

The Ten Commandments for Today

The Sixth Commandment • Exodus 20:13

The Murderer In Me

The Sixth Commandment...

Is just about the only commandment everyone still seems to ACCEPT and yet, it is one of the most VIOLATED commandments today!

"You shall not murder." Exodus 20:13

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1. God Authorizes the Sixth Commandment by Forbidding MURDER!

The Sixth Commandment...

Prohibits the unauthorized and unlawful KILLING of an innocent human being through murder, manslaughter, or negligent homicide.

The Sixth Commandment...

Preserves the SANCTITY of life and the SOVEREIGNTY of God over life and death.
Genesis 1:27 Job 14:5

What about all the God-authorized killing in the Old Testament?

The God who SAVES sinners through the blood of Jesus Christ is a God who has and will AVENGE His own name and glory with the taking of blood.

Are there situations where taking human life is justified?

- God allows for sanctioning CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. *Genesis 9:6*
- God allows for maintaining LAW AND ORDER. *Romans 13:1-7*
- God allows for exercising SELF-DEFENSE. *Exodus 22:2*
- God allows for going to WAR.

Three Other Forms of Murder Violating the Sixth Commandment:

- SUICIDE violates the sixth commandment. *Romans 14:7-8 1Corinthians 6:19-20*
- EUTHANASIA violates the sixth commandment. *1Samuel 2:6 Ezekiel 18:4*
- ABORTION violates the sixth commandment. *Psalms 139:13-16 Jeremiah 1:4-5*

2. Jesus Radicalizes the Sixth Commandment by Forbidding HIDDEN Murder!

Is there murder in my heart?

We are all GUILTY of "hidden homicide" with murderous thoughts rooted in an evil heart!

*"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell."
~Jesus, Matthew 5:21-22*

Two Ways We Are Murderers at Heart:

- We "murder" with uncontrolled ANGER.

Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer. 1John 3:15

- We "murder" with contemptuous SPEECH.

Reckless words pierce like a sword. Proverbs 12:18

Can a Murderer Be Saved?

Yes, ALL SIN is covered by the blood of Jesus Christ on the Cross!

"The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." 1John 1:7