

What Does the Bible Say About... ?

“Racism”

Habakkuk 1:2-4

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Introduction:

- **Romans 3:23**
- **Romans 3:12**
- **Mark 10:18**
- **James 4:12**
- **Psalm 103:8-12**
- **Matthew 6:14-15**
- **Habakkuk 1:2-4**
- **Micah 6:8**
- Edmund Burke ... “Those who don’t know history, are doomed to repeat it.”
- George Santayana ... “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”
- While we cannot act like atrocities of the past did not happen, I think we can also agree that the Sins of the past ... are NOT the fault of the Living today.
- **Genesis 3**
- **Genesis 4**
- **Micah 6:8**

1. Where Does Racism Come From?

- a. The Bible does not speak of Race or Racism.
- b. There is only ONE race of people, the Human Race.
- c. The Human Genome Project has been completed twice, and both concluded that all human beings trace back to a common set of parents.
- d. Race as used today ... entered the English language about 1580 ... “An identifiable group of people with shared common decent.”
- e. Latin – **Genus** – “Sharing qualities related to birth, descent, origin, race stock or family.”
- f. Greek – **Genos** – “Race or Kind.”
- g. Hebrew – **Adamah** – “Ground, earth.”
- h. Genesis 2:7**
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2. Who Keeps the Tension Going?

- a. I want you to meet Reddy and Jackson.
- b. Ravi Zacharias ... “All people are equal ... Ideas are not.”
- c. 1st John 2:9-11**
- d. Romans 12:9-10**
- e. Romans 16:17**
- f. 1st Corinthians 1:10**
- g. There is nothing more powerful than unity in purpose, when that purpose is moral and just. But if that unity can be broken, so can the human spirit. And when the human spirit is broken ... that is where we find division of all kinds.
- h. America was based on Moral Reason, that is, Biblical Principles.
- i. Romans 16:17**

3. How Can we Reduce Tension?

- a. Greek – **Agape** ... “A love without condition ... the highest form of love.”
- b. **John 13:34-35**
- c. **Matthew 22:37-40**
- d. Crayola Colors of the World Picture
- e. **Micah 6:8**
- f. **Isaiah 55:10-11**

