

# The Biblical Perspective on Suicide

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## Chapter 1: Sin, The Savior, and Suicidal Temptations

Why? That is the first question we must first answer when it comes to the darkness that overtakes a soul and tempts them towards suicide. Why are they feeling like they need to escape? Why are they feeling like things are hopeless? Why are they feeling like they cannot go on?

Behind the death of every loved one, every case of cancer, every account of abuse, and every hopeless feeling, one terrible word lurks in the darkness. This word has been secretly hidden away by today’s modern culture, but it is behind every betrayal, every disaster, every tragedy, and every case of despair.

Yes, there is one three-letter word that answers every “why” question when it comes to depression, despair, and suicidal temptations, and that word is “sin”. Please don’t get me wrong, I am not saying that the depressed person is necessarily the one who sinned and caused their despair. No, once we put on a Biblical worldview, we realize that sin is the putrid fountain of inky darkness that fills the world with every terrible thing that exists.

Paul wrote: **Through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.**<sup>1</sup> The “one man” Paul spoke of was Adam<sup>2</sup>. In Genesis, Adam allowed sin into the world by eating from the fruit that GOD

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<sup>1</sup> Romans 5:12

<sup>2</sup> Romans 5:14

had commanded he not eat. But sin did not come alone, sin brought a horrible punishment along with it, and that punishment is death.

Here, before we continue, we must explain that sin is the breaking of GOD's Commandments.<sup>3</sup> When GOD says "you shall not commit adultery" and someone commits adultery, they sin. When GOD says "you shall not murder" and someone murders, they sin. And when GOD says "don't eat the fruit of that particular tree" and someone eats that fruit, they sin. But, eventually, the penalty for every type of sin is death<sup>4</sup>.

Some sins carry the death penalty up front, and GOD commands that governments punish those guilty of those specific sins with death after it is conclusively proven they violated His laws<sup>5</sup>. Other sins do not carry an up-front death penalty<sup>6</sup>, but they will eventually lead to the lake of fire that the Bible calls the second death<sup>7</sup>.

For example, the least of GOD's 10 Commandments is listed last, and we summarize it by saying "**You shall not covet**"<sup>8</sup>. But Paul writes about those who violate that commandment, listing the covetous person, as he explains: **Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.**<sup>9</sup>

There are only two possible eternal destinies for all of us, the heavenly kingdom of GOD, or the lake of fire we typically call hell. And only those who repent of their sins and call on JESUS to cleanse them from the guilt of their sins will be saved from the lake of fire<sup>10</sup>.

The word "repentance" comes from a Greek word that means "to change the mind", and it refers to changing our mind about sin, about GOD's Commandments, and about how we should be living. Over and over, JESUS and all of His Apostles taught people "**...they should repent, turn to God, and do works worthy of repentance.**"<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. 1 John 3:4

<sup>4</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

<sup>5</sup> Deuteronomy 17:2-7 & 21:22-23

<sup>6</sup> 1 John 5:16-17

<sup>7</sup> Revelation 21:8

<sup>8</sup> Exodus 20:17

<sup>9</sup> 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

<sup>10</sup> John 3:18

<sup>11</sup> Acts 26:20

That is the most consistent message of the entire Bible! GOD desires that all people everywhere be saved, but we need to understand our sin problem before GOD can truly save us from it!

Imagine a man who regularly drinks poison but who does not want to die. A doctor cannot save the life of his poison-drinking patient until he gets him to change his mind about drinking poison. Likewise, JESUS can only save those who really and truly change their minds about sin!

Therefore, JESUS did several different things to save us from our sins. He lived a sinless life as an example to us all. He plainly taught throughout His Holy Bible how we must think about sin. He willingly laid down His life for us so His precious blood could cleanse us from our sins. And He sent His HOLY SPIRIT to lead us and guide us away from all sin.<sup>12</sup>

However, before JESUS came to die for the sins of the world, His servants relied on the blood of bulls and goats to take away the guilt of their sin when they repented. They had the same rules, but different blood. And the Bible tells us that JESUS came to offer us His far better blood – sinless and pure! Yes, JESUS became the ultimate sacrifice so we would understand how much He loves us, and how important it is for us to stop sinning!<sup>13</sup>

JESUS taught that we would be better off intentionally removing body parts rather than continuing to live in sin! He explained: **“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ “But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. “If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. “And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.”<sup>14</sup>**

Friends, true repentance involves us agreeing with JESUS that it would be better to surgically remove a body part than to keep on sinning! And the fact is, once you hate sin like JESUS hates sin, it becomes much less of a struggle to avoid it.

