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Part 5:
The bloodshed
root

The BLOODSHED root . . .

The element of iniquity, which refers to “BLOODSHED” is NOT:

- The accidental murder of someone,
- OR even the willful murder³⁶ as an act of hatred,

BUT rather it is the ritualistic murder and killing of innocent people associated with:

- Occultic and witchcraft practices such as sacrifices,
- Sexual perversity such as vampirism,
- Ritual murders of innocent people at pagan worship services.

The origins of child sacrifice³⁷ ...

Genesis 19 gives the account of Lot and his daughters, some of the early ancestors of mankind:

*Genesis 19:30 “30 And Lot went up out of Zoar and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him, for he feared to dwell in Zoar; and he lived in a cave, he and his two daughters. 31 The elder said to the younger, Our father is aging, and **there is not a man on earth to live with us in the customary way.**”*



³⁶ The examples of both Moses and David are clearly ones where acts of disobedience and sin do not result in an iniquity.

³⁷ A paraphrase of an article by Eric Holmberg.

Now it so happens that there were men available just a few miles away geographically. But they meant something different. The "earth" is throughout Scripture a symbol of a fallen unregenerate realm.

James tells us that there is a wisdom from above that is "pure and peaceable," but that there is a wisdom from below which is "earthly, natural and demonic" (James 3:15,17). In the same way that many modern feminists want men purely on their own terms, Lot's daughters wanted a man in this "manner of the earth".

*Genesis 19:32-33 "32 Come, let us make our father drunk with wine, and we will lie with him, so that we may preserve offspring (our race) through our father. 33 **And they made their father drunk with wine that night, and the older went in and lay with her father; and he was not aware of it when she lay down or when she arose.**"*

This was a gross act of rebellion against both their father and God. As a result both daughters had children. The oldest daughter's son was named Moab. His descendents, the Moabites, ultimately became an **idolatrous nation** that was one of the primary enemies of God's People Israel.

The youngest daughter's son, Ben Ammi, became the father of the sons of Ammon. 1 Kings 11:7 calls Molech "the detestable idol of the Ammonites". The name **Molech** in Hebrew means: "to ascend the throne" or, in other words, to **usurp God's Authority**. Leviticus 20:2 tells us that Molech worship involved the sacrifice of one's offspring. While the Ammonites primarily sacrificed post-natal children, it is no coincidence that it is the Ammonites that God condemns in the book of Amos for a particular form of blood-thirstiness:

*Amos 1:13 "13 Thus says the Lord: For three transgressions of the children of Ammon [descendants of Lot] and for four [for multiplied delinquencies], I will not reverse the punishment of it or revoke My word concerning it, because [the Ammonites] **have ripped up women with child in Gilead, that they might enlarge their border.**"*

To "enlarge one's borders" is a Biblical metaphor applied not just to land, but to **extend the boundaries of acceptable human conduct**. How common this is still today as we hear cries of "It's my choice" and "keep your religion out of my life."

Baal and Molech worship ...

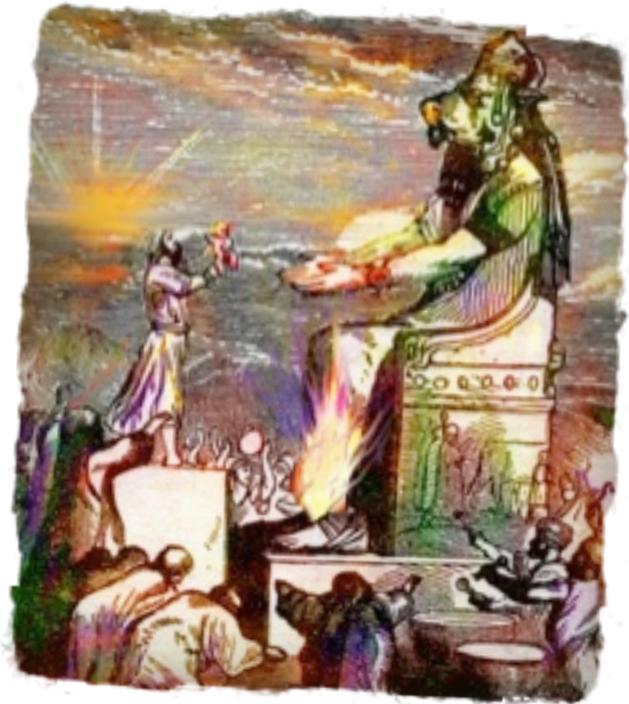
*Jeremiah 32:35 "35 And they built the high places [for worship] of **Baal** in the Valley of Ben-hinnom [son of Hinnom] to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire [in worship also of and] to **Molech**—which I did not command them, nor did it come into My mind or heart that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin. [Jer. 7:30-31.]"*

