

# WHY GOD KILLED PEOPLE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

## The Devastating Effect of a Wrong Belief

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The word for today is we are going to talk about the devastating effect of a wrong belief. I have a picture that I want you to look at. I am sure that you in America will be familiar with this picture .... Ricky Jackson was in the news not too long ago and he was released after 39 years and was found innocent for the murder of Harold Franks. This guy was falsely accused of murdering a businessman. He and his two brothers were falsely accused and what the news says is that there was a young boy of twelve years of age that testified against him in a court of law. On account of that testimony he was found guilty of murder. He was on death row and the State of Ohio in 1977, or somewhere around there, declared the death penalty as unconstitutional, and then he escaped death. So, he was on death row, taken out of death row and then all of a sudden now he's just into life imprisonment. Thirty -nine years later, this young 12 year old boy, now a middle aged guy, went to a pastor and spoke about the grief in his heart, the guilt in his heart and told the pastor that he cannot live with himself and he needs to come out with all the truth. Then he came out with the truth and that was that the police, basically, forced him, threatened him and told him to say these things and gave the names. That's what I read. You may have more information. I just read up on that a little bit in the news in Africa shared a little on that. There was corruption in the police and they forced the young boy to say something because they needed to catch some murderer.

Then this young guy came out. He was actually on a bus two street blocks from there when the murder occurred and he wasn't even at the scene. When all of that came out this guy was found innocent. It was about three hundred thousand dollars of court cases to declare an innocent guy innocent. Now you might sit there and say, "Well, I don't know if he is really innocent." You see, that is the problem with accusation, with false accusation, because how will you know because we always say that where there is smoke there must be a fire. I just don't really know. Some of you might say, "He's really innocent and he should go free and man, this is a bad thing that happened to this guy and it should have never happened to him." And we feel so sorry for him. The United States Government gave him a million dollars and they will cover all his lawyer fees and all those kind of things because this guy is actually now found innocent. But there's always the thing of, "Do we really know?"

You might say, "I don't know about that." Let's take it a little bit further. Let's say that he was caught for murdering a child and child abuse and then there was a false witness against him. He was thirty-nine years in jail and now, after thirty-nine years in jail, Ricky is now found innocent and he gets a million dollars and he is so happy. Then two months later you see someone is moving in next door and you find it is, low and behold, it is Ricky Jackson. He's moved in and he is living right next to you and you are just not at ease but you feel, "Let me befriend him." So you befriend him and you become good friends. Then one day you need a baby sitter and you cannot find yourself to ask him to babysit your children. Why? The guy is innocent. He has never been guilty. Let's say that this guy is really innocent but what was said about him, the power of association or guilty by association because he went to jail, causes your heart not to believe in him. You cannot believe in him. It's just as if your heart doesn't want to trust because there have been things said about him, for a very long time, there are people in the community that don't trust him. There are people in the community that will not even take the facts that the lawyers have put upon the table, and believe it. It's like there's just an underlying doubt in your heart.

Now imagine case upon case upon case, it's been documented that not just one but over a period of five or six- thousand years, it's been documented that a guy murders people by different people and he's a kind of a guy that can get upset, and then murder you just because he is upset. And now there comes a man. This man declares himself to be the Son of God and He reveals who the Father really is and who God really is. Everything you see there contradicts what you have heard and here comes somebody who actually declares the Father. He comes from the bosom of the Father. He comes from the belief of God. He comes from the very depth of God and He declares and He reveals the Father. You sit with a book of documents documenting God killing. Now there is one guy for a period of three years and He declares that God is a life giver and He is willing to take the death that kills you, onto Him and die it away and give you an opportunity to live. Then even after this Jesus goes to heaven there are some people, two people, called Ananias and Sapphira and now they even died and it's written that God killed them. That's the kind of scenario, the fear of the Lord came and the Lord killed them. Now you must believe that this God will provide for you, that this God will care for you financially, that this God will save you one day and you must believe that He says, "You're not saved by your works. I am the Savior of man." Don't you think it would be a little bit like, or maybe a lot, like the neighbor who moved in who was in jail for forty years on account of child abuse and found innocent, came out, the government confirmed his innocence and then you needing a babysitter. You find that it doesn't matter how hard you try, there is no faith, there is no belief in your heart. I think that's what happened to many people.

