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THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

*What They Mean, Why They Matter,
and Why We Should Obey Them*

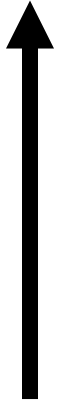


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37 And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the great and foremost commandment.

GOD



man

1. No other gods.
2. No idols.
3. Do not take the Lord's name in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath.

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39 The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
40 On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

man  man

5. Honor your parents.
6. Do not murder.
7. Do not commit adultery.
8. Do not steal.
9. Tell the truth.
10. Do not covet.

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Exodus 20:13 You shall not **murder**.

Murder = Ratsach 'raw-tsakh'

- Unlawful, sinfully motivated taking of innocent life.
- Carries a heart attitude of anger and hatred.

Kill = Qatal – 'kaw-tal'

- The common form of kill

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The 6th Commandment therefore makes no justification for:

1. Absolute Pacifism – one who believes that a human should never be killed and war should never be conducted, even in self-defense or in capital punishment.
2. PETA – the 6th Commandment is not a command for everyone to be vegans.

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So where did murder all begin?

1. In the Human Heart

- The Fall – Genesis 3:1-24 (v 6, 16-24)
- The first human crime was murder – Genesis 4:1-8 – Cain & Abel
- 5 generations after Cain, his descendant, Lamech, murdered a man and a young boy - Genesis 4:23

2. In Our Adversary

- John 8:44 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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3 S's to Remember from the 6th Commandment

- Sovereignty – God is the Authority over All Life
- Sanctity - All Human Life is Precious
- Sanctification – Our Response to the 6th Commandment

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Sovereignty – God is the Authority over All Life

Genesis 1:26-27 26 Then God said, “**Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;** and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 **God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.**

Psalms 139:13-16 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.**

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Sanctity – All Human Life is Precious

All Human Life is Precious for one reason: ***Imago Dei*** – **The Image of God**

Genesis 9:6 “Whoever sheds man’s blood, By man his blood shall be shed, **For in the image of God He made man.**

How are we created in the image of God and what makes humanity different from the rest of the creation?

Substantive image of God – we bear a likeness, although corrupted, to God that the rest of creation does not. This likeness would include reason, memory, critical thinking, a will, creativity, relational, and a moral capacity.

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Sanctification – Our Response to the 6th Commandment

What murder is not.

1. Self-defense

- Exodus 22:2-3 2 “If the thief is caught while breaking in and is struck so that he dies, there will be no bloodguiltiness on his account. 3 But if the sun has risen on him, there will be bloodguiltiness on his account. He shall surely make restitution; if he owns nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.

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2. Capital Punishment

- Genesis 9:6 “**Whoever sheds man’s blood, By man his blood shall be shed**, For in the image of God He made man.
- Rom 13:1-4 Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. 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; 4 for 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.**

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3. Just War – Rom 13:4

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What does the sixth commandment prohibit?

1. Premeditated intentional murder –

- David arranging for Uriah's death
- The murder of Naboth

2. Voluntary Manslaughter –

- Intentional but unpremeditated murder
- Instantaneous fit of rage

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What does the sixth commandment prohibit?

3. Involuntary Manslaughter –

- Reckless homicide
- Example - drunk driving

4. Negligent homicide –

- Responsibility for Death thru Negligence
- Deut. 22:8 or Exodus 21:28-29

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How does the sixth commandment speak to our culture?

1. Suicide

- From 2014-2017 there was an average of 44,733 suicides per year in the US.
- Suicide is a sin = Self-murder
- Examples – Judges 9:50-57, 1 Sam 31:1-7, 2 Sam 17:23, 1 King 16:15-19, Matt 27:3-10

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How does the sixth commandment speak to our culture?

2. Abortion

- From 2014-2017 there was an average of 640,000 abortions per year in the US***
- Exodus 21:24 – 22 “**If men struggle with each other and strike a woman with child so that she gives birth prematurely**, yet there is no injury, he shall surely be fined as the woman’s husband may demand of him, and he shall pay as the judges decide. **23 But if there is any further injury, then you shall appoint as a penalty life for life**, 24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, 25 burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.
- John Calvin – “For the fetus (*baby*), though enclosed in the womb of its mother, is already a human being, and it is almost a monstrous crime to rob it of the life which it has not yet begun to enjoy. If it seems more horrible to kill a man in his own house than in a field, because a man’s house is his place of most secure refuge, it ought surely to be deemed more atrocious to destroy a fetus (*baby*) in the womb before it has come to light.”

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3. Euthanasia

- Doctor assisted suicide.

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How did Jesus handle the 6th commandment? Matthew 5:21-26

1. I murder others when I am sinfully angry at them.
 - v22 – **But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court;**
 - 1 John 3:15 **Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer;** and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.
2. I can murder others with my words.
 - v22 – **whoever says to his brother, ‘You good-for-nothing,’ and whoever says, ‘You fool,’ shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.**
3. Quick Reconciliation and Forgiveness are the Solution v. 23-26

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