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# The Ten Commandments, The Laws Governing Man's Duty To Others (Part 6):

## Commandment Six Concerns Man's Life—Never Murder, Exodus 20:13

### The Sixth Commandment Sanctity of Human Life

“Lo Tirtzah” (Exodus 20:13) “Thou shalt not murder”

Exodus 20:13 (BHS)

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“Lo Tirtzah”

Exodus 20:13 (KJV)

<sup>13</sup> “Thou shalt not **kill**.”

Exodus 20:13 (NASB)

<sup>13</sup> “You shall not **murder**.”

4. What is the ultimate cause, the basic source, of murder? Scripture says that the underlying cause and source of murder is twofold:

- a. Satan, the devil, is the arch-enemy of God and man: he seeks to tempt and arouse people to live greedy and selfish lives, lives of lawlessness, violence, and murder.

John 8:44 (NASB)

<sup>44</sup> “You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

- b. Lust—the unregulated urges of man's heart—drives some people to rob, assault, and kill. Some people allow the lust of their soul—greed and covetousness—to drive them to lawlessness, violence, and murder.

James 1:14-15 (NASB)

<sup>14</sup> “But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

<sup>15</sup> Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.”

James 4:1-3 (NASB)

<sup>1</sup> “What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?

<sup>2</sup> You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious



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and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.

<sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.”

5. What will be the eternal judgment of God upon the murderer? Death, spiritual and eternal death.

**Romans 6:23 (NASB)**

<sup>23</sup> “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**Romans 8:6 (NASB)**

<sup>6</sup> “For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.”

**Galatians 5:19-21 (NASB)**

<sup>19</sup> “Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,

<sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,

<sup>21</sup> envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

**Revelation 21:8 (NASB)**

<sup>8</sup> “But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part *will be* in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

**Ezekiel 18:4 (NASB)**

<sup>4</sup> “Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine. The soul who sins will die.”

6. Can a murderer be saved and forgiven for his sin of murder? Scripture says “yes,” a resounding “yes.” But the murderer must confess his sin and repent, turning away from the life of sin. He must genuinely give his heart and life to Jesus Christ and live for Jesus Christ.

**Luke 13:3 (NASB)**

<sup>3</sup> “I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

**Acts 3:19 (NASB)**

<sup>19</sup> “Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.”

**Isaiah 55:7 (NASB)**

<sup>7</sup> “Let the wicked forsake his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And let him return to the LORD, And He will have



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**compassion on him, And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.”**

**Ezekiel 18:21 (NASB)**

**<sup>21</sup>“But if the wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed and observes all My statutes and practices justice and righteousness, he shall surely live; he shall not die.”**

**Acts 2:38 (NASB)**

**<sup>38</sup>“Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”**

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7. Jesus Christ taught that this commandment means far more than just prohibiting the killing of people. He enlarged the meaning to include both the anger that is aroused within the heart and the lawless motives that drive a person to kill others.

**Matthew 5:21-22 (NASB)**

**<sup>21</sup>“You have heard that the ancients were told, 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.'**

**<sup>22</sup> "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, 'You good-for-nothing,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, 'You fool,' shall be guilty *enough to go into the fiery hell.*”**

**Note what Christ is saying:** He is saying that man has a problem. Man misreads God's law. Man interprets God's law to say what he wishes it to say. Man applies it only to the outward act, in this case to the act of murder. Man fails to look inward—within himself—to the cause (see below [Deeper Study # 3—Matthew 5:17](#) ).

**Murder is deeper than just an outward act. It is an inward act: an act of anger, bitterness, enmity.** Murder is born from within, from an uncontrolled spirit, from an unregulated urge, from an inner anger. Anger itself is the root sin, the sin that first breaks the law of God.

**Anger is.....**

1. bitterness and enmity
2. indignation and wrath
3. striking out against a person



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4. a disappointment or hatred of oneself
5. desiring a person's hurt
6. an uncontrolled spirit
7. rage and fury
8. envying and killing a person's happiness
9. slandering and destroying a person's image (who is created in God's image)

The growth of anger is dangerous. Unresolved anger will fester. It can become uncontrolled and give birth to murder.

### **There are three steps in the growth of anger given by Christ.**

- a. The anger that broods, that is selfish. It harbors malice; it will not forget; it lingers; it broods; it wills revenge and sometimes seeks revenge.
- b. The anger that holds contempt (*raca*). It despises; it ridicules; it arrogantly exalts self and calls another person empty and useless. This is an anger that is full of malice. It despises and scorns (*raca*). It arises from pride—a proud wrath ([Proverbs 21:24](#)).

#### **Proverbs 21:24 (NASB)**

<sup>24</sup> **“Proud,” “Haughty,” “Scoffer,” are his names, Who acts with insolent pride.**

Such feelings or anger walk over and trample a person. It says that whatever ill comes upon a person is deserved.

- c. The anger that curses. It seeks to destroy a man and his reputation morally, intellectually, and spiritually.