How many of us struggle against temptations to drink drain cleaner? Because we know it is deadly, we never even try to taste it. So, even if drain cleaner was somehow

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<sup>12</sup> Romans 8:12-14

<sup>13</sup> John 5:14, John 8:11, Luke 13:2-5, 1 Timothy 5:20

<sup>14</sup> Matthew 5:27-30

the tastiest stuff on earth, we still wouldn't try it because we know it is deadly! Well, we must think in the same way about sin!

Sin is deadly, and not believing that sin is eternally deadly is a very, very, very serious problem! But on the other hand, if we intentionally forget the seemingly sweet taste of sin while always striving to remember its horrifying eternal consequences, we can say we have truly repented!

Therefore, JESUS does not only save us through His blood! No, first He saves us through His teaching! That is why He commissioned His Apostles to make disciples, teaching them to obey all He commanded<sup>15</sup>! And that is why He taught the world the truth before He died for the sins of the world!

Meanwhile, back in the beginning, Adam's sin allowed death into the world. Then, because all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of GOD<sup>16</sup>, death spread to all mankind. Also, sin brought a few other things into the world to remind us death is coming for all who sin.

**GOD told Eve: "I will greatly multiply your pains and your groanings; in pain you shall bring forth children, and your submission shall be to your husband, and he shall rule over you."**<sup>17</sup>

**Likewise, GOD told Adam: "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return."**<sup>18</sup>

Pain, toil, thorns, thistles, sweat, decay, and death are now everyday experiences, but they did not exist in GOD's original creation. Thus, when we see these things, they should remind us that sin is the problem, and "repentance toward GOD and faith in JESUS CHRIST"<sup>19</sup> is the solution that will eventually lead to the restoration of all things!

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<sup>15</sup> "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to keep all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. Matthew 28:19-20

<sup>16</sup> Romans 3:23

<sup>17</sup> Genesis 3:16 CAB

<sup>18</sup> Genesis 3:17-19 CAB

<sup>19</sup> Acts 20:21

In the meantime, things are not yet restored. So, Scripture teaches: **For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.**<sup>20</sup>

Does internal groaning sound like optimism or pessimism to you? Well, before you answer that, please put it into the context of childbirth. The moms out there can tell you that things get very difficult just before they experience the joy of holding their baby in their arms for the very first time.

“Internal groaning” to the hopeful inspires perseverance through trials and tribulations, but “internal groaning” to those without hope inspires despair. Therefore, the difference is hope! And all who repent and turn to JESUS have a hope that can only be taken away by one thing, and that thing is sin!

GOD has said: **“If a wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed, keeps all My statutes, and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of the transgressions which he has committed shall be remembered against him; because of the righteousness which he has done, he shall live. Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? says the Lord GOD, and not that he should turn from his ways and live?”**<sup>21</sup>

Then GOD explained: **“But when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? All the righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; because of the unfaithfulness of which he is guilty and the sin which he has committed, because of them he shall die.”**<sup>22</sup>

Therefore, over and over again, Christians are taught to persevere, endure, and keep fighting the good fight of faith. This tells us the road to the kingdom of heaven is narrow and difficult. But it also declares: when the nighttime seems the darkest, the dawn is just about to come! Hold on to the hope of the gospel, and wait upon the LORD!

David was a man wrongfully pursued by an envious king he served faithfully, humiliatingly betrayed by a son he loved dearly, and a man who knew times of

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<sup>20</sup> Romans 8:22-25

<sup>21</sup> Ezekiel 18:21-23

<sup>22</sup> Ezekiel 18:24

unfathomable pain and despair. Thus, he wrote: **I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living. Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the LORD!**<sup>23</sup>

Scripture warns us that the pathway to heaven involves many fiery trials<sup>24</sup>. JESUS promised we would face tribulations, persecutions, accusations, slanders, imprisonment, beatings, and sometimes martyrdom for our faith in Him. But JESUS also promised: **if we endure to the end, we will be saved**<sup>25</sup>!

So, when we face despair, depression, or even suicidal temptations, we must look to JESUS who endured the cross and the shame we deserved, while remembering the unfathomable goodness of His kingdom that lay ahead. By not giving up, JESUS found Himself seated at the right hand of His Father in Heaven, restored to His eternal glory, ruling over all of the earth! And we must follow His example of endurance to inherit the glorious promises!

