

Chapter 14: Violence



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1. What are the principles of the character of God?
2. Read Isaiah 53:9 and discuss what this is saying in light of Jesus (in Him there was absolutely no violence) and what it means that Jesus is the final authority on god's character?
3. Discuss and explain "iniquity" and how it operates.
4. Why does Satan's "throne" have no fellowship with God?
5. Satan's violent system (reward and punishment) was a reaction to God's non-violence (unconditional *agape* love). With this in mind, discuss and explain how Satan's deception caused the world (starting with Adam and Eve) to believe that God is the author of death, punishment, and destruction.
6. Discuss how people before the flood and today are similar both in activities, environment, and behaviour. See Genesis 6:5 and see how our own practices of violence can destroy the world completely.

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7. How is causing a flood to correct evil similar to “paying evil for evil,” and if there is no darkness at all in God, how can He be responsible for causing the flood?

8. Show how God issued a warning of the flood to provide people a way to escape destruction. Refer to Genesis 6:13 and discuss how a loving God warns us because He loves us.

9. Using Jonah, John the Baptist, and Solomon, give examples of their specific words not to promote violence but to be against violence. See p. 156.

10. Using pp. 158-159, discuss the possible reasons that the Bible portrays God as a violent God.