(Bertie then included a short video of a woman being interviewed after her daughter, son-in-law and their two year old child were murdered on a farm in South Africa awhile back. The video showed the devastating effect this had on this lady. In the interview, she said that she closed her eyes and said, "God, take me where You want me to be." She felt that God told her to go to the farm and see what happened. When she saw what had happened, she reached up to the sky and said, "God, how could You?")

Bertie's comment was, "Isn't that just devastating!" He quoted the woman, "God, how could You?" Now, I have nothing against this lady. I am trying to reveal to you, the devastating effect of false accusation towards God where God is seen as the murderer in all of the Old Testament and even into the New Testament, and even in the return of Jesus. He is seen as the murderer where God says, "**With everlasting punishment you shall be punished from the presence of the Law.**" What about those verses? How should we interpret those verses?

Now, this lady's children and her grandchild were brutally murdered. I didn't want to play the whole clip when they explained how she was murdered because how they were murdered is too gruesome. But at the end of it all she said, "God, how could You?" The true murder that took place here was the murder of a loving Abba that cares for her, through false accusation through the blindness of the Law where we read Old Testament scriptures and not understanding what it says. Now, before we look at any scripture or anything like that, I want to lay a foundation by just looking at some verses in the Bible declaring what Jesus came to do and then I am going to explain to you what it means, in the Bible, when it says that God killed them.

I want to say this: God **did** kill them. Now, I don't want you to switch off now! I can see the people watching. Don't switch off. I'm going to explain to you that that interpretation, those words, are correct but if we understand what it means when the Bible says, "... and God killed them," we will rejoice and be so happy about those verses for it is exceeding great news for it declares what God has done from the beginning and you will be so, so happy when you look at those verses and you will love every verse in the Bible that says that.

**John 1:1 In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God.**

**:2 The same was in the beginning with God.** (People, what was in the beginning with God? ... the word, the logos, the logic, was in the beginning of God; That which makes God, God, the Spirit, the logic around which God revolves. The logic from where God comes forth was with God and that is God.)

**The same was in the beginning with God.** (There we can see the Trinity. It talks about a togetherness and a witness. You get the Word that is God but it is also with God and it is God. It talks about togetherness. It talks about a union in a family and we know that is the Trinity.)

**:3 All these things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made.** (Glory to God! )

**:4 In Him was life; And the life that was in Him was the light of man**

**:5 And the light shines in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.**

The life that is inside the word, the life that is inside the logic that God follows, which I am not going to explain today because it would take the whole Service. It might make you happy at the end but we don't have time for that. But that logic brought forth life. When that logic came and dwelt in bodily form, where we could behold the God that was in the Old Testament all the time and we could see Him manifest the darkness now. In other words, the people who were living by the logic of the Law could not see Him. They could not understand Him. They could not put Him inside their framework of mind, They could not fit in there, it was impossible. He could not fit into the old wineskin. He would break the wineskin, Everything would be wasted. So if you want to fit this Jesus into the old wineskin with the blindness of the Law, it can not... it breaks even the value of the Law falls away.

I want to tell you that the Law is beautiful! You are going to see it today.

**:18 No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.**

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Let us have a look at the word, **seen**, there. This is what it means: Properly **to stare at, that is**, (by implication) **to discern clearly**. It's like you've seen something in the distance, or it can even be close and you are wondering what it is and you are staring at it and you're beholding it to see clearly, **to discern clearly** by extension to attend to by Hebraism **to experience**; passively **to appear**:

So what it says is in the Old Testament, up until that day, **no man, not one has discerned God clearly.... Not one.**

It goes on to say that no one had actually experienced God but here we see the scripture says that God blessed them and God killed them and all those things but here it is clear in John and he under the power of the Holy Spirit says that no man has ever understood God.

