

Matters of Life and Death #4

“Is Capital Punishment Murder?”

selected Scriptures

Capital punishment is sometimes called the d_____ penalty, when a convicted criminal pays for their crime with their life.

A Providential Order

Genesis 9:5-6 - God sanctions capital punishment because humans are c_____ in His image and their life is sacred.

Exodus 21:12-14 - God distinguishes between intentional and unintentional k_____.

Leviticus 24:17; Numbers 35:31 - Murderers must be put to d_____.

Romans 12:19; 13:4 - God ordained g_____ to carry out the law, not for us to take matters into our own h_____.

A Political Outrage

Opponents of capital punishment claim that it is m_____ of the murderers.

John 8:1-11 is sometimes used to say Jesus o_____ capital punishment, but that is not the case.

Some argue that capital punishment does not d_____ crime, but deterrence is not the motive for capital punishment.

A Personal Observation

Habakkuk 1:3-4 - “Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is p_____, and justice never p_____. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is p_____.”

The Bible clearly supports capital punishment in cases of murder, but can we trust our judicial system to do it right?

Word Search - Genesis 9:1-6

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God is serious about life



For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

(Romans 13:4)

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Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man.

(Genesis 9:6)