

ANSWERING THE PHILOSOPHY OF SITUATION ETHICS

Exodus 20:1-17

"Sanctify them
by the Truth.
Your Word is Truth"

I. Introduction

II. The teachings of situation ethics.

A. Who is Joseph Fletcher and what does he believe?

B. Three approaches to ethics.

C. Some presuppositions of situation ethics, using philosophical terms.

D. The propositions that serve as principles to guide situational ethical conduct.

E. Joseph Fletcher illustrates his new morality almost convincingly.

III. Some problems of situation ethics.

A. A basic problem with situation ethics is that it doesn't give proper place to a living God who has spoken and acts in history concerning the affairs of men.

- B. A second fundamental flaw of Fletcher's brand of situationism is the subtle redefinition of "love."

IV. What does the Bible have to say about situation ethics?

- A. The Bible has a great deal to say about ethical conduct, and the biblical teaching is totally different from that of Joseph Fletcher.

- B. The Bible gives guidelines for those situations and circumstances to which specific laws do not speak.

- 1. The believer is never to use his liberty in a manner that will hinder the spiritual progress of another believer. 1 Corinthians 8

- 2. We should act in all situations so as to promote the glory of God.

- 3. How we relate to unbelievers.

V. Conclusion