

Answers to Further Questions
Don't Miss the Boat: Genesis 6
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- **Are the offspring of the Nephilim the Greek & Roman "mythology" gods? The mighty men of renown?**

That's definitely an interesting thought...but God's Word does not tell us. We will have to wait to ask God in Heaven.

- **How do you say at one point that God is love and at the same time talk about this wrathful God you spoke about today?**

I really appreciate your question here. God is both just and loving. A just God cannot allow evil to go unaddressed without losing His attribute of being just. Our sin as humans is very serious and must be paid for. God simply cannot allow our sin to go unanswered.

But that leads to His attribute of love. Because of His love, and while retaining His attribute of just, He had all the payment for our sins nailed to His Son Jesus on the cross so that we do not have to pay for it. The crucial point is that we need to repent of our sin and believe that Jesus did that for us in order to receive that payment Jesus made.

If a man raped a child repeatedly and a judge let them go, you would no longer be able to say that judge was just. Our sin is evil as well and deserves judgment. At this point, you may be thinking "*I cannot believe you just equated people's sin with a child rapist!*" I understand the shock of this statement, but the truth is, if we felt or thought that way, it reveals we do not fully understand the depth of our sin and depravity.

Jesus said He is like a spiritual doctor who came to save the sick, not the healthy (Mark 2:16-17). By "sick" He meant those who truly understand the depth of their sin and how "sick" they really are because of it. Everyone is sick with sin. But not everyone admits or fully owns it. But if we do not think we are "that bad" or "that sick with sin", deserving judgment and the wrath of God, we will not accept much of the Bible when it speaks of God's wrath, nor our need for Jesus' death and forgiveness. Honestly, the Bible won't make a lot of sense in a lot of ways.

The more I grow in my knowledge of God and myself in the Bible, the more I am humbled by how sinful I really am (deserving God's wrath) and yet how loving God is (that He would die for me). I

pray God will help each of us to see this beautiful truth today as well because it truly is Good News. Good News cannot make sense unless there is bad news too. But it doesn't have to stay that way.

- **If sin will always exists in the world, then how are we supposed to be good all the time?**

There are at least 2 categories that exist when we say the word “good” while referring to us as human beings. The first category is perfection in the eyes of God in order to enter Heaven in the afterlife.

In that sense,

"There is none righteous, not even one; there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God; all have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is not even one. -Romans 3:10-12.

No one can “be good”, let alone “all the time”. But when someone repents of their sin and believes in Jesus, Jesus places His righteousness/perfection on them so that when God the Father sees them, He no longer sees their sinful nature, but perfection. He then welcomes us into His Family both now and forevermore (2 Corinthians 5:21). In other words, even while sin exists in this world and even within every person, if someone repents and believes, Jesus will make them perfect in the eyes of God with His own perfection. This is what we call justification and the great exchange.

The 2nd category of saying the word “good” about humans is our everyday actions. In theology we call this sanctification. Once a person is “saved” by God through Jesus, aka: a true Christian, they are already perfect in the eyes of God because of Jesus, but they still have a sinful nature here in this life and will still sin. God never promises that He will remove sinful nature from His people completely in this life, but only in the next life. But He does promise to help us become more like Jesus in doing good and staying away from sin more and more the longer we follow Him.

This is one of the main roles of God the Holy Spirit. At the moment of salvation, the Holy Spirit enters our soul and begins to empower us to say “yes” to good and “no” to sin. I encourage you to read Ephesians 4:21-32 and John 15:5 among many other passages to learn more about how Christians with the Holy Spirit can do more good and less evil in their lives.

- **What is your stance on the validity of the account of the Nephilim in the book of Enoch?**

The book of Enoch is not God-breathed (2 Tim. 3:16-17. Also affirmed it is not God-breathed by the Christian Counsels), therefore could and does have some errors within it. On the other hand, it

doesn't mean that it is completely erroneous. The problem is we just don't know which parts are what. Therefore, it is not beneficial to take any part of it to build facts upon, even the subject of the Nephilim. The only parts of the book of Enoch we would bank on are any quotes that God put within His Word, such as Jude 1:14-15, which is the only time it is quoted. What that means is that specific detail IS true, because God quoted it. The rest we will have to wait until Heaven to know what was true and false.

- **What was your reference about dying of cancer and sin?**

What I said was it is not ultimately sin or a car crash, et-cetera that causes us to die. But all of those things are affects or the aftermath of sin in this world. Because of and ever since sin entered this world with Adam and Eve, living things have started to die. The specific secondary causes vary, but the first cause, the reason they die, is because of sin in this world.

Read these 3 passages in a row.

Speaking to when death came because of sin:

*Genesis 2:16-17 The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it **you will surely die.**"*

Romans 6:23a "For the wages of sin is death..."

Speaking to when death will end because there is no more sin (in the future Heaven):

*Revelation 21:3-4 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, 4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; **and there will no longer be any death**; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; **the first things have passed away.**"*

Please hear this clearly, I am not saying it is because of a specific person's sin that they get a disease and sin in every circumstance. There is list of possible Scriptural reasons for people's problems in this world, but the underlying first cause of them all is sin's affects in this world.

- **What is the Biblical basis for buying guns and hoarding cash?**

NOTE: This is longer than usual due to the desire to answer thoroughly as well as the number of people who have inquired.

Before answering this question I would like to ask everyone to watch or rewatch the section of the sermon where this was taught. It appears some people may have misheard what was said.

With that said, I will first address the main point that was being given when these subjects were mentioned. God calls His people to trust in His provision and protection while doing our part to provide and protect ourselves and our families. It's a "both" situation, not an "or".