The next part... the Word **declared...** from exegeomai where we get the word, exegesis from which means to actually explain a verse, to explain something. This is what it means: 1. to lead out, to be a leader, to go before.. 2. metaphorically, **to draw out in narrative**. So it means: Let me tell you a story to explain God to you, unfold a teaching, critical explanation or interpretation. So what did Jesus Christ come to do? **He came to declare the Father**. That's what it says. **No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten Son which is in the bosom of the Father** (in the heart of the Father which comes forth from the very depth of God), **He has declared Him**. (He has drawn out in a narrative, in a story form, you could see who He is clearly. He has unfolded the teaching of the Father and everything that was written about Him. He is the critical explanation or interpretation of the Father. It means to recount or to rehearse or to have a repetition. He is the rehearsing of everything God did in the Old Testament. He is the rehearsing of God. He's bringing forth God. He's showing God. He's giving the true interpretation of every verse.

Jesus said, **“You behold and you look at the scriptures and you are seeking life in them but those things are talking about Me!”** If you want to see what every verse means, if you want to see what death means, if you want to see what the verses mean, “and God killed them all”, if you want to see, **LOOK AT JESUS!** That's what it says.

It means to unfold, to declare, using Greek writings of the interpretation of things secret and divine oracles, dreams, etc. So in other words it talks about the deeper interpretation of certain things. Here we see **Jesus is the interpretation of the Old Testament**.

What I said in the Service just before this one, this is the message: **If you can see that God became a human, took away the death that kills you, carried it in His body, was raised up as a human being where you have a place in the Trinity from where life flows, you have understood the whole Gospel. You have the correct interpretation of every verse. That is the Alpha and the Omega of it all. If you can see that God killed the Law man, if you can see that God ended the Law man, if you can see God gave life to us that we, by faith, can have access into this life by the grace of God and by the doing of God, you have it all! That is it and that is what every verse in the Old Testament points to.**

But now you can say, “But Bertie, you still haven't explained the verse in the Old Testament.” I'm busy with the foundation. Remember, we have listened to a message for thousands of years where we believed that God is the murderer so I have to lay some foundation. So let us quickly recap and we will then get into the whole thing.

Look at Ricky who was falsely accused. Look at the lady, in the video, and the devastating things she was going through. Think of John chapter one. And now, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Bible says, **“Don't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil for the day you eat thereof you will surely die.”** Let's define the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. There was a rich young ruler, that's what we say it was, a rich young ruler came to Jesus and said to Him, **“Good Master, what should I do to inherit the kingdom of God?”** Jesus said, **“Why do you call Me good for there is only one that is good and it is God?”** “Don't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil,” so what would that good be? The only good there is, and please just hear me out, the only good there is God. Don't eat of the tree (when you eat of a tree it means you find life from that tree) of the knowledge (experiential knowledge or experience) of God, which is good, and evil which means labor, hard work, toil, annoyance, to work. So, don't eat, don't believe in, that's what the word eat means, don't believe in beholding God and working God, for the day you do that, you will die! That's how God kills.

Let me explain it in another form. I'm a preacher. Imagine I go to a local farmer here who is a good friend of mine. He's a farmer at heart. He **is** a farmer. He farms and as he farms he would give me some of his sheep whenever he slaughters. He would give me some of his vegetables. Whatever he farms, he will bless me with and I am sharing in his quality of life, meaning everything he eats, everything he does, I'm sharing in it. He is the farmer and he is a farmer in his being. Farming is in his blood and from that farming comes forth life for me. Whenever he has farmed and he has a successful crop, I am sharing in that crop and I am, in other words, a co-sharer in the victory that he has received in everything that he has done.

