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(Proverbs 1:5)*

**WHAT DO THE 10 COMMANDMENTS
SAY ABOUT USING MARIJUANA?**

Thou shalt not hold it as a false god, not “steal” it “covet” it or “bear false witness” about it (*Exodus 20:1-17*). Nowhere in the Bible does it forbid people to grow, use or smoke cannabis hemp.

DOES THE BIBLE EVER MENTION IT?

Only once. The original Hebrew language texts of the Old Testament mention cannabis in a recipe for *an oil of holy anointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be an holy anointing oil.* (*Exodus 30:22-29*). The word was mistranslated into English as “calamus.”

**WHOM DID JESUS SAY CAN JUDGE
OTHERS FOR THEIR CHOICES?**

Jesus reserved judgement to God alone. “*Let him who is without sin cast the first stone.*” (*John 8:7*) “*Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged.*” (*Matthew 7:1-4*) Jesus preached love and forgiveness.

WHAT ABOUT MEDICAL MARIJUANA?

Jesus repeatedly broke the law to heal the blind and the crippled, and the authorities pursued Him for it. *Matthew 12, John 9, Luke 6.*

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“Congress shall make no law respecting an
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the free exercise thereof ...”

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WHAT IS THE WORD OF GOD ON THE CANNABIS PLANT?

The hemp plant (scientific name: *cannabis*, slang: *marijuana*) is one of the many useful herbs “yielding seed after its kind” created and blessed by God on the third day of creation, “and God saw that it was good.”

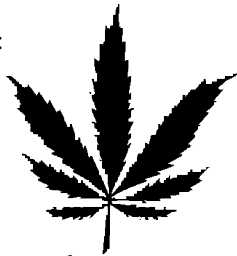
(Genesis 1:12) He gave hemp for people to use with our free will.

God said, “Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed which is upon the face of all the earth....To you it will be for meat.” ... And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. (Genesis 1:29-31) The Bible predicts some herb’s prohibition. Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times, some shall ... speak lies in hypocrisy ... commanding to abstain from meats which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. (Paul: 1 Timothy 4:1-3)

The Bible speaks of a special plant. I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more. (Ezekiel 34:29) A healing plant. On either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare 12 manner of fruits, and yielding her fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. (Revelations 22:1-2) A gift from God.

HOW WAS CANNABIS USED IN BIBLICAL TIMES AND LANDS?

Cannabis was used 12 ways: clothing, paper, cord, sails, fishnet, oil, sealant, incense, food, and in ceremony, relaxation and medicine. For so the Lord said unto me, “I will take my rest and I will consider in my dwelling place like a clear heat upon herbs. For afore harvest, when the bud is perfect and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, he shall cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks and take away and cut down the branches.” (Isaiah 18:4-5)



WHAT ABOUT CANNABIS TODAY?

Hemp today has thousands of uses. Modern technology has devised many new uses for the hemp plant—like biomass energy, building materials, fuel, plastic and so on. Hemp is ecological and its seed is among the best food crops on Earth. Selected varieties produce flowers that provide an herbal relaxant and a spiritual tool. Its herb is used globally as medicine.

DOES THE BIBLE DISCUSS DRUGS?

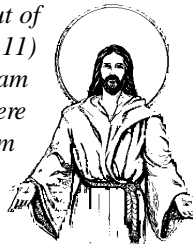
Alcohol is the only drug openly discussed in the Bible, so it must serve as our reference. Wine is drunk during religious occasions such as Passover—the Last Supper of Jesus and His disciples. It remains a sacrament in modern church services.

Jesus began his public life by miraculously turning water into wine at the Wedding at Cana (John 2:1-10) when the reception ran out. The Bible distinguishes between use and misuse. It says, Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts. (Proverbs 31:6-7) but Woe unto them that ... follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them! (Isaiah 5:10)

Yet the simple joys of drinking were also sung. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth; And wine that maketh glad the heart of man and oil to make his face to shineth. (Psalm 104:14-15)

DID JESUS SPEAK ABOUT CHOICE?

He said not to criticize other people for their habits. “Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; that which cometh out of the mouth defileth a man.” (Mat. 15:11) The apostle Paul wrote, I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. ... For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. (Paul: Romans 14:14,17)



DID HE SPEAK OF GOVERNMENT?

Jesus said to keep church and state apart. “Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar’s and unto God the things which be God’s.” (Luke 20:25) As we have seen, it was God, not government, who gave man the herbs to use. And it was government that put Jesus to death.

PROPERTY FORFEITURE LAWS?

He warned us about seizure and forfeiture laws. “Beware of the scribes which ... devour widows’ houses.... The same shall receive greater damnation.” (Luke 20:46-47) Jesus, too, was a victim. The soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part. (John. 19:33)

WHAT ABOUT THE DRUG WAR?

Blessed are the peacemakers. (Matthew 5:9) It was God who created cannabis hemp and told mankind to use “every green herb” on Earth. The Bible speaks of mercy, healing and a persecution of God’s children. They persecute me wrongfully; help thou me. (Psalms 119:86) Prisons and drug wars do not save souls. The Lord... hath sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to them that are bound. (Isaiah 61:1)

WHAT SHOULD THE MINISTRY DO?

Teach God’s truth. Warn your congregation that the war on marijuana is unchristian and must be ended. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you will be no priest to Me ... for I desired mercy and not sacrifice. (Hosea 4:6, 6:6)

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