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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”

3. (Exodus 20:13) Obedience— Decision— Commandments, The Ten: What is the decision required by this commandment?

Exodus 20:13 (BHS)

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How can lawlessness, violence, and murder be eliminated from society? What can we do to make our streets and homes safe, to feel free and secure to walk about in a neighborhood?

1. We must not live a life of hypocrisy: we must hate what is evil and cleave to what is good; we must become actively involved in stamping out violence, lawlessness, and murder.

Romans 12:9 (NASB)

⁹ “Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.”

2. We must teach the sanctity of life and the brotherhood of man:

a. Teach that we are all created in the image of God and that we all bear that image.

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.”

b. Teach that we are to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Matthew 22:39 (NASB)

³⁹ “The second is like it, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’”



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John 15:12 (NASB)

¹²“This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.”

Romans 13:9-10 (NASB)

⁹“For this, “YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET,” and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, “YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”

¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

1 Peter 1:22 (NASB)

²²“Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart.”

3. We must conquer anger when it first arises within our hearts and minds:
 - a. By not giving way to a vicious, vengeful anger.

Matthew 5:21-22 (NASB)

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

²² 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.”

Ephesians 4:26-28 (NASB)

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

²⁷ and do not give the devil an opportunity.

²⁸ He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have *something* to share with one who has need.”

- b. By not allowing egotistical pride to take a foothold in our lives, for pride breeds contention (anger).

Proverbs 13:10 (NASB)

¹⁰“Through insolence (pride) comes nothing but strife, But wisdom is with those who receive counsel.”

- c. By not making friends with a hot tempered person, a person who is easily angered.

Proverbs 22:24-25 (NASB)

²⁴“Do not associate with a man *given to anger*; Or go with a hot-



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tempered man,

²⁵ Or you will learn his ways And find a snare for yourself.”

4. We must make sure that justice is executed, that the lawless, violent, and murderous are justly punished.

Genesis 9:6 (NASB)

⁶ “Whoever sheds man’s blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man.”

Deuteronomy 19:21 (NASB)

²¹ “Thus you shall not show pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.”

Exodus 21:12 (NASB)

¹² “He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death.”

DEEPER STUDY # 4

THE BIBLICAL CONSEQUENCES OF KILLING ANOTHER PERSON

(Exodus 20:13) Commandments, The Ten— Obedience— Judgment: What are the consequences of breaking this commandment?

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These four words have behind them the eternal force of the One who is the Author of life. Life is sacred. The sanctity of life has and always will remain unchanged in the eyes of God. Those who break this commandment will face the Righteous Judge who will hold them completely accountable for murder. No murderer can escape these terrible consequences.

1. The person who murders another person will suffer the wrath of God.

Romans 1:18 (NASB)

¹⁸ “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.”

Romans 1:29 (NASB)

²⁹ “Being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, **murder**, strife, deceit, malice; *they are gossips.*”



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2. The person who murders another person will be judged and will not inherit the kingdom of God. He will not inherit eternal life.

Galatians 5:19-21 (NASB)

¹⁹“Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,
²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,
²¹envying, 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.”

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.”

3. The person who kills another person is to face civil court, sentencing, imprisonment, the death penalty, or some other form of retribution.

Romans 13:3-4 (NASB)

³“For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same;
⁴for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.”

Leviticus 24:17 (NASB)

¹⁷“If a man takes the life of any human being, he shall surely be put to death.”

Numbers 35:11 (NASB)

¹¹“Then you shall select for yourselves cities to be your cities of refuge, that the manslayer who has killed any person unintentionally may flee there.”

Numbers 35:19-25 (NASB)

¹⁹“The blood avenger himself shall put the murderer to death; he shall put him to death when he meets him.

²⁰ If he pushed him of hatred, or threw something at him lying in wait and *as a result* he died.”

²¹ or if he struck him down with his hand in enmity, and *as a result* he died, the one who struck him shall surely be put to death, he is a murderer; the blood avenger shall put the murderer to death when he meets him.

²² But if he pushed him suddenly without enmity, or threw something at him without lying in wait,

²³ or with any deadly object of stone, and without seeing it dropped on him so that he died, while he was not his enemy nor seeking his injury,

²⁴ then the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the blood



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avenger according to these ordinances.