Now imagine I look at everything he has done and then I come and I say, "Listen. Would you mind if I spend a month with you? And what I am going to do is I want to see what you are doing." And as he does everything, I jot it down. I go and I say, "Well, you know (say the farmer's name is Peter), Peter, gets up at 6 A.M. and I write it down. Then he goes and makes himself a cup of coffee. After the cup of coffee what he does is he takes a shower. After that he goes to the workers who gather at a certain place. Then he gives them the jobs to do for the day. He drives through the farm to make sure all the fences and all the gates are in order. He phones the vet to make sure that he has medicine before the time. He's kind to his workers. He's friendly to his wife. I jot everything down to the finest detail over one month. Now I have the farmer, the farming, written down. I have the knowledge of the good. Here is the knowledge of the good. This is the farmer. This is him, this is him portrayed and now what I do is I go and buy myself a piece of land. And now I take the farmer (all that I had written down) and I start to farm. Do you know what is going to happen? Farming is going to kill me! That's what is going to happen. Farming is going to kill me!

Then the farmer, when he looks at me, doing everything he does will say, "Farming is killing Bertie." Or he can even go so far to say, "I'm killing him! Who I am, what I do, the passion in my heart, put in written form, doing it, is killing the man." When God says, "Don't eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for the day you eat of it, you will die," when you behold God, which is the only good, and you take God and you say, "I will be a partaker of divinity, I will be like the most high by working the good in God." God, this concept of God, loving, caring, being good to people, will kill you! And we can see that. If I take God and I jot Him down and I say, "You must love the Lord your God with all your whole heart and all your mind and all your soul," do you know what I am doing now? I am jotting down God. God the Son loves God the Father with all His heart, with all His soul, all His mind and everything that is in Him. God doesn't desire anything from anybody because what He beholds in the Father is enough! He will never use the name of the Father in vain. Everything is God written down. If I take God and I want to do God, work God, God will kill me! Are you hearing what I am saying? Now put that in your pipe and smoke it.

Then we go and read the verses in the Old Testament where it says, "And God killed them all," and you will understand that God was so adamant about this message of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil to tell you that beholding the good and trying to do the good, trying to follow the good, and by your own works have life, you will be destroyed. But now you can say, "But Bertie, the people in Genesis didn't try to do good. They were wicked and all those kind of things." Aha! Thank God for the Apostle Paul! Paul said, listen to this, "The fruit of the flesh is murder, drunkenness, reveling, fighting, outbursts of wrath, and all those things." That is the fruit of beholding God and trying to do God. The fruit of, "I will have life by my own ability, observing God, observing all that is good and in doing the good." You know what will happen? As you do that, the fruit of the flesh manifests in your life and this is what the scripture says: **That which seems to give me life killed me.** Paul goes so far and he calls the holy law of God, which is God written down, which is all the attributes of God, he calls it the ministration of death written on stones. Glory to God! Amen!

So, God can kill you! Every time in the Old Testament we think we know that now in the New Testament we come with this thing, "You know God is a righteous God and because He is a righteous God, He's going to kill those who don't want to believe in Him." Listen! Listen, let me put it this way: How can I explain it... I don't have a prop here that I can do it with. (Bertie holds up his right hand and says,) Let's say,"Here is God, in Spirit. (Then Bertie holds up his left hand and says), "Here is the same God but in written form. You took this God (left hand) and jot it down. You are going to do God. God will kill you! How? Through the system Paul openly, openly declared. He came and revealed a mystery. The mystery was that the way that seemed unto life was unto death! What did Adam and Eve see when they beheld God and the goodness of God working all the principles of God? It looked as if it was desirable to make one wise. What did it do? God killed them!