*Jeremiah 19:5 "5 And have built the high places of **Baal** to burn their sons in the fire as burnt offerings to **Baal**, which I commanded not nor spoke of it, nor did it come into My mind and heart—"*

Here the Bible implies what modern archaeologists and anthropologists have recently discovered: that Molech and Baal represent the same pagan god. The wife of Baal is Asherah and the wife of Molech is Ashteroth. Asherah and Ashteroth represent the same fertility goddess. This demon was known to the Greeks as Aphrodite; to the Egyptians as Isis; and to the Phoenicians as Tanet.

Recent archaeological expeditions of the Phoenician Empire have revealed its most notable feature – **the high incidence of child sacrifice**. Archaeological relics have been uncovered, such as the altars on which children were sacrificed and stone markers, which marked the burial place of the remains. Stone carvings on the markers depict children who were sacrificed. Clay jars were used to hold the remains. Entire burial grounds full of these slaughtered children have been uncovered.

As barbaric as this sounds, we must remember that this is precisely what we do through abortion. With one obvious exception – today we don't honor or bury the children we kill.



Archaeologists have established that the **primary deity** that they children were sacrificed to was the **goddess Tanet**, the name being a regional representation of the more universal **Ashteroth**.

Modern feminism ...

Today we have given the demons of human sacrifice new names: "Career", "Convenience", "Money", "Lust", and "Self". But beyond this, we have come full circle – today's rationalism has given way to a new feminist spirituality that honors these same demons actually calling them by their proper Biblical and historical names.

Is it just a coincidence that the hottest sub-movement within the feminist movement that began to emerge just after the Roe vs. Wade decision is goddess worship? One of the **primary deities that is being worshipped is Aphrodite**, the goddess of child sacrifice.

Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood³⁸, is perhaps the best 20th Century example of the destructive power of spiritual deception. That she was wallowing in deception can be seen in a quote from a book written by an admirer:

³⁸ We encourage you to hear Gianna Jessen's speech on abortion at the following link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPF1FhCMPuQ>.

"She had tried to dispel depression by sex, travel, Rosicrucianism (a cult), numerology, now she tried a new panacea – astrology."

Sanger was a confirmed adulteress who consistently and publicly supported a "woman's right to destroy". She became deeply involved with Havelock Ellis, a modern day false prophet who advocated a variety of bizarre sex practices supposing them to be the keys to spiritual enlightenment and power. For Margaret Sanger and her militantly (even religiously) promiscuous lifestyle, abortion became a necessary backup for contraceptive failure.

A more recent example can be found in a newsletter published by the National Abortion Federation. It provides an account of the 1985 national convention. One of the speakers was Carter Heyward, an ordained Episcopal priest who has been active for many years in the feminist movement. This quote was taken from her address:

"If women were in charge, abortion would be a sacrament, an occasion of deep and serious and sacred meaning."

That an ordained leader of a church that supposedly represents Y'shua [Jesus] to the world could **describe child sacrifice as a sacrament or holy rite of the church without facing excommunication** is a staggering illustration of the collective deception we are facing as a nation.

The feminist spirituality movement began to emerge in the mid-1970s and has become one of the largest sub-movements within feminism. It's amorphous, blending in a surprisingly smooth amalgam radical feminism, pacifism, witchcraft, Eastern mysticism, goddess worship, animism, psychic healing, and a variety of practices normally associated with "fortune-telling".

When we consider the word "witchcraft," one Bible personality comes to mind – Jezebel. In 1 Kings 18:19, Elijah the prophet of God mentions Jezebel along with some of the deities we know about. He asks to see:

1 Kings 18:19 "19 Therefore send and gather to me all Israel at Mount Carmel, and the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of [the goddess] Asherah, who eat at [Queen] Jezebel's table."

