by God or his representatives > human beings)
 - > All established Authority answers to him.

v. 1:

- Authorities. (Single or Multiple)
 - > Those who are put into a position of Authority.
- they may be Godly, or Corrupt
 - > The Authority given is not the problem, it's the person representing the Authority, or the Authorities.

v. 2

Rebelling against authority is rebelling against God.

- That Rebellion will bring judgement.

v. 3

Back to the same old problem, and why authority is needed > "Those who do wrong" (Evil)

v. 4

Swords are meant for exerting 'Force'. It can lead to 'Deadly Force'.

> So Authorities can use 'Deadly Force' against perpetrators of Evil.

v. 5

- It's called punishment.

Romans 13: KJV uses the word 'Higher Power'

a. Higher referring to someone above you.

b. Authority: 'Exousia'

> It's the word used through out the NT to refer to any realm of authority. (From Personal, Spiritual >> to Governmental)

1. We know that God has established himself as the Supreme Authority – to which everyone and everything will answer. (Rom. 13 & Gen. 9)

a. Gen. 9:5 - “I will demand an accounting”

b. Romans 13:1 - “there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.”

Gen. 9:5-6

- The first ruling being he gave authority to and will demand an accounting from is the individual man.

- a. Every realm of Authority deals with stopping Evil from being perpetrated on a single (1) man. (Genesis 9:5-6)
- b. And all realms of Authority Exist to accomplish that.

GOD

Man

Marriage

Family

Church

Society

Local, State, and Federal Government

Nation to Nation, or Government to
Government

IN GOD'S OPINION.

> In every level of Authority - man has the right to use force to:

- Restrain
- Protect
- In-Force
- Control

> When it comes to the protection of life

- Then it becomes what we call 'Deadly Force'

Genesis 9:5-6 (AMP)

[5] And surely for your lifeblood I will require an accounting; from every beast I will require it; and from man, from every man [who spills another's lifeblood] I will require a reckoning.

[6] Whoever sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God He made man.

What principle will determine the use of 'Deadly Force'???

> The Death of an Innocent Person.

1. To 'Force Death' brings a response of 'Deadly Force'.

2. IN GOD'S OPINION:

When I am in peril of my life, or those whom I have been given the Authority to watch over - I have the right to use whatever force is necessary to protect that life - Including 'Deadly Force'.

So What is Murder??

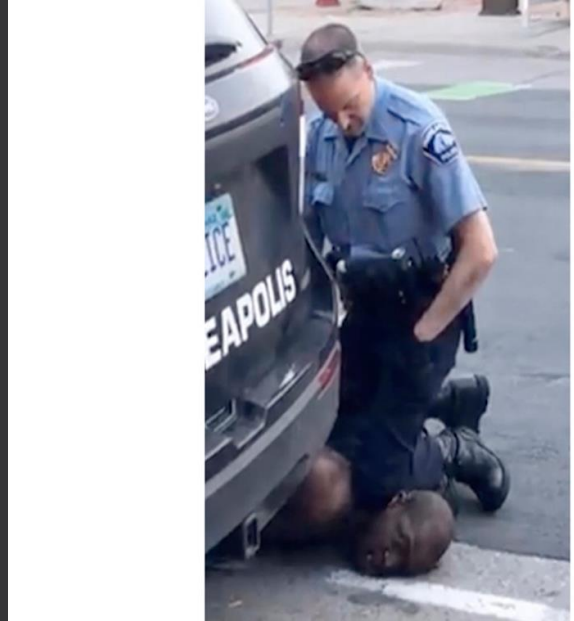
Layman's Definition:

'Taking the life of an Innocent Person'

'Killing someone who has done nothing wrong'

Authority has been given to 'Man' (Singular, Multiple, Including Governmental) to stop that from happening.

If it's wrong to kill an innocent man: 'George Floyd' and the perpetrators must be held responsible.



Then it's wrong to kill an innocent baby that's still in the womb, and the perpetrators must be held responsible.

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Summary:

- 1) The intentional taking of innocent life is Murder.
 - > Resulting in the death of the perpetrator (Gen. 9).
 - > Commandment #6 - Thou shalt not kill / murder.

Summary:

2) Murder has its roots in Evil.

The Protection of the Innocent has its roots in Righteousness

Summary:

3) Authority has been established by God to protect life and the innocent.

Summary:

4) Authorities are the people who carry out their God given Authority.

> Both can be rejected / replaced if they are evil or corrupt. (In those cases it is not Rebellion against authority)

> Mankind is not called by God to submit to evil or corrupt authority, or authorities.

***** That includes families and marriages.

Summary:

5) Men (from 1 man - to numerous governmental authorities) have been given the right to use Deadly /Lethal Force to protect the innocent. (It's what God intended human laws to do - protect the innocent from evil and evil perpetrators).