Another example: Thank You Holy Spirit. Okay, this is me now. Please forgive me for using this example, sometimes we are so politically correct that it is sickening. I like Lance Armstrong. He's a good cyclist. Anybody that knows anything about cycling (you might say, "Bertie, you don't know what you are talking about) but that guy could cycle. Everybody used drugs then and he was still the best of them all. If nobody used drugs, he would have still outperformed all of them. It's just the way the guy is. Now, when you behold Lance Armstrong, or let's use another example: Muhammad Ali. If you behold Muhammad Ali, and you behold the boxing, or you behold your best football team. That football team exists and plays football. Muhammad Ali boxed. Lance Armstrong cycled. When he cycled and I was cheering him, it was as if he was riding for me. It's as if I'm inside him. If you're shouting for your football team, what happens? As they play, what are they playing? They are playing for you.

But imagine now you meet one of these great super stars, sport super stars. Let's say you meet Muhammad Ali in the prime of his life and he can see you admire him and he starts to like you and when he is fighting so that you can share in his victory and share in his joy and share in emotions inside him and you are beholding all of that. What Mohammad does is he is a boxer. He is busy with boxing and you are so focused on Mohammad Ali that you at the age of 65 decide, "I'm going to box! I'm going to do what Mohammad Ali does!" You know what? Mohammad Ali will kill you, not in a boxing ring but I hope you understand what I am trying to say! Boxing will kill you!

God, what God means is Divinity, Trinity, Elohim, Trinity relationship. To try and redo Trinity relationship unto life by your own works, God, in written form, will kill you as what boxing will kill a 65 year old man that tries to box like Mohammad Ali by following everything Mohammad Ali does. If you want to do everything Lance Armstrong does, after the first four hours on a bicycle, as riding like Lance Armstrong, you will get a heart attack and cycling will kill you. Lance will kill you. That is what I believe the scripture says when it says, "And God killed them!" Now I am so grateful for the scripture saying that God killed them because every time God wrote that and inspired people to write that He was telling them, "**Tell these people about the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. That it's the ministration of death. That the good they behold will kill them!**" Glory to God! Man, I feel like shouting! This is good news! Glory to God! This is good news!

**Genesis 6:7 And the Lord God said, I will destroy man.** (This is Aleph Tav talking about the cross as well, the Alpha and the Omega) **man whom I have created from the face of the earth:(and I will destroy).** What happened here? Why was God here? The Bible says: **And man's heart became wicked to the point that it was flooded with wickedness."** That's what happened. When their hearts were flooded with wickedness... **what is wickedness? I'll be my own god by beholding God.** They were so flooded with this that all the fruit of the flesh was manifesting to them to the point where the world was flooded so much with this Law System bringing forth death that God said, "I, Who I am, this Me

written down here..." In their belief, (they didn't have the written format yet) but in their belief bringing forth this fruit of the flesh is going to destroy them from all over the earth and God said, "Repent of this belief."

Let's look at Noah. Noah, didn't find, in the eyes of God, laws. He found grace. He found, LET ME BELIEVE GOD! And what happened: He didn't die! Do you see that? Do you see a type and a shadow? And now we come to a further place where Christ has come and He incarnated that belief system where we were bound under Adam which was a man that forever had to live by beholding God and doing God. And then the God you do, which is a perfect, it is exactly His holiness, His righteousness, is described in God. But now I am going to do this God this way. I am not going to be the recipient of love but I am going to be the creator of love and what will it do? God will kill me! I hope you hear what I say. In the meantime, God said,"Listen! Don't let Me kill you! Don't let Me destroy you. I don't want to come to a place where I see that you guys have come to the place where I regret that I've made you! To the point to who I am, in this jotting down and you following the ministration of Death where I am a part in the sense of you grabbing Me, abusing this truth, by trying to be Me in your own works where I regret and then you will be wiped from the earth." That is called the wrath of God which means God's passion for life, God's passion that says, "I will give you life for free! I don't want you to copy it. I'll give it to you for you in your own ability cannot do it!

