



Lecture # 4 Part 1

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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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
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).



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Proverbs 21:24 (NASB)

²⁴“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.

There is a justified anger. In fact, the believer must be an angry person—angry with those who sin and do wrong, who are unjust and selfish in their behavior. However, a justified anger is always disciplined and controlled; it is always limited to those who do wrong either against God or against others. The distinguishing mark between justified and unjustified anger is that a justified anger is never selfish; it is never shown because of what has happened to oneself. It is an anger that is purposeful.

The believer knows that he is angry for a legitimate reason, and he seeks to correct the situation in the most peaceful way possible.

Ephesians 4:26 (NASB)

²⁶“BE ANGRY, AND *yet* DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger.”

Romans 12:18 (NASB)

¹⁸“If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.”

John 2:13-16 (NASB)

¹³“The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

¹⁴ And He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated *at their tables*.

¹⁵ And He made a scourge of cords, and drove *them* all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables;

¹⁶ and to those who were selling the doves He said, “Take these things away; stop making My Father’s house a place of business.”

Thought 1. Anger is cast against many. Too often hurt feelings exist between those who are supposed to be the closest: husband and wife, parent and child, neighbor and friend, employer and employee. The Lord is clear about the matter: we must never allow anger to take hold of us without just cause.

Colossians 3:8 (NASB)

⁸“But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth.”

James 1:19 (NASB)

¹⁹“*This* you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak *and* slow to anger.”



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1 John 3:15 (NASB)

¹⁵“Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.”

Psalm 37:8 (NASB)

⁸“Cease from anger and forsake wrath; Do not fret; *it leads* only to evildoing.”

Proverbs 14:17 (NASB)

¹⁷“A quick-tempered man acts foolishly, And a man of evil devices is hated.”

Proverbs 16:32 (NASB)

³²“He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city.”

Proverbs 19:11 (NASB)

¹¹“A man’s discretion makes him slow to anger, And it is his glory to overlook a transgression.”

Ecclesiastes 7:9 (NASB)

⁹“Do not be eager in your heart to be angry, For anger resides in the bosom of fools.”

Thought 2. There are reasons why people get angry and develop feelings against others:

- a. To seek revenge and to hurt
- b. To show ego or authority
- c. To reveal passion or secure some end
- d. To show hurt, resentment, or bitterness
- e. To express disagreement or displeasure
- f. To correct a wrong (a justified anger)
- g. To give warning

Thought 3. It is a serious matter to hold feelings against another person—a very, very serious matter.

There is.....

(1) the *danger of judgment*,

(2) the *danger of having to come before earthly courts*, and

(3) the *danger of hell fire*. Violence is to be judged—not only before the councils of the world but before the councils of God.

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(Exodus 20:13) Abortion— Children— Pregnancy— Unborn, The— Murder— Ministry: abortion, the killing of unborn babies, is one of the major indictments against the human race down through the centuries. The sanctity of life has been and still is under lethal attack. Tragically, the tide of public opinion usually runs counter to the clear commandment of God, “**You shall not kill.**” Because abortion is legal in so many societies and is so prevalent, it is being discussed at length here.

1. What does the Bible say about the creation of man and the fetus or unborn baby in the womb?

Genesis 1:27 (NASB)

²⁷ “God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

Genesis 5:1 (NASB)

¹ “This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.”

Job 31:15 (NASB)

¹⁵ “Did not He who made me in the womb make him, And the same one fashion us in the womb?”

Psalm 119:73 (NASB)

⁷³ “Your hands made me and fashioned me; Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.”

Psalm 139:13-16 (NASB)

¹³ “For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;

¹⁶ Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained *for me*, When as yet there was not one of them.”

Ecclesiastes 11:5 (NASB)

⁵ “Just as you do not know the path of the wind and how bones *are formed* in the womb of the pregnant woman, so you do not know the activity of God who makes all things.”

Jeremiah 1:4-5 (NASB)

⁴ “Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵ Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.”



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Matthew 1:18-20 (NASB)

¹⁸ **“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.**

¹⁹ **And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly.**

²⁰ **But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.”**