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- ✦ 3) Capital punishment (*Gen. 9:6*) is not practiced in America; murderers are not put to death. The purpose of capital punishment was to remove the murderer from the earth and to cause others to fear.
- ✦ 4) There is a breakdown of the family unit with children born out of wedlock, children with absent fathers, etc.
- ✦ 5) There is a diminishing respect for human life. Most are horrified by young children being shot, but many have no problem with the cruel slaughter of the unborn.
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