

**Series "Ten Commandments"**  
**"Shall Not Murder"**  
**Exodus 20:13**  
**Part-7**

**Commandment #6: (Life) Exodus 20:13 – "You shall not murder."** – This Commandment speaks of the sanctity of life, the precious gift from God!

Commandments on the First Tablet of Stone **1-4, Our relationship to God. (Reverence)**

Commandments on the Second Tablet of Stone **5-10, Our relationship to Man. (Respect)**

It must start with God; this is where all relationships have their beginnings.

6<sup>th</sup> Commandment tells us – We need to regard this gift from God called life!

**Commandment #7: Exodus 20:14 – "You shall not commit adultery."**  
Speaks of "**Sex.**"

**Thought Of The Passage:** Unresolved Anger And Hatred Can Lead To Murder In The Heart And The Very Act Of Murder.

**1. What Does The Commandment Mean?**

**2. What Is The Heart Of This Command?**

**1. What Does The Commandment Mean?**

Exodus 20:13 – "You shall not murder." – (K.J.V. Exodus 20:13 – "Thou shalt not kill.") This Commandment is made up of two Hebrew words. It bluntly says, "No killing, No murder."

"All murder is of course, killing, but all killing is not necessarily murder."

Killing – "is unwitting and unintentional taking of life." There is a difference between Killing and Murder. Killing – Self-defense, or accident is not murder!

Murder – "premeditating, a deliberateness, which is direct human will, the taking of life with forethought." It is teaching against murdering.

"What Murder Is Not!"

The Killing Of Animals Is Not Murder: Food Or Clothing.

Genesis 9:3

Self-Defense Is Not Murder: God does not forbid us from protecting ourselves from a thief who breaks in.

Exodus 22:2

Capital Punishment Is Not Murder: Some have said, that this commandment forbids all taking of human life in any circumstances.

This is not true because Jewish law lists 18 crimes liable to the death penalty.

God set it in motion long before Moses, Genesis 9:6.

Later in Deuteronomy 19:1-21, God refined the standards of death penalty by giving accidental, and premeditated killing, and gave cities of refuge.

God Is In Support Of Law and Order (A God Of Order).

Romans 13:4 – “the sword” refers to the government’s power over life and death.

Marvin Vincent says, “the sword is borne as the symbol of the magistrate’s right to inflict capital punishment.”

War Is Not Necessarily Murder.

The “Just War” is, in a word, defensive.

What Is God Saying?

God Is The Source Of Human Life: Genesis 1:27; Genesis 9:6.

Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 22:39

God Is The Sustainer Of Human Life.

Man Is Made In The Image Of God.

Genesis 1:26; Genesis 9:6 – For in the image of God He made man.

John 8:44

How are we to apply this?

This Commandment Forbids Homicide: John 8:44.

This Commandment Forbids Suicide: This is why suicide is wrong because it is murder. It is violence against the one made in the image of God.

Death With Dignity, Mercy Killing.

This Commandment Forbids Abortion: Is a direct sin against God and the preciousness of life.

We are no longer dealing with the question of when life begins but the value of life at its different stages (trimesters).

Psalm 139:13-16

Jeremiah 1:4-5

Abortion is a violation of this 6th Commandment. It is not political, it is Biblical!

This Commandment Forbids Indirect Murder.

## **2. What Is The Heart Of This Command?**

Matthew 15:18-20

Anger leads to hatred, and hatred leads to murder.

The Spirit Of Murder: Jesus spoke of it in the Sermon on the Mount.

Matthew 5:21-22

Angry – “deep seated hostility with the intent to harm.”

“You good-for-nothing,” – (KJV “Raca”) This is an Aramaic word that could be translated “Empty head.”

It is the idea of demoting a person to the level of nothing.

The term “You fool,” has behind it the Greek word “moros;” we get our word moron, Psalm 14:1. It is speaking of the person’s character.

It denotes Angry contempt for a man’s head – “You idiot.”

Fool – expresses contempt for the heart and character. – “You moral moron.”

Romans 12:19; 1 John 3:15

## **Application:**

### How To Keep This Command:

Matthew 5:23-26 – Jesus tells us what to do to deal with this sin.

Matthew 5:23 – “remember that your brother has something against you,”

1. Recognize

Matthew 5:24

2. Repent – “leave your offering there before the altar and go;”

3. Reconcile – “first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.”

Matthew 5:25-26

Positive – Need to work out offenses so that we don't develop anger then hatred and malice and murder.