It is not a sin to be tempted, but it is a sin to surrender to temptation's call. Therefore, **Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.**<sup>26</sup>

## Chapter 2: The Biblical Perspective Reflected in Language

Now, to dive down deeper into the actual word "suicide", please choose the statement you think is grammatically correct from the following selections:

- a. He did suicide
- b. He suicided
- c. He had suicided
- d. He committed suicide

Did you choose option "d"? If so, you chose correctly. The grammatically correct verb associated with suicide in the English language is the verb "commit". Now, once again, please choose the statement you think is grammatically correct from the following selections.

- a. He did homicide

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<sup>23</sup> Psalms 27:13-14

<sup>24</sup> 1 Peter 4:12-13, 2 Timothy 3:12

<sup>25</sup> "And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved." Mark 13:13

<sup>26</sup> 1 Peter 5:8-9

- b. He homicided
- c. He had homicided
- d. He committed homicide

Did you choose option “d”? If so, you chose correctly. The grammatically correct verb associated with homicide in the English language is the verb “commit” and the past tense form of that verb is “committed”. Now, do you see any similarities between the way we used the word “suicide” and the way we used the word “homicide”? That is because these two words are very closely related.

Both the word “suicide” and the word “homicide” come from the Latin language. The word “homo” in Latin means “man”.<sup>27</sup> The word “cide” comes from the Latin word “cidium”, which means “to kill, murder, or cut down”.

Next, we need to know that the word “sui” means “of oneself”. Therefore, homicide is the murder of a man, in the original sense of the term “man”; such as “**God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them**”<sup>28</sup> on the sixth day<sup>29</sup>. And suicide is the murder of self.

Meanwhile, “murder” is the English word we use to describe the “unlawful killing of a human being”. GOD permits us to kill animals for food<sup>30</sup>, protection<sup>31</sup>, and clothing<sup>32</sup>. Similarly, GOD permits us to kill humans who are made in His glorious image in certain unavoidable situations of self-defense<sup>33</sup>, or when absolutely necessary to save the lives of others whom we are immediately responsible for<sup>34</sup>.

Plus, GOD even commands governments to utilize the death penalty to punish (and further prevent) certain horrific sins. So, these are the reasons why the phrase “unlawful killing” must always be added to the definition of “murder”.

Thus, since murder is always a sin that violates the law of GOD<sup>35</sup> and our ancestors commonly associated the English verb “committed” with all types of sin<sup>36</sup>, they associated the verb most closely attached to sin with the act of suicide. They rightly

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<sup>27</sup> In Greek, the prefix “homo” means “same”. In Latin, the word “homo” means “man” Latin is the origin of the words “suicide” and “homicide”, not Greek.

<sup>28</sup> Genesis 1:27

<sup>29</sup> Genesis 1:31

<sup>30</sup> Genesis 9:3-4

<sup>31</sup> 1 Samuel 17:34-36

<sup>32</sup> Genesis 3:21

<sup>33</sup> Exodus 22:2

<sup>34</sup> Genesis 14:14-16

<sup>35</sup> “You shall not murder.” Exodus 20:13

<sup>36</sup> Matthew 5:28

understood that the commandment that states “**You shall not murder**”<sup>37</sup> equally prohibits the murder of self and the murder of any other human being!

For this reason, at various times within history, if a person attempted suicide and their attempt to commit that sin failed, it was treated as a criminal act and the death penalty was applied just as surely as if they had tried to murder their neighbor<sup>38</sup>. But unlike our ancestors, who lived in a society that was much more heavily influenced by the Bible, these simple linguistic clues are missed by many in our modern satanic culture.

### **Chapter 3: Suicide Literally Means Self-Murder**

Now please silently ask yourself, why does the word “suicide” not appear in the Bible? As we have already learned, the word “suicide” means “self-murder”, so the answer is: every passage that discusses murder is actually discussing suicide.

**GOD said: “These things shall be a statute of judgment to you throughout your generations in all your dwellings. Whoever murders a person, the murderer shall be put to death on the testimony of witnesses; but one witness is not sufficient testimony against a person for the death penalty. Moreover you shall take no ransom for the life of a murderer who is guilty of death, but he shall surely be put to death.”**<sup>39</sup>

GOD made His thoughts on murder very plain; and for a very, very long time, the world understood that suicide was a form of murder! So, because of the Bible, countries imposed the death penalty on those who tried to murder themselves.

Those who made such laws knew that the Apostle John wrote: **Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him**.<sup>40</sup> They understood that the person who tried to murder themselves was not to be rewarded, celebrated, or coddled. Instead, they were to be treated as a murderer, because that was how GOD saw them.

