

# God Hates Hands That Shed Innocent Blood

Pr 6:16 These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him: 17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, 19 A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

## Introduction:

1. We're talking about the sin of murder today
  - a. 16259 murders on average every year in the US
  - b. I'm thankful that we don't have war within the borders of our country, but with 16, 259 murders per year its like a war
  - c. We live in a violent time
2. The devil was a murderer from the beginning

Joh 8:44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.
3. He is not only the father of lies, but he is also the father of murder

## I. KILLING GOD'S PEOPLE IS SHEDDING INNOCENT BLOOD

### A. *God's Prophets Were Often Killed*

Lu 11:47 Woe unto you! for ye build the sepulchres of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. 48 Truly ye bear witness that ye allow the deeds of your fathers: for they indeed killed them, and ye build their sepulchres. 49 Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and *some* of them they shall slay and persecute:

50 That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation; 51 From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation.

1. God sent prophet after prophet to the children of Israel
  - a) *Prophets never sugar-coated their speech.*
  - b) *They came and told the people what God said and then they left*
  - c) *Many prophets were killed because the people didn't like what God had to say*

2. John the Baptist stood up to King Herod and was beheaded

Mt 14:1 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus, 2 And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him. 3 For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put *him* in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife. 4 For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her. 5 And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet. 6 But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod. 7 Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask. 8 And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger. 9 And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded *it* to be given *her*. 10 And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison. 11 And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought *it* to her mother. 12 And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

3. Stephen was stoned

Ac 7:54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with *their* teeth. 55 But he, being full of the

Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, 56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. 57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, 58 And cast *him* out of the city, and stoned *him*: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. 59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon *God*, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

4. James was killed with the sword

Ac 12:2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

## **B. The Roman Empire Persecuted God's People**

Mr 13:9 But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them. 10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations. 11 But when they shall lead *you*, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost. 12 Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against *their* parents, and shall cause them to be put to death. 13 And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

1. During the Christian era each Roman emperor thought that it was his duty to persecuted Christians
2. Christians would not worship the Roman gods
3. All they had to do was to drop a pinch of incense on the altar and say the words - "Caesar is Lord"
4. Millions of Christians died because they knew that Jesus was Lord, not some Roman Emperor
5. Put in here some examples of Roman persecution of believers

### ***C. The Roman Catholic Church Persecuted God's People***

1. During the dark ages when the Roman Catholic Church had power then millions of believers were put to death during the inquisition time
2. Many were tortured by the most painful and extreme methods
3. One good thing about persecution is that it separates the wheat from the chaff - serious believers from the fake believers
4. We don't realize how many people died so that you could have an English Bible in your lap
5. Put in some examples of Catholics persecuting believers

### ***D. Believers are Still Being Persecuted Today***

- Listen to these headlines from last year....
  1. Christians Burned Alive: Muslim Persecution of Christians - Nov 2014
  2. "Our Daddy is in Heaven" - Daughters of Christian Family in Libya
  3. Thousand Churches Destroyed in Nigeria: Muslim Persecution of Christians - Oct 2014
  4. Warning: Graphic Images of Murdered Christian Girl in Libya
  5. Christians and Churches Attacked in the West: Muslim Persecution of Christians, Sept 2014
  6. Raping and Beheading the Faithful: Muslim Persecution of Christians - Aug 2014
  7. Islam - Built on the Blood of Christian Martyrs
  8. Christian Convert Illegally Imprisoned and Tortured, Begins Hunger Strike

### ***E. The Worst Persecution Happens in....***

1. North Korea
2. Somalia
3. Iraq
4. Syria
5. Afghanistan

6. Sudan
7. Iran
8. Pakistan
9. Eritrea
10. Nigeria
11. Maldives
12. Saudi Arabia
13. Libya
14. Yemen
15. Uzbekistan
16. Vietnam
17. Central African Republic

