

THE TEN COMMANDMENT SERIES  
INTO THE HEART OF GOD

The 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment (**vertical**)

**Exodus 20:3**

"I am the LORD your God. You shall have no other gods before Me.

**murder ratsach**, *raw-tsakh* ; the root word means to dash in pieces. To seek to slay or destroy a life. To put to death as a man-slayer or a murderer.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment (**horizontal**)

**Exodus 20:13 NKJV**

"You shall not **murder**. (*not kill*)

**You can agree with me that** – every one of these commandments hit face on to what a human being is capable of doing.

**The example is right here:**

We're not commanded to stay away from a rattlesnake, that's an obvious.

But we are told that we must not murder - - but why? Because it is within every human being to violate God's commandments. "**You shall not murder**" is to keep you and i from murdering.

**A Quiz**

The **Most Famous** Murder to Date Happens to be The First Murder on Record;

**Gen. 4:8-10**

Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. :9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" ¶ He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" :10 And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.

The **Least Famous** Murder to Date Happened Before That Most Famous One;

**Gen. 3:4-6**

Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. :5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." :6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

## THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

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### 1.) Why is murder wrong?

#### Murder is wrong because:

It's the **self-assertion** that a man can be God. (Imposed human authority)

Murder is the act of absolute **Jurisdiction**

It's the **intervening** in and over another person life. (Manmade sovereignty)

Murder is the act of absolute **Despotism**

It's the **pinnacle of control** (absolute elitism)

Murder is the act of absolute **Manipulation**

It's the **delusion of self-fulfillment** (this will make things better)

Murder is the act of absolute **Deception**

#### It's Rooted in the Human Heart

##### Matt. 5:21-22

"You have heard that it was said to those of old, '*You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.*' :22 But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, "**Raca!**" shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, '**You fool!**' shall be in danger of eternal fire.

The Degrees of Murder and Capital Punishment  
are Listed in Exodus 21

**Ex. 21:12**

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

**Ex. 21:14**

“But if a man acts with premeditation against his neighbor, to kill/murder him by treachery, you shall take him from My altar, that he may die.

**Ex. 21:16**

“He who kidnaps a man and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, shall surely be put to death.

**Deut. 19:4-5**

“And this *is* the case of the manslayer who flees there, that he may live: Whoever kills his neighbor unintentionally, not having hated him in time past - :5 as when a *man* goes to the woods with his neighbor to cut timber, and his hand swings a stroke with the ax to cut down the tree, and the head slips from the handle and strikes his neighbor so that he dies—he shall flee to one of these cities and live;

**Ex. 21:28-29**

“If a bull gores a man or a woman to death, the bull must be stoned to death, and its meat must not be eaten. But the owner of the bull will not be held responsible. :29 If, however, the bull has had the habit of goring and the owner has been warned but has not kept it penned up and it kills a man or woman, the bull must be stoned and the owner also must be put to death.

**1John 3:15**

Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

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**2.) Does anyone have the authority to take a life?**

There is an Inherent Sanctity of Life Built into Every Human Being  
(That is normal)

## 2.) Does anyone have the authority to take a life?

### The Lord says “Yes”

#### Gen. 9:5-6

Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a *reckoning*; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man. :6 “Whoever sheds man's blood, **By man his blood shall be shed**; For **in the image of God** He made man.

#### Capital Punishment

It wasn't till after the flood of Noah - Did God grant authority to man to exercise **Capital Punishment**.

#### Capital Punishment Promotes Life

The reason is for the sanctity of life, the sacredness of life.

#### **Jurisprudence** is Authorized to take Life

*(Example is the book of Deuteronomy & Leviticus)*

#### **Self Defense** is Authorized to take Life

#### Ex. 22:2

“If a thief is caught breaking in and is struck so that he dies, the defender is not guilty of bloodshed;

#### 1Tim. 5:8

But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

#### Luke 22:35-36

And He said to them, “**When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?**” ¶ So they said, “Nothing.” :36 Then He said to them, “**But now, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one.**

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## 3.) Is there a difference between murder and killing ?

The 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment (**horizontal**)

**Exodus 20:13 NKJV**

**“You shall not murder. (Not kill)**

The “**You**” here is in the personal, singular sense meaning – an individual.  
(This excludes the act of nations and armies)

**“ALL MURDER IS KILLING BUT NOT ALL KILLING IS MURDER”**

Yes There is a Profound Difference Between the  
Two.

We don't always use the right words when we are trying to describe something. For an example – in the context of a legal execution, **no one is being murdered**. The criminal is being **rewarded according to his behavior**.

**Zech. 14:2-3**

For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem... :3 Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle.

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## 4.) What about being a warrior, an officer, judge or jury ?

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There is such a thing as a **Legal War** - War is not murder.

**War & The Soldier** is Authorized to take Life

*(Example is the book of Joshua)*

**Psa. 144:1**

Blessed be the LORD my Rock, Who trains my hands for war,  
And my fingers for battle.

**Ex. 15:3**

The LORD is a man of war; The LORD is His name.

#### What about a Police Officer in the Line Duty.

**Rom. 13:1-4**

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. :2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. :3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. :4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices evil.

There is no difference between the law enforcement & the soldier on the battlefield these days.

An officer that shoots a violent offender is not a murderer nor did he commit a murder.

A judge that presides over a case that results the punishment of the electric chair or lethal injection is not murder.

A jury that decides a guilty verdict and it leads to the death penalty is not murder.

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### 5.) Why should the 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment matter?

Because Life comes from God alone and Life is to be Governed by God and His word.

*(a word about human life )*

#### Gen. 2:7

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man **became** a living being.

**Became** = NOW, INSTANTLY. in that moment when the air filled Adams lungs - he gasped and his eyes opened and his body moved and he stood up and man in all his glory was there in perfection !

A special word to our combat warriors here and those watching right now.

### **THE COMBAT WARRIOR:**

**THE THINGS YOU'VE SEEN. THE SITUATIONS YOU'VE BEEN IN.  
THE ISSUES YOU'VE HAD TO FACE**

**Give The Invitation & Challenge**

**QUE - WORSHIP TEAM TO COME OUT  
OFFERING THE MOMENT OF DECISION IS NOW**

**Go Off Air**

*End of Study*

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