About murderers, Paul explained: **Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as**

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<sup>37</sup> Exodus 20:13

<sup>38</sup> Genesis 9:6, Numbers 35:31-33, <https://www.etymonline.com/word/suicide>

<sup>39</sup> Numbers 35:29-31

<sup>40</sup> 1 John 3:15

**I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.<sup>41</sup>**

In New Covenant terms, murder is a “work of the flesh”, and those who commit murder cannot inherit the kingdom of GOD. But satan tries to deceive the world, saying to sinners: **“You will not surely die.”<sup>42</sup>**

The devil deceives pastors, convincing them to preach casket-side sermons of hope and heavenly happiness to the families of those who have murdered themselves. But this simply spreads the serpent’s deceptions, leading more and more precious souls towards the sin of self-murder.

We must not believe those lies! Either Scripture is true, and those who die committing the sin of murder (including self-murder) will not inherit the kingdom of GOD, or we can’t believe anything the Bible says! And I must explain: this is not a bifurcation! It is the simple application of the logical law of non-contradiction.

The LORD has promised: **“He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”<sup>43</sup>**

It is impossible for GOD to lie!<sup>44</sup> Murderers who die in their sin must have their part in the lake of fire because they have broken GOD’s commandment against murder. Meanwhile, many deceived teachers claim that “GOD forgives our future sins just as He forgave our past sins when we put our faith in JESUS”.

#### **Chapter 4: The Economy of Divine Forgiveness**

In contrast, the Apostle Paul wrote: **God set forth [CHRIST JESUS] as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**<sup>45</sup> Paul makes it very clear that the redemption JESUS offers to those who repent and follow Him as their LORD is for their sins that were previously committed.

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<sup>41</sup> Galatians 5:19-21

<sup>42</sup> Genesis 3:4

<sup>43</sup> Revelation 21:7-8

<sup>44</sup> Hebrews 6:18

<sup>45</sup> Romans 3:24-26

It is true that the blood of JESUS has the power to wash away every sin of every person ever born throughout all of human history, but JESUS has ordained that only those who repent of their sins will receive the forgiveness His blood offers.

In fact, JESUS taught us to think in the same way. He said: **“Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him.”**<sup>46</sup>

You see, repentance is the key to forgiveness, while blood is the cost of forgiveness. Therefore, to open up the precious redemption JESUS purchased for us through His own blood, we must repent!

For this reason, JESUS told His Apostles: **“Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things.”**<sup>47</sup> Truly, any gospel that does not include the key of repentance is an incomplete, dangerous gospel!

Therefore, it is written: **For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses’ law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?**<sup>48</sup>

Because GOD does not offer or prescribe any sacrifice for willful (i.e. intentional) sin committed after coming to a full knowledge of His commandments, Leviticus, Hebrews, and many other passages make it clear that sacrifices for atonement were only ever accepted by GOD as atoning for sin when they were presented for unintentional sin.

Please notice how the word unintentional is included in all of these key passages given to us by GOD to teach us how to understand the redemption we have in JESUS, our High Priest, our Passover Lamb, and our Savior.<sup>49</sup>

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<sup>46</sup> Luke 17:3-4

<sup>47</sup> Luke 24:46-48

<sup>48</sup> Hebrews 10:26-29

<sup>49</sup> Galatians 3:23-24

GOD said: **“Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘If a person sins unintentionally against any of the commandments of the LORD in anything which ought not to be done, and does any of them, if the anointed priest sins, bringing guilt on the people, then let him offer to the LORD for his sin which he has sinned a young bull without blemish as a sin offering.”**<sup>50</sup>

Later, the LORD added: **“Now if the whole congregation of Israel sins unintentionally, and the thing is hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done something against any of the commandments of the LORD in anything which should not be done, and are guilty; when the sin which they have committed becomes known, then the assembly shall offer a young bull for the sin, and bring it before the tabernacle of meeting.”**<sup>51</sup>

Our Creator also instructed: **“When a ruler has sinned, and done something unintentionally against any of the commandments of the LORD his God in anything which should not be done, and is guilty, or if his sin which he has committed comes to his knowledge, he shall bring as his offering a kid of the goats, a male without blemish.”**<sup>52</sup>

Plus, our King explained: **“If anyone of the common people sins unintentionally by doing something against any of the commandments of the LORD in anything which ought not to be done, and is guilty, or if his sin which he has committed comes to his knowledge, then he shall bring as his offering a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has committed.”**<sup>53</sup>

The Bible makes it very clear that JESUS replaced all of these animal sacrifices<sup>54</sup>, but JESUS did not replace the perfect, eternal, divine logic behind them all! Our GOD has never offered a path to forgiveness to anyone who refuses to repent by willfully, knowingly, and intentionally rejecting His commandments! That is why **“Anyone who has rejected Moses’ law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses”**.

