

**Sun 5pm April 27, 2025**

A popular idea in our society is, “Violence is wrong.” Is it? Often this idea is used to denounce killing animals, capital punishment, killing a home intruder, corporal discipline, severe verbal rebuke (“psychological” violence), intolerance and opposition to opposing moral or religious views, , strong feelings or views relative to something, etc.

We likely will not get to all the references, however it might be useful to make some notes on these texts for future reference.

1. What is “violence”? Vital to communication is defining terms—are we talking about the same thing we talk about “violence”? Dictionaries define words as they are used in society.
  - a. What are some of the definitions for “violence” or “violent” listed in a dictionary?
  - b. What is the etymology of the word?
2. Key to what determines whether an action called “violent” is right or wrong is the standard by which the action is measured.
  - a. What was Hitler’s standard for murdering innocent Jews?
  - b. What is a the standard for a gang who robs, destroys, and even kills if deemed necessary?
  - c. What is the standard that makes an abusive parent or mate believe what they are doing is OK?
  - d. Is there a *universal* standard that applies to *all* people? If so, what is it? Compare **Mt 12:35-40; Rom 1:18,28-32; Ac 17:24,26-27,30-31.**
3. Could the actions in the following Scriptures be called “violent”?
  - a. **Gen 9:6; Rom 13:4** (see **Num 35:16-21**)
  - b. **Lev 1:4-9** (see **Num 29:12-16, 17f!**)
  - c. **Num 22:2-3**
  - d. **Pro 23:13-14**
  - e. **Mt 3:7; 23:13** (and following); **Ac 7:51-53; Gal 5:12**
4. Examples of violence God did and will judge men for ...
  - a. **Gen 6:5,11...13**
  - b. **Gen 49:5-7**
  - c. **Dt 24:7**
  - d. **Jdg 9:23-24** (**Jdg 9:4-5**)
  - e. **1Ki 2:8** (NAS95) (**2Sam 16:5-8**)
  - f. **Hos 4:2** (contrast v1—compare NKJV, ESV, NAS95 footnote)
  - g. **Obad 1:10-14**
  - h. **Mal 2:16** (NKJV,ESV, ASV; NAS95 footnote)
  - i. **Ac 21:32-36** (Note **Ac 24:7** - a *false* charge of “violence”)
5. Are these violent warnings of violent judgment?  
**Mt 5:29-30; 24:51; 25:30; 25:41,46**