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## **THE SURE WORD by Jonnie Hutchison**

### **WHY IS WRONG, WRONG?**

Is it wrong to commit murder? Is it wrong to “cheat” on one’s spouse? Is it wrong to lie, steal or to commit rape? Most of our readers would probably answer that all these things are wrong, but what makes them wrong? Are they wrong simply because society says they are wrong? Are they wrong because the law of our land identifies them as crimes? What if a society arose that approved of murder and made it legal, would murder no longer be morally wrong? Someone might object that such would never happen, yet history says otherwise. Hitler’s Germany murdered millions in the 1940’s with the full approval of government leaders. Was that wrong?

If mankind is the product of organic evolution why would it be wrong to commit murder? If we are simply a more evolved form of animal life what would be the difference in killing a human being and killing a deer? Who could say that one is wrong while the other is right?

When God created man, He instilled in man a sense of morality. This comes from the fact that God created man in His own image (Genesis 1:26-27). God is a moral being, and thus, man, made in God’s image, is a moral being. Animals were not created in God’s image thus have no sense of right and wrong. Animals may be trained to respond in certain ways, but they have no means of making moral decisions for they are not moral beings. Organic evolution has no legitimate explanation as to why man is a moral being and animals are not, but God gives us that answer.

God has revealed to us in His Word what is right and what is wrong. Murder, adultery, lying and stealing are wrong because God says they are wrong (Rom. 1:28-32; Gal.5:19-21). Man may choose to do what is wrong or choose to do what is right. However, what God says is wrong hurts those who choose to do it, sometimes physically, but always spiritually. What God says is wrong is sin and the “wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23). God loves those who are made in His image. He has devised a plan to save us from our sins revealed in the Bible. God “is not willing that any should perish but that all come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him” (Romans 5:8-9).

Because you are a moral being made in God’s image you are accountable to your Creator (2 Cor. 5:10). Choosing sin will result in eternal separation from God in hell while choosing to receive God’s forgiveness through the blood of Jesus will result in eternal life in heaven (Matthew 25:46). Wrong is wrong because God says it’s wrong Choose the right and live!