

DOES GOD KILL PEOPLE?

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Is God a cruel murderer as some people think? Does God have the subject of death, murder, etc in His word? Of course, we can find it all through the Bible. We want to know what God has preserved for us to know about killing, all these thousands of years. We ask why?

We find in Gen. 2 where God warns his first created humans against doing something that will result in death. It is evident God intended His created beings never to experience death, from the very beginning. God, in His mercy allowed this family to live a long time, but they did eventually die a physical death. God knows the difference between "a physical" death, He refers to as sleep, and "eternal" death. Most do not know the difference. It may surprise most to find God allows all people to experience two life and death experiences.

As we read on we find because this couple choose to believe Satan instead of God, their death was passed on to their family, even to us. God knows the way to happiness, for all of our lives, is by obedience to Him. He created all humans to be His children. He has given us a set of rules how to love Him and each other. We all know those rules are for our good. From the very beginning Satan has convinced people that God is just a cruel spirit who enjoys making up impossible rules and then murdering us for not keeping them.

Ge 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day (or age) that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Ge 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Ge 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

As we continue reading we see they chose not to believe their creator, which brought on the (physical) first death. We find disobedience, jealousy and murder grew rampant. He knew if He allowed them to continue living physically, all the wicked things they were doing would result in misery as long as He allowed them to live. It so saddened our heavenly Father that His only choice was to put an end to their cruelty, perversion and destruction and let them all die, except for one happy family. God selected a believer and rule keeper, Noah, and his family, to make a drastic change.

Ge 6:17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and everything that is in the earth shall die

Now one might say, "Why did He have to drown them all?" Because. For the same reason we

would kill a beloved animal that is suffering beyond healing, to put them out of their suffering. That does not mean we don't grieve over the beloved pet, neither did God not love his first created children.

What we humans do not understand is how differently humans look at death compared to the way our heavenly Father looks at death. We have accepted so many myths that it is hard for us to accept the truth about death. To God death is a "sleep" until He awakens us to a new life. Read the study "HELL, IT IS NOT WHAT YOU THINK".

As we read on in the events of the first age we find God sent Moses to preach to the world, over a hundred years to pleading with them, giving them a chance to change. They had plenty time to turn around and stop the misery they had caused over the many years, while breaking the rules of happiness.

Many years later, as had been planned before the beginning, as we know it, our Father waited until He found another man, Abraham, to begin the second part of His plan. This would begin with a special new family, called "Israel". God spent time proving this obedient man, who proved to be faithful, truly obedient to keeping the rules of happiness that the Father presented to him. As we continue reading the story of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, we see how our Father worked through this family in many unusual ways, selecting them to be the leading family of all peoples on earth, to show forth their place in His mystery plan. Since the curse of death continues, they would eventually die a physical death, with promises upon keeping God's rules they would "live again".

When they broke the rules He gave them a leader, named Moses, as their physical leader, and ways of sacrificing and keeping unique symbolic rules to set them apart from the rest of the nations. He did not plan to groom any other family until a future time. When they rebelled, breaking the rules, just as we, if we are wise parents. God dealt with the growing family of Israel in a most personal way, patiently guiding them through hard tests, and punishing them

Father selected faithful men, called "Prophets" to foretell Israel's future, and record each major event, to be preserved for future generations. He pleaded with them, giving them a choice, by saying, "You only have I known" and "I set before you life and death. I have no pleasure in your death." while pleading with them to choose "eternal" life.

Am 3:2 You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

When the tribes of Israel obeyed the rules God fought their battles with those enemy nations

who angered Him. These pagan nations were often influencing Israel away from Him, by their pagan traditions, and idolatrous worship. Because of the destructive influences paganism had on His beloved nation, whom He referred to as "His wife", God allowed and approved, successful battles to result in Israel's favor.

Yes, God allows death to happen to the wicked. However, because of Adam's sin we all were, and still are, under the "eternal" death penalty, even all tribes of Israel including Judah. However, Father has a life saving plan, for both rebellious and faithful souls of all nations. All nations will "in their course" be resurrected and given opportunity to awaken from their sleep and be given a period of time to choose eternal life and/or eternal death, depending on their choices.. This will be a very long time of many judgments.