## II. ABORTION IS THE SHEDDING OF INNOCENT BLOOD

### A. *Killing Infants is Not New - 2 Ki 23:10*

10 And he defiled Topheth, which *is* in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech.

1. Molech was an idol that was made of brass or bronze
2. Fire was kindled below the outstretched arms of the idol and people brought their babies and children to lay in the arms of Molech and be burned to death
3. That area was called the valley of Hinnom or the valley of Topheth
  - a) *Toph - to beat a drum*
  - b) *They played loud music to drown out the screams of the children who were being offered*

### B. *In Our Day It is Abortion*

Lu 1:36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing shall be impossible. 38 And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her. 39 And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; 40 And entered

into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. 41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

Lu 2:12 And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. 16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

1. When you think of innocent blood, there is nothing more innocent than a baby in the mother's womb
2. You have to define what is in the womb
  - a) *Is it just a fetus?*
  - b) *Fetus dehumanizes that little baby. I'm not killing a baby, I'm aborting a fetus.*
  - c) *In order to justify the sin, people just change the name. Homosexuality is gay. Gambling is gaming.*
3. When a woman is pregnant we often say that she is "with child"
  - a) *Not - with fetus*
  - b) *Not with a blob of protoplasm*
4. Elisabeth was six months pregnant expecting John the Baptist.
  - a) *Mary had just conceived and was carrying the Lord Jesus Christ.*
  - b) *Jesus and John the Baptist are cousins.*
  - c) *The "babe" leaped in Elisabeth's womb. Not the fetus, mass of protoplasm.*
  - d) *God's Word calls that which is in the womb a baby.*
  - e) *It doesn't miraculously become a baby when it is born - it is a baby in the womb*
5. That settles it for me.
  - a) *There is no difference between the babe in the womb and the babe in the manger.*
  - b) *Just a different location but still a baby in both instances.*
  - c) *A woman has no more right to kill a baby in her womb than she has a right to kill a baby in the crib*
6. Killing a baby in the womb is just as barbaric as killing a baby by placing it on the red-hot arms of Molech.
7. Over a million babies each year in the US are killed by abortion and

the total now is at least 55 million babies killed.

8. Every day over 3000 babies in our country are killed by abortion. 137 every hour.
9. Lovers of their own selves, without natural affection  
2Ti 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
  - a) *Lovers of their own selves - most abortions are because the pregnancy is not convenient. 1% of abortions are for rape / incest. 3% are for the health of the mother*
  - b) *Without natural affection - the most natural affection is the affection of the mother for her baby*
10. "I'm a housewife and a registered nurse from Jacksonville. I worked the 11 pm to 7 am shift and when we weren't busy I'd go over to help with the newborns. One night I saw a bassinet outside the nursery. There was a baby in the bassinet - a crying, perfectly formed baby - but there was a difference in this child. She had been scalded. She was the product of a saline abortion. This little girl looked as if she had been put into a pot of boiling water. No doctor, no nurse, no parent was there to comfort this burnt, hurt child. She was left to die alone in pain. They wouldn't even let her in the nursery - and they didn't bother to cover her. I was ashamed of my profession that night! It's hard to believe that this can happen in our modern hospitals, but it does. It happens all the time. I thought that a hospital was a place to heal the sick - not a place to kill the innocent. I asked a nurse at another hospital what they do with their babies who survive a saline abortion. Unlike my hospital, they put the infant into a bucket and then they put the lid on to suffocate the baby. Death by suffocation. Another nurse I know had to stop helping with abortions. The little severed arms and legs from suction abortions were just too much for her to look at. Aren't you happy that we weren't born in this generation. It could have been one of us in that lonely bassinet or in

the bucket with the lid on tightly. "

### **III. TERRORISM SHEDS INNOCENT BLOOD**

1. 17 innocent people were killed in France
2. A suicide bomber gets on a crowded bus in Israel and blows himself up killing 30 or 40 innocent people
  - a) *Children on their way to school are killed*
  - b) *Wives going to the market to buy food for supper are killed*
3. On 9/11/2001 over 3000 innocent people in the World Trade Center buildings, Pentagon and PA were killed
4. The Taliban, Al Queida, Hamas etc specialize in killing innocent people

Conclusion:

1. Lets stand for life