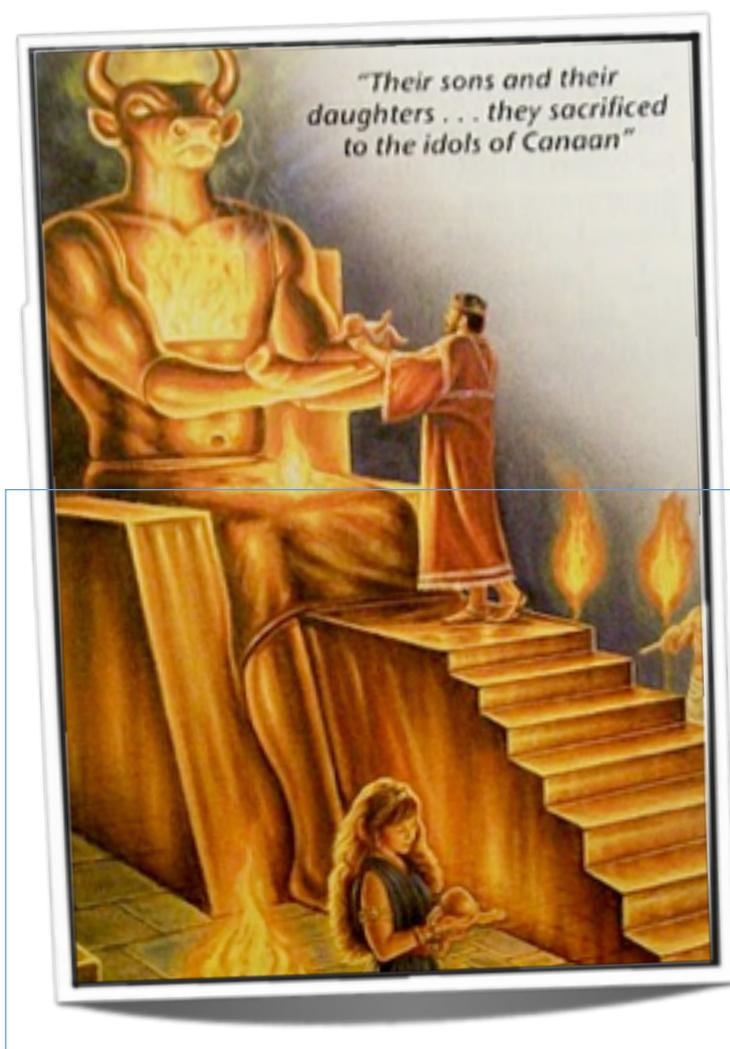
Jezebel represents the corrupting influence of witchcraft. Y'shua [Jesus] spoke to the Church of Thyatira about another Jezebel:

*Revelation 2:20 "20 But I have this against you: **that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess [claiming to be inspired], and who is teaching and leading astray my servants and beguiling them into practicing sexual vice and eating food sacrificed to idols. [1 Kings 16:31; 2 Kings 9:22, 30.]"***

This admonition cuts to the heart of the Body of Messiah. One of the Religious Left's premier organizations is the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights. RCAR is a hardline supporter of federally funded abortions and the Freedom of Choice Act. RCAR represents groups of liberal Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Brethren, Moravians, Jews, Humanists, and Unitarians.

It is important today to note the historic rationale of those who in ancient times **offered up their own children to idols** – that the sacrifice of blood rejuvenated and strengthened the deity to whom it was dedicated at the same time binding him to the offerer of the sacrifice. In other words, when they **sacrificed their children to an idol, they became spiritual slaves** to the demon it represented. Even more frightening was the effect upon the spirit – greater power was released through the outpouring of innocent blood.

This principle is borne out in Scripture. In 2 Kings 3:26-27, one of the descendents of Lot's daughters, the **King of Moab**, was about to face certain defeat at the hands of the Israelites. To prevent this from happening, **he offered up his oldest son as a sacrifice**. The fact that it was a burnt offering tells us that it was undoubtedly made to Baal, Molech or Ashtheroth.



