

Bible Study Question# 3

How does God feel about someone committing suicide?

When I heard this question, the Spirit of God immediately brought to my remembrance the following scripture:

Philippians 1:6 (ESV)

⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

First of all, what God starts in a believer, God will complete it. However, a person's free will can disrupt this process. God never intended for a believer to finish their own life; that's God's business. Even Job who said in **Job 3:3 (NLT)** "³Let the day of my birth be erased, and the night I was conceived," knew that God is the author of life, thus, the giving and taking of life ought to remain in God's hands (**Job 1:21**). Suicide is a terrible tragedy, but especially for the believer because it is a waste of a life that God intended to use to bring God glory.

Secondly, we grieve the Holy Spirit when we deny the power that is given to us to overcome suicidal thoughts and tendencies. It says in **Ephesians 3:20 (KJV)** ²⁰ Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." That power that works in us is the Holy Ghost. We must allow the Holy Spirit to work in us; otherwise, we limit God to bring us to the place where we need to be in our journey of God's grace.

Finally, in our God given liberty and freedom to choose, God is pleading to us in our free will that we choose life! God says in **Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (NLT)** ¹⁹ "Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!" ²⁰ You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life. And if you love and obey the Lord, you will live long in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." Wow! It can't get any clearer than that. God has made it plain in God's word about how God feels about suicide; don't take your life because I love you, want the best for you and want to complete in you what I started!

Note: Whether this is a question of academics or someone is actually contemplating suicide, only God knows the heart of an individual. Nonetheless, let us all touch and agree and pray that God continues to place a hedge of protection around us and strengthen us to overcome these evil tendencies and/or avoid this sinful act of committing suicide.