

“What the Bible Says about Suicide”

Selected Scriptures

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1. What is suicide?

- A. The act of killing oneself voluntarily and intentionally

- B. A form of murder (Exodus 20:13)

2. Where is suicide mentioned in the Bible?

- A. Job (2:9)
- B. Saul (1 Samuel 31:4)
- C. Samson (Judges 16:30)
- D. Young boy (Mark 9:17; Luke 9:37)
- E. Judas (Matthew 27:5; Acts 1:16-20)
- F. Prison jailer (Acts 16:27)
- G. Earth-dwellers (Revelation 6:15-17; 9:6)

3. Why do people commit suicide?

- A. Pride (1 Samuel 31:4)
- B. Revenge (Judges 16:30)
- C. Guilt (Matthew 27:5)
- D. An act of war

- E. Fear of justice (Revelation 9:6)
- F. Demon possession (Luke 9:37)
- *G. Despair (Acts 16:17)
- *H. Not because people hate themselves (Luke 9:23; 2 Timothy 3:2; Ephesians 5:29)

4. Why is suicide a sin?

- A. God is the owner of every life as the Creator (Ezekiel 18:4; Genesis 9:5-6)
- B. It glorifies Satan (John 8:44; Hebrews 2:14; 1 Corinthians 15:26; 1 Peter 5:8)
- C. It violates the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19)
- D. God is the owner of every believer as the Savior (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 2 Peter 2:1)

5. Is suicide an unpardonable sin?

- A. As a form of murder, it is a forgivable sin (Psalm 32:5 32:5; Hebrews 11:28; 1 Timothy 1:13-16; Romans 5:20)
- B. Justification imparts total, eternal, irrevocable forgiveness (John 5:24)

6. Do Christians commit suicide?

- A. Believers are vulnerable to all sin and temptation (Matthew 26:41)
- B. Believers struggle with doubt, deception, despair and guilt (Job 3:1-26; Psalm 32; Ecclesiastes 2:18-20; 2 Corinthians 1:8; Matthew 26:75)
- C. Suicide is incompatible with the Christians' hope (1 Peter 1:3; 3:15)