The spiritual heritage of the Moabites and the Ammonites is passed down to our own day through abortion. Today the church is fighting against those same spiritual forces for the very survival of our nation.

The land that God chose to bring His People into after their long captivity in Egypt was filled with nations that practiced child sacrifice. And what was His Commandment to Israel?

Deuteronomy 20:16-18 "16 But in the cities of these people which the Lord your God gives you for an inheritance, **you shall save alive nothing that breathes.** 17 But you shall utterly exterminate them, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, as the Lord your God has commanded you, 18 **So that they may not teach you all the abominable practices they have carried on for their gods, and so cause you to sin against the Lord your God.**"

What ultimately happened to the Israelites? The book of Judges recounts their initial steps to apostasy. Instead of totally destroying and driving out the Canaanites, they began to enslave them. The result of **their disobedience** is seen in one of the most tragic passages of scripture:

*Judges 1:28 "28 When Israel became strong, they put the **Canaanites** to forced labor **but did not utterly drive them out.**"*

*Psalm 106:34-37 "34 **They did not destroy the [heathen] nations as the Lord commanded them,** 35 **But mingled** themselves with the [idolatrous] nations and **learned their ways and works** 36 **And served their idols, which were a snare to them.** 37 **Yes, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons [II Kings 16:3.]"***

Through abortion, we have followed precisely the same slippery slope to destruction. In fact, we are already there. Ezekiel 16:20 gives us even further evidence of our guilt today:

*Ezekiel 16:20 "20 **Moreover, you have taken your sons and your daughters whom you have borne to Me, and you have sacrificed them [to your idols] to be destroyed. Were your harlotries too little,**"*

What does the Bible mean by "sons and daughter which you have bore unto me"? The Bible gives us the key.

*Exodus 13:2 "2 **Sanctify** (consecrate, set apart) to Me all the firstborn [males]; whatever is first to open the womb among the Israelites, both of man and of beast, is Mine."*

The firstborn was traditionally considered "born unto the Lord". History and archaeology has shown us that child sacrifice, as with the example of the King of Moab, centered on the first born child. Is it simple irony or coincidence that the majority of children that will face the abortionist's knife in this country are also first born – "set apart for the Lord"?

*Ezekiel 16:21-22 "21 **That you have slain My children and delivered them up, in setting them apart and causing them to pass through the fire for [your idols]?** 22 **And in all your abominations and idolatrous whoredoms you have not [earnestly] remembered the days of your youth when you were naked and bare, rolling about in your natal blood."***

The Israelites **chose for the site of their sacrificial rituals, a place called the Valley of the Son of Hinnom**. This valley, which still goes by that name today, is just outside of Jerusalem. The Valley of the Son of Hinnom translates into Greek as "Gehenna" – which also the word for hell. It is significant to note that Y'shua [Jesus] Himself introduced and used this word, one that was fully recognized by the common people of His day as the name of a valley where child sacrifice took place. He used this word to describe the **eternal habitation of Satan himself**.

Nature of the Molech³⁹ worship ...

As to the rites which the worshipers of Molech performed, it has sometimes been inferred, from the phrase "pass through the fire to Molech," that children were made to pass between two lines of fire as a kind of consecration; but it is clear from Isaiah 57:5 and Jeremiah 19:5 that the children were killed and burned. The whole point of the offering consisted, therefore, in the fact that it was a human sacrifice.

