

Seven Things God Hates

Hands That Shed Innocent Blood

(Proverbs 6:16-19)

- Introduction:
1. The third thing that God hates in this list of seven, are hands that shed innocent blood.
 2. Since the very beginning when Cain, out of jealousy, killed his brother Abel, this world has become a killing ground.
 3. Just what does God think of all this killing?

I. Thou Shalt Not Kill

- A. (Exodus 20:13).
- B. Most translations appropriately replace the word “kill” with the word “murder.”
- C. (Exodus 21:13, 14, 15, 16,17,23, 29) Killing commanded by God.
- D. Types of killing - Not all “killing” is the same.
 1. Justifiable homicide - self defense (Exodus 22:2-3; Matthew 24:43).
 2. Accidental homicide - (Numbers 35:9-34).
 3. Judicial homicide - (Deuteronomy 19:13; Romans 13:4).
 4. Murder - (Numbers 35:16-21; Exodus 21:22-23).

II. As A Man Thinks In His Heart

- A. (Proverbs 23:7) *As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.*
- B. (Matthew 5:20-22) God deals with the roots, not just the fruits.
- C. (1 John 3:15) *Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.*
- D. Guard your heart (Proverbs 4:23) *Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.*
- E. Control your anger (Proverbs 19:11; Genesis 49:22-24) *The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, and it is to his glory to overlook a transgression.*
- F. Bless & do good to your enemies (Romans 12:15,17,21).

III. Are We Guilty?

- A. Consider the death of Jesus.
- B. (Matthew 27:4) Judas betrayed innocent blood.
- C. (Romans 4:25) *who was delivered up because of our offenses.*
- D. If we have sinned, we have chosen to have our desires satisfied, over the life of an innocent one.

- Conclusion:
1. God offers forgiveness.
 2. (2 Corinthians 5:17) If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.