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## Wrong For Thee But Not For Me: The Inadequacy of the Bible's Moral Guidance

Throughout history, Christianity has positioned itself as a source of universal and objective moral authority, shaping legal systems, social values, and ethical reasoning cross-culturally. Central to this claim of authority is Christianity's focal text, the Bible, which is understood to convey divine moral law through commandments, and offer teachings within it which are attributed to God. This thesis examines whether or not the Bible is able to plausibly function as a source of objective morality, in particular given that God is presented as the chief and sole moral lawgiver, as well as being exempt from his own laws. Using philosophical ideas to guide the base definition of objective morality, this study identifies three necessary criteria - universality, consistency, knowability - and uses them as a framework in order to evaluate Biblical morality. This thesis argues that Biblical morality operates not with an objective moral structure, but as a hierarchical and authoritarian system because God's actions violate each of the established standards of objectivity. Through detailed analysis of particular instances, such as the Flood and the Book of Job, this paper describes how these violations occur within the scripture. This analysis challenges Christianity's claim to moral objectivity, and raises larger concerns about the validity of systems of morality that prioritize authority over moral accountability.