

The Ten Commandments

Ten Laws for Leading a Life That Matters
A Study of Exodus 20:1-17

Do Not Murder

The Sanctity of Human Life Exodus 20:13

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In the STUDY VERSE SECTION, God's Holy Word is printed in regular sized text while Pastor Joe's commentary is in the small text.

You can find this text in you Pew Bible on pages 67.

"It's God's love and grace, not God's law, that has the power to rescue and restore you."

- Paul Tripp



The Ten Commandments Review

God's Original Top Ten



I haven't killed anybody, but I have read a whole lot of obituaries with great joy."

- Clarence Darrow, Famous ACLU Attorney (circa early 1900s)

1 John 3:15, NASB – "Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him."

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STUDY VERSE SECTION – Exodus 20:13, NASB95 -¹³ "You shall not murder.

[translated the Hebrew phrase, לא תרצח "low Ra-SAH," lit., *no murder*, לא "low" means 'no'; it is an "absolute imperfect interjection" denoting 'a habitual action still in progress', we must "never" murder; תרצח "ra-SAH" means "murder" lit., "*the intentional, premeditated and biblically prohibited killing of a human's life*" (W. E. Vines), it refers specifically to one person(s) taking another human life intentionally and with premeditation. (There are nine Hebrew words for *kill*. The other most common Hebrew word for "kill" is *Ha-RAC*, meaning "to kill"—you could kill a flea, an animal, or a human in some cases if the killing is justified. It is used in OT scripture when God's judgment is seen. It is rarely used when the killing is unlawful, but also not premeditated). **Summary Thought:** The issue here is premeditated murder, which Jesus said has its beginning in anger (Matt. 5:21–26). The Jews were allowed to defend themselves (Ex. 22:2), and the Law made concessions for accidental death (Ex. 20); but premeditated murder was a capital offense (Ex. 21:12–14).

Life Application Section

1. What this Sixth Commandment does _____ Reference.

- A. The Killing of Animals for Food (cf., Gen. 9:3)
- B. The Killing of the Guilty in Society (**Capital Punishment**) (cf., Lev. 24:17-24)
- C. The Killing of the Enemy in war (**in a just war**) (cf., Eccl. 3:8)

2. What this Sixth Commandment _____ Reference.

- A. Suicide is wrong.
Job 14:5, NIV84 - "Man's days are determined; you have decreed the number of his months and have set limits he cannot exceed."
- B. Euthanasia is wrong.
Job 12:10, GNB – "It is God who directs the lives of his creatures; every man's life is in his power."
- C. Abortion is wrong.
Proverbs 31:8, NIV84 - "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves."

Five Reasons Abortion is Wrong

1. The victim is unquestionably innocent.
2. The victim is unquestionably helpless.
3. The victim is unquestionably human.
4. The order to kill comes from the victim's own mother/father.
5. The order to kill is always *premeditated, intentional and unbiblical*.

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