Unintentional sin is sin committed by those who have not rejected GOD’s Laws!  
Intentional sin is committed by unrepentant sinners who have rejected GOD’s Laws!  
You see, to sin intentionally after knowing the Commandments of our Creator means a

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<sup>50</sup> Leviticus 4:2-3

<sup>51</sup> Leviticus 4:13-14

<sup>52</sup> Leviticus 4:22-23

<sup>53</sup> Leviticus 4:27-28

<sup>54</sup> Hebrews 9:13-15

person has refused to repent! Instead, they are knowingly rejecting His Laws, and for such people, no sacrifice for sin remains!

In the First Covenant, sinners were stoned to death if they refused to repent because they willfully and knowingly rejected the Laws and sacrifices GOD revealed to them through Moses. But in the New Covenant, sinners who willfully and knowingly trample underfoot the words that GOD's glorious Son JESUS taught to the world are treating His priceless blood with contempt! How much worse punishment will those unrepentant sinners receive if the death penalty was the consequence of rejecting GOD's Word in the First Covenant?

## Chapter 5: Esau's Excruciating Example

The book of Hebrews was not teaching anything new when it reported: **"If we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins"**<sup>55</sup>, that statement has always been common knowledge to the people of GOD!

All of GOD's true servants know about (and apply to their lives) the history of Esau, about which Hebrews explains: **Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.**<sup>56</sup>

Esau was raised in the truth, his most valuable inheritance, but he willfully traded away GOD's promise to His ancestors for the price of one meal. Then he became an eternal example to all of GOD's people of how we must relentlessly resist every fleshly lust to walk by faith with endurance, and hold onto the promises of GOD!

Later, when Esau realized his terrible error, he learned a horrifying truth: *it was too late for repentance*. The blessings he eventually appreciated and desired; he had once despised. When tested, he counted GOD's promise to Abraham to be of less value than the satisfaction of his fleshly appetites. So, unlike Esau, who failed the test by setting his mind on earthly things, we must fix our eyes on JESUS and the promise of His kingdom, while we die to the lusts of the flesh.

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<sup>55</sup> Hebrews 10:26

<sup>56</sup> Hebrews 12:14-17

That is what we promised to do at our baptism. As Paul has written: **What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.**<sup>57</sup>

Then Paul explained that our baptism signified: **Our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.**<sup>58</sup>

And Paul concluded: **Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.**<sup>59</sup>

So, every real Christian has promised to die to sin, including the sin of self-murder. In fact, our lives are no longer our own to do with as we wish, because we have been purchased by the blood of JESUS.

Yes, Paul wrote: **Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.**<sup>60</sup> We belong to JESUS, His Spirit dwells within us as He once dwelled in the Holy Tabernacle, and our bodies no longer belong to us!

And these principles of our faith also led Paul to explain: **Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are.**<sup>61</sup>

How do you think GOD judged the people who destroyed His temples in the past? How much more will He judge those who destroy His temple that was purchased by the blood of His Son and cleansed to become the dwelling place of His HOLY SPIRIT?

Meanwhile, through the lesson of Esau, we must remember: **It is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become**

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<sup>57</sup> Romans 6:1-4

<sup>58</sup> Romans 6:6

<sup>59</sup> Romans 6:11-13

<sup>60</sup> 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

<sup>61</sup> 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.<sup>62</sup>

How can a person repent after they are dead? They cannot! **It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.**<sup>63</sup> If the Apostle John and the Prophet Daniel fell at CHRIST's feet as though dead when they stood before Him, how will an unrepentant murderer fare in His presence?

It is the pinnacle of foolishness to intentionally commit a serious crime just before facing the ultimate Judge! And the last chapter of the Bible explains: **Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.**<sup>64</sup>

There will not be one single unrepentant murderer in heaven, and that includes self-murderers. Heaven is only for those who have repented and demonstrated by their deeds that they agree with the Commandments of GOD!

Therefore, the true gospel most certainly declares: **“Repent! Turn to GOD! And do works worthy of repentance.”**<sup>65</sup> Do not be deceived!

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<sup>62</sup> Hebrews 6:4-6

<sup>63</sup> Hebrews 9:27

<sup>64</sup> Revelation 22:14-15

<sup>65</sup> Acts 26:20