

Self Defense and the bible

Due to daily massacres in the US now, we're forced to revisit this self defence issue.

- I. Can be very controversial
 - A. Guns stir tempers and emotion!
 - B. Massacres cause the govt to discuss gun control today
 - C. But G.C. is not the answer.
 - 1. What did Cain use to kill Able? Could've been ANYTHING!
 - 2. The first murder made God discuss personal responsibility, not weapons.
 - 3. We're missing the bigger picture of PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.
 - D. Then all the peripheral issues come up...
 - 1. Can a Christian use deadly force to defend his family
 - 2. Can a Christian serve in public safety or Military, or be supportive of war.
 - E. There are 2 categories among the brethren
 - 1. Those convinced from the bible that we are required and obligated by God to protect our family, even if it requires lethal force.
 - 2. Pacifists. Are convinced from the bible that it's a sin to use deadly force.
 - F. **Read** Luke 22:35-38.
 - 1. No earmarks of figurative literature here regarding the two swords.
 - 2. The apostles were never sent to attack people but they were traveling in dangerous areas where evil men would hurt them and leave them for dead - like the Samaritan. The disciples were traveling the same roads as the Samaritan.
- a. Peter was told not to throw the sword away, but to put it in its place.
- b. Christianity is a spiritual fight, not physical. The sword has a place as a carnal weapon, but not a spiritual one since God already gave us enough to do our spiritual battling.
- c. A man is obligated to protect his family 1 Tim 5:8. Even unbelievers provide for their families.
 - 1. Did Paul mean that we can only protect our families against starvation and illness, but not from rapists and murderers? Does that make any sense to you? Me either!
 - 2. Even John the Immerser told the Army soldiers just to be happy with their pay, and don't intimidate, or accuse falsely. Lk 3:14. This would've been a GREAT opportunity to teach that soldiering is violent and sinful, and that killing murderers is wrong..but nothing. What happened?
 - 3. Why wasn't Cornelius told to discontinue his military career?
 - 4. Why not tell the Philippian jailor to change professions?
 - 5. You see, Pacifists claim that Pacifism is FUNDAMENTAL theology. If it's fundamental theology, where is the literal command?
 - 6. Public safety service is NEVER condemned in the bible.

- G. There is only ONE LAW - Law of Christ, for Christians and non Christians and always has been. The bible nowhere speaks of separate laws for Christians and Atheists.
 - 1. Pacifists say non Christians can serve in public safety but Christians cannot.
 - 2. Implications.
 - a. Say an Officer saves a victim from being robbed and killed. Did he sin?
 - 1. Pacifists say if he was a **Christian**, he sinned but if an Atheist, then he did not. This makes ZERO sense.
 - 2. Pacifists forget about the other similar example of MDRM wherein ALL people are amenable to the Law of Marriage. Ex. if an Atheist is unscripturally married and wants to become a Christian, he must put away his adulterous relationship b/c he was still amenable to the Law before being a Christian. Can't have it like that in Marriage but not in public safety, incl the one who must partake in a govt mandated execution.
 - 3. Romans 13 shows that those in Public Safety are doing GOOD, not evil. The govt is authorized by the Lord your God to execute wrath for the good of society. And we're supposed to support them with our tax dollars.
 - b. What if a Policeman wants to be a Christian and is on the way to be baptized and sees a massacre about to take place. He neutralizes the threat, continues on to the church and is baptized. Then on the way back to work he sees another massacre taking place. Since he's a Christian, should we really think he cannot stop the massacre? Everyone in prison better hope for a mass conversion to Christianity so they can all get out!
 - c. Therefore, if a non Christian can serve in these roles, it is absolutely ok for a Christian to serve here.
 - d. The Christian has an obligation to defend his family, community, and country
 - e. Someone might say "I think it's wrong for anyone to use force".
 - 1. Then if you as a Pacifist brother call the Police, you sin b/c you're guilty by complicity. Just like the Jews who called on the Roman govt to murder Jesus. Acts 2:23 says the Jews were guilty even though they didn't nail Him up there.
 - a. The Apostle Paul called Roman govt to protect himself. He sinned then.
- H. Not all killing is wrong, but murder is. Murder is lying in wait to kill. This is unauthorized.
 - 1. So dropping the atomic bomb on Japan was authorized by Rom 13. Capital punishment is killing, not murder.
 - 2. God says in Gen 9:6, God makes it clear that murderers must be killed by his fellow man.
 - I. What about the passages about love and those who spitefully use us?
 - 1. Brother Leo Bolls wrote that war nullifies this command.
 - 2. But why should my love for my enemy supercede my love of my family? That makes no sense whatsoever. Should I stand by and watch some sociopath mutilate someone b/c I have to love my neighbor? You just took the side of the sinner!

3. There's a basic misunderstanding of Love. Love demands punishment. Leviticus 19:17 God says love your neighbor as yourself, and one chapter over, God said if anyone worshiped Moloch, kill them.
4. Some say Rom 12 proves we can't retaliate - pay none evil for evil. Does this mean that Christians cannot kill, but Atheists can? No. There's one Law. It's the "I'll fix your wagon" mentality that God is commanding against.
5. Pacifists also say that Christians cannot be involved in carnal warfare, but there's only one LAW for both Atheists and Christian. No passages preclude a Christian from serving in Public safety or the Military.

Brother Foy Wallace speaking on the issue of the misusing the golden rule. "That puts the Golden Rule to working in reverse. It commits the Golden Rule to protect the wrongdoer and deserts the victim. It forces the teaching of Christ to aid the evil-doer, and it makes the sermon on the mount a bill of rights for criminals."

2. "The idea that men who are not Christians can be soldiers and officers to protect the Christian by doing that which a Christian himself could not do is about the most conveniently selfish and cowardly convenient doctrine ever pronounced by good men."

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World pacifism works through the church in promoting political reform by making proposals to the government , by electioneering and participating in political campaigns, lobbying, marching for peace, and sending letters to congressmen and presidents.

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World pacifism upholds the humanistic idea that through "social reform" and " world betterment" a world utopia will be realized.

Biblical nonresistance believes that appart from the new birth experiance and the full acceptance of the gospel , the world heads on toward destruction.

World pacifism holds forth Jesus Christ as a hero of peace, a world reformer, a revolutionist, and a worthy example to follow.

Biblical nonresistance regards the life, the teachings , the redemptive act of Christ, and our receiving the blood of Christ for sin cleansing as absolutely essential for personal and collective peace.

Pacifism springs from modernism, which emphasizes the fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of man. It believes in the innate goodness of man which makes void the necessity of a regeneration experiance.

Biblical nonresistance embraces the truth that man is born with a sinful nature.

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