³⁹ Article from <http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/>

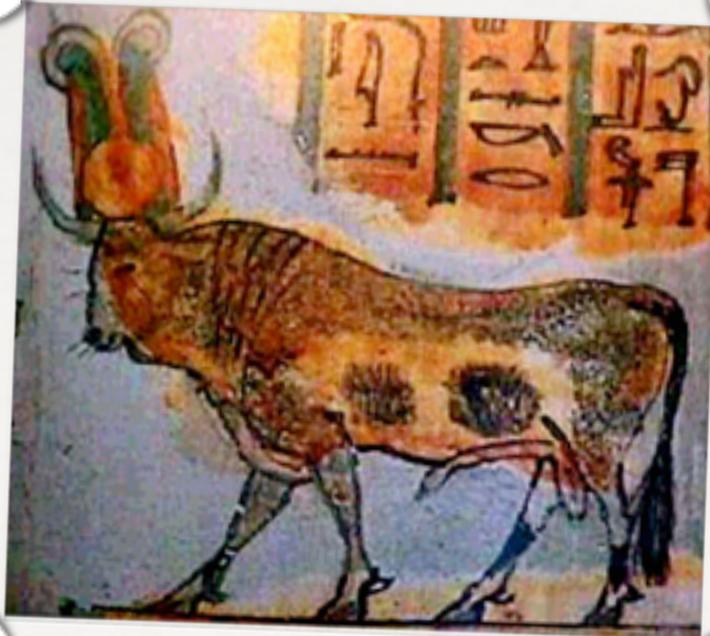
Isaiah 57:5 “5 You who burn with lust [inflaming yourselves with idols] among the oaks, under every green tree, you who slay the children [in sacrifice] in the valleys under the clefts of the rocks?”

Jeremiah 19:5 “5 And have built the high places of Baal to burn their sons in the fire as burnt offerings to Baal, which I commanded not nor spoke of it, nor did it come into My mind and heart—“

The motive for these sacrifices is given in:

Micah 6:7 “7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

In the midst of the disasters which were befalling the nation men felt that if the favor of YHVH could be regained it was worth any price they could pay. Their Semitic kindred worshiped their gods with offerings of their children, and in their desperation the Israelites did the same. For some reason, perhaps because not all the priestly and prophetic circles approved of the movement, they made the offerings, not in the Temple, but at an altar or pyre called "Tapheth" erected in the valley of Hinnom.



1 Kings 11: 7 calls Molech the "abomination of the children of Ammon" it was formerly assumed that this worship was an imitation of an Ammonite cult.

*1 Kings 11:7 “7 Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the **abominable idol of Moab, on the hill opposite Jerusalem, and for Molech the abominable idol of the Ammonites.**”*

Because child-sacrifice was a prominent feature of the worship of the Phoenician Malik-Baal-Kronos, researchers seek to prove that the worship of Molech was introduced from Phoenicia. The evidence of its existence in Phoenicia and her colonies is especially strong. Diodorus Siculus tells how the Carthaginians in a siege sacrificed two hundred boys to Kronos. Burning was an important feature of the rite.

Understanding the Hebrew word for bloodshed ...

The Hebrew word for “bloodshed” is “dam” [Strong’s Hebrew 1818], which comes from the word “ADAM” meaning:

- The resemblance/fashion or likeness of God.

The Hebrew word “DAM” means:

- Blood that causes DEATH, drops of blood, guiltiness, and/or blood-thirsty.

The act therefore has the intent to deny the existence of God by destroying one who resembles His Image.

Let’s look at the picture-meaning of D-A-M:

- **D** [Dalet] = doorway or portal, gate, entrance, and/or physicality.
 - In order to get an even clearer picture, let us look at the picture-meanings of the letters D-L-T, which spell “dalet” in Hebrew:
 - **D** = doorway or portal, gate, entrance.
 - **L** = pauper/poverty, our spiritual condition without God.
 - **T** = points to the cross.
 - Paul tells us that the sinful natural desires that are contrary to the Spirit. If we do not have the Spirit in our lives we live by the passion of our fallen nature.
- **A** [Aleph] = strong, power, and/or leader.
- **M** [Mem] = cresting wave, the River of Life, to stretch and/or incline.

So ... the picture-meaning of the word D-A-M is “a man who uses his physicality/being without the spiritual impartation of God, and who destroys the River of Life!

Both ***Zechariah and Ezekiel*** speak about the ***River of Life*** that runs out of Jerusalem. This River will one day turn half of the Dead Sea to life. Anything that we do that pollutes/ corrupts God’s Water of Life is in fact killing LIFE.

Zechariah 14:8-9 “8 And it shall be in that day that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern [Dead] Sea and half of them to the western [Mediterranean] Sea; in summer and in winter shall it be. 9 And the Lord shall be King over all the earth; in that day the Lord shall be one [in the recognition and worship of men] and His name one.”

