

PURPOSE CHURCH

SUNDAYS 8:30am | 10:00am | 11:30am

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GREAT QUESTION

HOW THE BIBLE ADDRESSES OUR BIGGEST ISSUES WITH GOD



WELCOME TO PURPOSE CHURCH!

Are you new to Purpose Church?

We are so glad you are here! We want to meet you, answer any questions you might have, and help you get connected. Come to the Connect Center located in the Lobby after the service to meet our friendly team and pick up a free gift!

NEXT STEPS AT PURPOSE

We believe every person has a *next step* to take. We are here to help you discover and take yours.

Have you decided to follow Jesus?
Do you want to get baptized?
Do you need hope, healing and support?
Are you looking for meaningful community?

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EVERYONE EVERYWHERE FOLLOWING JESUS

PRAYER

We would love to pray with you!
Please stop by the prayer room
after the service or submit a
prayer request online.
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GIVING

We believe that generous people
transform the world! Offering
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DOES THE BIBLE CONDONE GENOCIDE, SLAVERY AND MISOGYNY?

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Great Resources For Great Questions About God, Faith, And The Bible
Sermons + Slides: purposechurch.com/greatquestion

Q: DOES THE BIBLE CONDONE _____?

A: *No! The Bible describes God's patience, mercy, and desire for the nations and Israel to return to Him and warns of their destruction if they don't. In a few rare specific moments, God commanded Israel or allowed other nations to enact his judgment on unrepentant people and for the protection of the human race from self-extermination.*

Making Sense of Genocidal Passages In The Old Testament...

1. **God was judging unrepentant sin...**

Deuteronomy 9:4

2. **God had shown incredible patience towards the sinful nations...**

Nahum 1:3

3. **God's goal was emptying the cities, not total annihilation...**

Numbers 21:3

4. **God's heart breaks at the death of the wicked and longs for their repentance...**

Ezekiel 18:23

Q: DOES THE BIBLE CONDONE _____?

A: *No! The Bible does not permit race based, chattel, unending slavery or the kidnapping or selling of people. The Bible allowed for the common cultural practice of indentured servitude (sometimes referred to as slavery) as a form of bankruptcy law to pay off outstanding debts.*

Amos 1:6

Israel was generous towards their slave-servants.

Deuteronomy 15:12-15

Israel treated their slave-servants justly.

Exodus 21:26-27

Israel showed compassion to runaway slave-servants.

Deuteronomy 23:15-16

Q: DOES THE BIBLE CONDONE _____?

A: *No! The Bible consistently elevates women though it was written in times when women were seen as property. The Bible communicates over and over that women are made in God's image, must be respected, are equal with men, and have purpose in God's story!*

Women and men equally bear God's image.

Genesis 1:27

Women and men equally complement one another.

Genesis 2:18

Are wives the only ones called to submit in marriage?

Ephesians 5:21-25

Is the Bible against women serving in the Church?

Romans 16:7

What did Paul mean by women/wives remaining "silent in the churches"?

1 Corinthians 14:34-35, 1 Corinthians 11:4-5

How can women and men partner to build God's Kingdom?

Acts 2:17-18

REFLECT | DISCUSS | PRACTICE

- 1. REFLECT:** How did you sense God speaking to you through the sermon and Bible verses?
- 2. DISCUSS:** What's one thing a parent or authority figure in your life used to say to you when you were a kid that you didn't understand then but you understand now?
- 3. DISCUSS:** Read Nahum 1:3, Ezekiel 18:23, and Deuteronomy 9:4. How do these verses shape your understanding of God's character—especially the balance between His patience, justice, and compassion? How does the idea of God judging unrepentant evil after patience and warning change (or not change) your perspective about God?
- 4. DISCUSS:** Read Deuteronomy 15:12-15 and Exodus 21:26-27. What differences do you see between biblical indentured servitude and the race-based slavery we think of today? Why is it important to understand that difference when talking with skeptics?
- 5. DISCUSS:** Read Acts 2:17-18 and Romans 16:7. What stands out to you about how God uses women in the New Testament? How can we continue reflecting this Kingdom partnership between women and men?
- 6. PRACTICE:** Write down 1-2 big questions you have about God, faith, or the Bible and spend one hour or more this week doing some research from trusted Christian sources to try and get faithful and confidence building answers. Then share what you learned with someone in your life.

Fill in the blanks: GENOCIDE, SLAVERY, MISOGYNY