²⁵ The congregation shall deliver the manslayer from the hand of the blood avenger, and the congregation shall restore him to his city of refuge to which he fled; and he shall live in it until the death of the high priest who was anointed with the holy oil.”

4. The person who kills another person destroys a person made in the image of God.

Genesis 9:6 (NASB)

⁶ “Whoever sheds man’s blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man.”

5. The person who kills another person shows that he is defiled and has an evil heart.

Matthew 15:19-20 (NASB)

¹⁹ “For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders.

²⁰ These are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the man.”

6. The person who murders another person causes the loss of someone’s loved one, a mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, or close friend.

Matthew 2:16-18 (NASB)

¹⁶ “Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi.

¹⁷ Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

¹⁸ “A VOICE WAS HEARD IN RAMAH, WEEPING AND GREAT MOURNING, RACHEL WEEPING FOR HER CHILDREN; AND SHE REFUSED TO BE COMFORTED, BECAUSE THEY WERE NO MORE.”

Acts 7:59-60 (NASB)

⁵⁹ “They went on stoning Stephen as he called on *the Lord* and said, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!”

⁶⁰ Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them!” Having said this, he fell asleep.”

Acts 8:2 (NASB)

² “Some devout men buried Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him.”



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DEEPER STUDY # 5

**THE BIBLICAL BENEFITS OF KEEPING THIS COMMANDMENT:
NOT TO KILL ANOTHER PERSON**

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(Exodus 20:13) Commandments, The Ten— Benefits of Keeping— Life—

Murder— Obedience: the person who obeys this commandment and does not kill another person has made a decision to value life. The contrast is stark between a culture that allows or executes the innocent and helpless and a culture that honors and protects the sacredness of human life. Those who really love, defend, and protect life benefit an entire community, nation, and world. What are the benefits when God’s people speak out against murder? What are the benefits to believers who respect the sanctity of life?

1. The person who belongs to the LORD and respects the sanctity of life will not kill but will walk in the Spirit and bear the fruit of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:19-25 (NASB)

¹⁹ “Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,

²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,

²¹ 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.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

²⁴ Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.”

2. The person who follows God and respects the sanctity of life will have a sacrificial love for his brother.

1 John 3:14-16 (NASB)

¹⁴ “We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death.

¹⁵ Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that



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no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

¹⁶ **We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”**

3. The person who belongs to the LORD and respects the sanctity of life will have great love for his friends, willing to die if necessary.

John 15:13 (NASB)

¹³ **“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.”**

4. The person who shares in the glorious salvation of God and respects the sanctity of life will experience a true urgency, a keen sense of the times, a sober perspective, an understanding about how fragile life can be.

James 4:14 (NASB)

¹⁴ **“Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.”**

Psalms 103:15-16 (NASB)

¹⁵ **“As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.**

¹⁶ **When the wind has passed over it, it is no more, And its place acknowledges it no longer.”**

Isaiah 40:6-7 (NASB)

⁶ **“A voice says, "Call out." Then he answered, "What shall I call out?" All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.**

⁷ **The grass withers, the flower fades, When the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people are grass.”**

Isaiah 51:12 (NASB)

¹² **“I, even I, am He who comforts you. Who are you that you are afraid of man who dies And of the son of man who is made like grass.”**

1 Peter 1:24 (NASB)

²⁴ **“For, “ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF.”**

5. The person who knows the truth and respects the sanctity of life will live in the truth and not be deceived by the original murderer, Satan.

John 8:44 (NASB)

⁴⁴ **“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.”**



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6. The person who truly respects the sanctity of life will understand that the only way to save his life is to give it away to Christ.

Luke 9:24-25 (NASB)

²⁴“For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.

²⁵For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?”

7. The person who follows God and respects the sanctity of life will enjoy abundant life, life in Jesus Christ.

John 10:10 (NASB)

¹⁰“The thief [Satan] comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

8. The person who respects the sanctity of life will be saved from doing Satan’s will (to destroy human life).

John 10:10 (NASB)

¹⁰“The thief [Satan] comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

9. The person who fully and completely respects the sanctity of life respects the life of the baby who is still in the womb of the mother.

Psalms 139:13-16 (NASB)

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

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

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

¹⁶Your 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.”

Jeremiah 1:5 (NASB)

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.”

Luke 1:41-42 (NASB)

⁴¹“When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

⁴²And she cried out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed *are* you among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb!”