Ezekiel 47:8-10 “8 Then he said to me, These waters pour out toward the eastern region and go down into the Arabah (the Jordan Valley) and on into the Dead Sea. And when they shall enter into the sea [the sea of putrid waters], **the waters shall be healed and made fresh.** 9 **And wherever the double river shall go, every living creature which swarms shall live.** And there shall be a very great number of fish, because these waters go there that [the waters of the sea] may be healed and made fresh; and everything shall live wherever the river goes.”

We see a number of passages that connect the concept of iniquity with idolatry – based on hatred and murder.



Hosea 6:7-10 “7 But they, like [less-privileged] men and like Adam, **have transgressed the covenant; there have they dealt faithlessly and treacherously with Me.** 8 Gilead is a city of evildoers; it is tracked with bloody [footprints]. 9 And as troops of robbers lie in wait for a man, so the company of priests murder on the road toward Shechem; yes, they commit villainy and outrages. 10 I have seen a horrible thing in the house of Israel! **There harlotry and idolatry are found in Ephraim; Israel is defiled.**”

Psalm 59:6-7 “6 They return at evening, they howl and snarl like dogs, and go [prowling] about the city. 7 Behold, they belch out [insults] with their mouths; **swords [of sarcasm, ridicule, slander, and lies] are in their lips, for who, they think, hears us?**”

*Ezekiel 33:25-29 "25 Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord God: **You eat meat with the blood [as an idolatrous rite] and lift up your eyes to your [filthy] idols and shed blood; shall you then possess the land?** 26 You stand upon your sword [as your dependence]; you commit abominations and each of you defiles your neighbor's wife; shall you then possess the land? 27 Say this to them, Thus says the Lord God: As I live, surely those who are in the waste places shall fall by the sword, and him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured, and those who are in strongholds and in caves shall die by pestilence. 28 And I will make the land [of Israel] a desolation and a waste, and her proud might shall cease, and the mountains of Israel shall be so desolate that no one will pass through them. 29 **Then shall they know, understand, and realize that I am the Lord, when I have made the land a desolation and a waste because of all their abominations which they have committed.**"*

Punishment for bloodshed ...

*Genesis 9:6-7 "6 **Whoever sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God He made man.** 7 And you, be fruitful and multiply; bring forth abundantly on the earth and multiply on it."*

Throughout the Old Testament we find many cases in which God commands the use of capital punishment. We see this first with the acts of God Himself. God was involved, either directly or indirectly, **in the taking of life as a punishment for the nation of Israel** or for those who threatened or harmed Israel.

- One example is the **flood of Noah** in Genesis 6-8. God destroyed all human and animal life except that which was on the ark.
- Another example is **Sodom and Gomorrah** (Genesis 18-19), where God destroyed the two cities because of the heinous sin of the inhabitants.
- In the **time of Moses**, God took the lives of the Egyptians' first-born sons (Exodus 11) and destroyed the Egyptian army in the Red Sea (Exodus 14). There were also punishments such as the **punishment at Kadesh-Barnea** (Numbers 13-14) and the **punishment of the rebellion of Korah** (Numbers 16).

The Old Testament is replete with references and examples of God taking life. **In a sense, God used capital punishment to deal with Israel's sins and the sins of the nations surrounding Israel.**

According to Genesis 9:6, capital punishment is based upon a belief in the sanctity of life. It says, "Whoever sheds man's blood by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God, He made man".

The Torah set forth numerous offenses that were punishable by death:

1. The first was **murder**. In Exodus 21, God commanded capital punishment for murderers. Premeditated murder (or what the Old Testament described as "lying in wait") was punishable by death.

2. A second offense punishable by death was ***involvement in the occult*** (Exodus 22; Leviticus 20; Deuteronomy 18-19). This included sorcery, divination, acting as a medium, and sacrificing to false gods.
3. Third, capital punishment was to be used against ***perpetrators of sexual sins*** such as rape, incest, or homosexual practice.
4. The principle of “a life for a life” is tied to ***the creation order***. Capital punishment is warranted ***due to the sanctity of life***. Even before we turn to the New Testament, we find this universally binding principle that precedes the writing of the Torah [five books of Moses].



*God always cares and protects **LIFE** ...
He is full of **LIFE!***