

Rock-Solid

Part 4

Life is precious... up to a point

Every human life is SACRED to God

Because He has hardwired His IMAGE in humans Gen. 1:26-27

Because He knew us since CONCEPTION Psalm 139:13-14

Because He died to REDEEM us John 3:16; 1 John 2:2

But there is a line in the sand... where a human life becomes EXPENDABLE

God is PATIENT... 2 Peter 3:9

Patience without an ending point is not a good virtue,
because it negates justice

God's judgment is his 'STRANGE WORK'... Isaiah 28:21

Earthly national judgment is often cast upon the GROUP,
while eternal judgment is cast on INDIVIDUALS

God taking people into ETERNITY is not a bad thing

God's nature is HOLY, therefore His verdicts are HOLY

God's acts with JUSTICE as well as in PROTECTION

**We should be more shocked by the sinful DEPRAVITY of
people than we are that God JUDGES sin...**

Our CULTURE has moved the line...

God takes human life as an act of JUSTICE and PROTECTION

Our culture is taking human life as an act
of CONVENIENCE or REVENGE

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Life Group Discussion Questions – June 26, 2022

Job 1:20-22 *“Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped. He said, ‘Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD.’ Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God.”*

DISCOVER

1. What warning from your parents or teachers do you wish you had heeded?
2. Why do you think human beings rarely avoid the mistakes made by previous generations?
3. There are many stories in the Bible where “innocent” people lost their lives. Name some of them. How were their lives justifiably ended in the sight of God? What purpose(s) did their deaths serve?

EXPLORE

1. Why was it right for God to slaughter innocent women, children and animals in the Old Testament? How can that ever be right?
2. Genesis 9:6 says, *“Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man.”* Is this a precept of God that validates capital punishment (see Romans 13:1-2)? How is this consistent with God’s character? Does this enable us to take matters into our own hands?
3. Read Genesis 18:22-33. What is Abraham attempting to do in v. 25? Is this our posture with God as well? What does God’s response say about His morality?
4. Read Job 1:20-22. By the grace of God, He brings forth life. He gives it. What are some of the ways God takes away some of the things He has freely given? What role do people play when God moves in this way (see Genesis 15:16)? Why is this so difficult for us to accept?
5. Read 2 Kings 17:6-20. Why did disaster befall the people of Israel? What had God done through the years to offer Israel and Judah an alternative to their wickedness? Why isn’t God endlessly patient with sin in individuals and nations? Identify one of the Commandments that provokes God to act with finality.

EXPERIENCE

1. Many people struggle with the idea that God is an angry God. What counsel would you offer to a brother or sister who seems to consistently revert to this sticking point? Would you give the same guidance to someone outside the faith?
2. Trying to understand God is an attempt of a finite mind to reduce an infinite God. Cite some examples of this idea in everyday life.

PRAY

Pray... Our gracious God and Father, we pray for understanding so that we may walk in Your ways rather than our own ways and think in Your thoughts rather than our own thoughts. Our way of thinking is limited, being immature and irresponsible. We thank You in advance for giving us understanding and mercy so that we can be more like You. Amen.

Action... What warning from Scripture would you do well to take seriously in your life this coming week?