For instance, have we worn a mask, or gloves or stayed 6 feet away from others, etc. since the pandemic hit? If we have, then we believe God wants us to do our part in protecting ourselves and others from a virus. But have we also been asking God to protect us from the virus? I hope so because we should also be doing so.

If we simply read the book of Proverbs and we will find God's will is that His people would be wise by making plans to provide for and protect themselves and their families.

For example, *Proverb 21:5 The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage, But everyone who is hasty comes surely to poverty.* God clearly wants His people to make plans, but not hasty ones.

Jesus points out the foolishness of anyone who would try to build a tower without making the necessary plans to finish it and a king who would go into battle without first planning whether he could win in Luke 14:28-32.

These passages just scrape the surface of this point. Making plans of provision, protection, progression in business and so forth are biblical and wise. The contrary is foolishness.

Those who fail to plan, plan to fail.

If someone senses the banks and stock markets may soon fail and they will lose funds to support him/herself and their family, it is foolish to not at least consider taking some of those funds and putting them somewhere else that may be safer.

Or if someone sees that crime is on the rise and the chances of a break-in is growing, it is foolish for them not to consider some form of self-defense.

The key in all of our planning is that we are ultimately to trust in God for the final outcome.

We plan and prepare while we trust God to do what we cannot do.

Imagine you're going to go on a high ropes course. You are told to put on a harness and attach a safety cord to a cable. But you also find a safety net down below. The harness and cord are like our efforts to provide and protect in this world. And the safety net is God's protection and plans. Even if our plans fail, His net is supernatural and never fails.

Now let me address the self-defense concept directly.

But please note two items:

1. First, this is not an official CFC answer, as CFC does not have an official stance on this.
2. Second, this is not a fundamental Christian doctrine but rather one within Christian freedom to agree to disagree. Unity must not be harmed on this subject.

I will save time and not remind everyone of all the Scripture that teaches us that because of sin, we will continue to have people try to do evil things to one another until Jesus returns to end all evil. So, what should we do when someone tries to do evil to us or our family?

It depends on what each situation is as well as what God's unique calling for a person is.

The answer for general scenarios is the Bible teaches self-defense is good activity.

For instance, Exodus 22:2-3 says, *"If the thief is caught while breaking in and is struck so that he dies, there will be no bloodguiltiness on his account. 3 "But if the sun has risen on him, there will be bloodguiltiness on his account. He shall surely make restitution; if he owns nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft."*

This passage implies at least 2 principles. God allows people to have private property and to defend it. If we can defend items, we can definitely defend lives, including our own. And that is what you find throughout the rest of the Old Testament.

Next, let's hear from Jesus Himself. One time when Jesus was sending His disciples out to share the Gospel, He told them in Luke 22:36-38,

And He said to them, "But now, whoever has a money belt is to take it along, likewise also a bag, and whoever has no sword is to sell his coat and buy one. 37 "For I tell you that this which is written must be fulfilled in Me, 'AND HE WAS NUMBERED WITH TRANSGRESSORS'; for that which refers to Me has its fulfillment." 38 They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." And He said to them, "It is enough."

If Jesus is against self-defense and the use of weapons for such, then why did He tell His disciples to carry weapons? They were not cutting their bread with swords ☺. In their culture and context, it was common for robbers to wait and ambush people as they were walking on roads between cities.

Jesus was reminding His disciples of the wisdom to be prepared to defend themselves if such situations arise, not to mention other kinds of dangerous situations.

Now, let's address a common passage some use to teach against the use of self-defense.

Matthew 5:38-39 "You have heard that it was said, 'AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.' 39 "But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

Context and culture are once again important to understand here. In the middle eastern culture of Jesus' day, everyone would only use their right hands to do activities such as eat, write, etc because the left hand was considered dirty. Now notice which cheek Jesus mentions someone slapping you on in v39. The right cheek. Try slapping someone on the right cheek with your right hand. Ok, maybe not, just imagine doing so. It is a backhanded slap. In Jesus' culture a backhanded slap is not an attack but an insult to someone. Jesus is not addressing self-defense in this passage but rather how to respond when people insult you. Therefore, this passage does not help us to know God's heart about self-defense.

As I said earlier, it depends on potential unique callings from God for individuals how this plays out. We just covered some of the passages about the general biblical stance of self-defense in most scenarios.

I will now address one unique situation that would have a different answer. Jesus is our model for this one. Jesus told Peter to put his sword away when he cut a man's ear off when the man was trying to arrest Jesus to bring Him to His death (Luke 22:49-51). Is Jesus losing His mind? Earlier in the same chapter He tells the disciples to grab swords and now He's rebuking Peter for using his when something evil was occurring.

You see, Jesus had a unique calling and He had told them what it was over and over again ahead of time. His calling was to come to Earth to die for our sins (and praise God He did!). His life was not to be saved. Peter was getting in the way of His unique calling, and that means the use of self-defense was not God's will in that situation.

If a Christian is facing physical harm directly because of their faith in Jesus, they must ask the Lord if He may be calling them to also be harmed or die for the cause of Christ just as He did. And if He says "yes", then we are to allow such persecution to happen to us.

For more resources on this subject, check out this [article](#) or listen to this [podcast](#). I also greatly recommend watching [Free Burma Rangers](#) to see how this theology can play out in everyday life today. I doubt many Christians will say the Christians in this film are wrong for carrying guns in these situations. Even if they do, we will not divide over it because once again, this is a Christian liberty topic.