Read "Who Goes To Heaven" for more on this subject, and "The sixth Age of Judgment".

This was a time period when Father gave Israel ways of keeping His rules, and some extra ways of sacrificing, and circumcision, which became called the laws of Moses. God saw that was not working, because of Israel's rebellion, and disbelief. He became so disappointed with Israel He gives up on them, as he makes changes in His plan. Father allows details of the next step of his future life saving plan, recorded by the prophets, to those who will believe Him. Preserved in the pages of prophecies are predictions of an appearance of one named "God with us".

Mt 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

This would be the third change, a wonderful plan, of God reintroducing Himself to His beloved Israel, and eventually to all nations. The Father planned to usher in a wonderful one time period of time plan to save any who will believe and keep His rules, erasing the death sentence, enforced during the past two time periods. At the same time become Father to an obedient son, born like unto himself, the firstborn of many more children. Father would speak His words through His begotten son who would set a perfect example to mankind.

Joh 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Joh 15:10. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

This had been planned by Himself and by those spirits who rejoiced at the plan before the beginning of the creation of the world. His plan was to forgive everyone of their sins, if they would believe His words, spoken by Himself from the human body, he would bring to life, through the woman Mary. This begotten body of flesh would have a human spirit, feel all the pains of humans, but co-exist with Himself, understanding the plan of our Father, he would

become a deliverer and a first begotten son..

Some question why a merciful Father, so powerful as God is, allowed His son be murdered?

Jesus explains: "My Father and I are one". In other words they were in agreement on everything, because they were in the same body and had the same goals. They shared everything together, even up to the very minute that the Father had to leave him on the cross, so that the body could die. God could not die, only the body could die. If you read the experience in the new testament you will read where Jesus said he had the power to raise himself from the grave.

Jn.10:18 Joh 10:18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

Jesus told his disciples he looked forward to the experience. We may wonder why, not knowing the wonderful glory he is experiencing now that he has been the firstborn of many children into the God family. He willingly went through the suffering, along with his Father, but being human, he also dreaded the shame and grief of rejection by Israel, and torment of demons he knew he would suffer. Because of the sins of the first humans, both he, and Father, knew a sinless one had to pay the penalty for their sins. If he had not paid the penalty for our sins everyone would experience the curse of the law, eternal death. Jesus also looked forward to many more children to be born into the God family.

One might ask, why did, and does, God allow so many innocent people to suffer and die horrible deaths? Answer: Because He has a plan. He wants all people to obey the rules that will give everyone the most happiness that he sets before them. He gives us choices we ourselves make for ourselves and for our children. During this lifetime we are being taught right and wrong, and the consequences of disbelieving our Father.

God loves all humans, but He does not want us to go on rebelling against His way of happiness, causing untold pain and suffering because of our choices. He allows a certain amount of suffering and bad things to happen to both bad and good people so when He resurrects them they will finally look back on their lives and choose an eternal happy life. If they choose death, He will not resurrect them ever again. Just prior to Rev 21 and 22 the earth will be cleansed with fire and the bones of the wicked will burn up.

Mt 13:40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

Notice: this is not talking about God's third plan. It refers to the "END OF THE WORLD". In case you don't know: there are more changed plans to come after ours. NO, God does not change, but He does MAKE changes.

Mal 4:3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 ¶ Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

The "dreadful day" is the very time of the seven plagues of God's wrath, at the very end of this age, just prior to the return of Christ.

6 And he shall turn the love of the fathers to the children, and the love of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Of course the "curse" is eternal death.

I hope the reader has been given enough information here to glimpse into why our Father, out of mercy and eternal love, will allow Israel, and Gentiles, to learn from their mistakes before He turns His attention totally to the Gentiles during the millennium, the next humongous change, while Satan is out of power. This is another interesting study on the web page "www.foust.info".