Why will Lance Armstrong or cycling or football or boxing kill you at an old age? BECAUSE OF YOUR INABILITY TO DO IT! The purpose of a football team is not to get a sixty year old lady to come and play football. The purpose of the football team is so that you can enjoy their victory. God's purpose with you was not that you will produce life. God's purpose with you was that you can enjoy His life. The moment you behold God and you want to do God, you are dead! God, bringing forth life by bringing forth life, you want to do God? That God thing will kill you. Like cycling will kill you, like making money can kill people, like athletics can kill people, like an obsession with children can kill you, like politics can kill you.... so many things can kill you. It can be a good thing but it can also kill you if you want to do it if you're not made for that. **YOU HAVE NOT BEEN MADE TO BE THE ROOT. WE'VE BEEN MADE TO BE THE BRANCH WHEREIN THE ROOT WILL BEAR ITS FRUIT!**

I hope you understand what I am saying. In the same way we can apply this logic to, now I haven't just read all the verses in the Old Testament, but I just believe and the Lord has revealed something to me from where we have more revelation seeing Who God really is.

Now I will end off with the penal substitution thing. In the week there was a great thing about it. I don't want to bring church politics to our Web Church and to you guys, but listen to me. There are people thinking and spreading on the Web saying that I was a disciple of a certain man and then I fell because I am now not believing that Jesus took my death. That's just blasphemy, man! It's lying! It's just a lie, trying to get the truth out of the way being used by Satan ! That is all that is! Did Jesus carry my death? Yes! Jesus carried my death but what we do is we want to take the God that we jotted down and then the punishment of this which is: If you can't do these things, then you will die. Why? Because this thing will kill you on account of your own ability. Now we say that the God here (right hand) Who is the One that gives life and He comes and He takes a part of the Trinity and He puts it here inside this sin because He is angry with sin and He is angry with what man has done and now He takes the punishment for this God will kill you. This God will not kill you! This God (we trying to do God) will kill you! I hope you understand what I am saying. Now we want to mix this God into the truth and we blaspheme the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We break what God is trying to give us by saying, "It pleased the Lord to bruise Jesus."

What does it mean when the Bible says it pleased the Lord to bruise Him? Who does the bruising? Doesn't the Bible say, **And Satan will bruise your heel and you will bruise his head?** How does the bruising take place? God in the Trinity, in union with Father and Son, they decided to, in coherence with one another, they went and brought forth a body inside Mary which Satan could bruise and it pleased the Father but it also pleased the Son. It pleased God for God is a Trinity. It pleased all of them to prepare a body inside Adam, to take Adam upon Him and to have that body die, not have God punish Adam because he had transgressed God's commandment. That is rubbish! That's a lie about God that will leave you where that other lady was when her family was killed and she would say, "How could You, God?" That is not a life of victory! Glory to God! I trust that God has blessed you and set you free!

We've come to the end of our Service and I want to thank you for watching this. Let this message be something that can bring life to your heart. Thank God for every verse in the Old Testament that says that God killed them for it points to the good in the tree of the knowledge of good and evil inside the system of works – then this good God will kill you. How loud must God shout out that you will die by trying to do God? You cannot do God! God comes and He brings, "You cannot work God! It is impossible! You cannot do that." And that is why He was not ashamed in the Old Testament, I believe, to say, all the time, "And I will kill them."

And the wrath of God, the passion of God, wherein this life is wherein you will have life was kindled. It means that these people came to a point where this God that they have has become so hot in their abuse of this that it produced a fire. This love in God killed them. Let me explain it. If I tell you, "This is how you must love," and I take the love of God and I give it as a Law to you, in your trying to do that love, that love is going to destroy your life, my friend! It's going to kill you. That is why fire could come out from God and consumed them because when does the love of God consume you and burn you to ashes ---- it's when you try to work that love. You will work yourself to death! That is how that love will kill you. But when we look at God from this side (not our trying to do Him), He looks (this is one of the meanings of anger in the Old Testament: it means to breathe hard, to sigh, to say, "Ahhhhh, they are trying to do that God thing again and trying to be God by their own works and it will kill them. I and who I am is going to kill them!

I hope you understand what I am trying to say and it doesn't confuse you.