

DOCTRINE OF MURDER

- I. Satan is called a murderer (Jn.8:44 "*You are of your father the devil [via the indwelling of Adam's original sin, genetic engineering, spiritual death] and you want to do the desires of your father [negative volition follows the STA {sinful trend of Adam} grid: they will murder Jesus]. He was a murderer from the beginning [Satan is an accomplice to every murder, since he is the father of the ISTA; from the first murderer to the victims of international politics in the present hour, cp. Rev.18:24], and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him [Satan is behind every lie, every distortion, every conspiracy and every deception. The ISTA is his greatest tactical victory]. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature [i.e., his fallen nature; he as the god of this world {2Cor.4:4} is behind every lie in the person of the ISTA]; for he is a liar and the father of lies.*" The fact that he is symbolized as a great red dragon lurking in the sea of humanity emphasizes his murderous ways. Red, as in "blood", is his color.)
- II. The first murder victim was Abel, who was murdered by his brother, Cain (Gen.4:115; 1Jn.3:12).
 - A. The murder was due to a conflict in belief (Heb.11:4).
 - B. Religiously inspired murder is a regular feature of the Angelic Conflict (Jd.11; Mt.23:34-37; Rev.17:6, the murder of Jesus).
- III. Sinful anger constitutes mental attitude murder (Mt.5:21,22; Jam.4:1,2).
- IV. Murder is one of the sins God particularly hates (Prov.6:16-19).
- V. Murder and the mental attitude sins that lead up to it are sponsored by the STA (Mk.7:21; Gal.5:19,21; Jam.4:1,2; jealousy, anger, greed, power lust).
- VI. Heathenism is characterized by this sin (Rom.1:28-32; cp. 3:15).
- VII. A believer can commit murder and still be a believer (1Pet.4:15, King David). However, every murderer does not have eternal life in him (1Jn.3:15).
- VIII. Murder is prohibited by the sixth commandment of the Mosaic Law (Ex.20:13; Deut.5:17 "*You shall not commit murder*" is the Qal.imperf.2per.pl. of רָצַח , ratsach. Of the 43X this verb occurs, only once is it used of sanctified killing, Num.35:27; some 30X it is used in connection with the incident of manslaughter [accidental killing]. The general Hebrew word for "killing" is קָטַל , Qatal, which is used both for legitimate and non-legitimate killing in the Old Testament).
- IX. Capital punishment is the divinely ordained punishment for this crime (Deut.21:22,23; cf. 17:8-13). It was instituted before the Mosaic Law was instituted.
 - A. Capital punishment is commanded to Noah's descendants and the nations they founded for the entire course of the postdiluvian civilization (Gen.9:6 "*Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man*").
 - B. Capital punishment was incorporated into the Mosaic Law (Ex.21:12 "*He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death [Hophal imperf. w/Qal.infin.abs. of מוֹת , Moth: to die]*").
 - C. Was taught by Jesus Himself (Mt.26:50-54; Jn.13:10, 11; Lk.22:49, 50; cf. 22:36-38).
 - D. Was taught by Paul as a valid practice (Rom.13:14), and by Peter (1Pet.2:13,14).
 - E. Will be a legal reality in the Millennium (Rev.2:27; 12:5; 19:15).
 - F. Paul taught the Royal Family that one of the lawful uses of the Law in the Church Age was that murder is a crime (2Tim.1:8-11 "*Any who reject the items in this list as being criminal and subject to judicial prosecution are not affiliated with sound doctrine*").
- X. Killing that does not constitute murder.
 - A. Self-defense (Ex.22:2; Lk.22:36).
 - B. Capital punishment (Gen.9:6).
 - C. War (see Doctrine of; universal military training, Num.1).
 1. Covert aggression is the basis for declaring war (Num.31:1ff).
 2. Total victory (Deut.20:10-18).

3. To use the Faith-Rest technique when entering battle (Deut.20:14).
4. The Lord is known as "a man of war" (Ex.15:3), and as "the Lord of the armies" (1Sam.17:45).
5. One of the books of the Jews was called "the book of the Wars of Yahweh" (Num.21:14).
6. David praised God for giving him the skills to fight in combat (Psa.144:1).
7. The Lord sent the army into battle (2Chr.13:12).
8. He delivered the enemy into Israel's hands (Deut.20:13).
9. The Lord will once again strap on His sword and defeat the nations in the Tribulation (Rev.19:15,16).
10. He will unleash a new weapon upon the forces at Armageddon not approved by the Geneva Convention! (Zech.14:12-15).

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