

# A Law Against Hostility "Thou Shalt Not Murder"

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Exodus 20:13

# The Second “Love Thy neighbor” Command!

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- ❑ What about this sixth commandment?
  - ❑ Is it an easy one to keep as some say?
  - ❑ What is its explanation from the OT?
  - ❑ How about the NT?
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Let us go to the biblical  
extreme –  
the extent of Christ  
in obeying this  
commandment.

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# The Commandment RECEIVED.

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- ❑ What it DOESN'T mean.
    - ❑ It doesn't forbid killing for food, clothing, sacrifice – the animal kingdom.
    - ❑ It doesn't forbid the exercise of war. Rom. 13:1-7
    - ❑ It doesn't mean manslaughter – killing unwittingly. Num. 35:6
    - ❑ It doesn't forbid capital punishment. Ex. 21:12; Gen. 9:6
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## □ What it DOES mean.

□ Murder – the wanton killing of humans is wrong.

■ David and Uriah

■ Cain and Abel

□ Suicide – the taking of one's own life – this person rebels against:

■ God's image in himself

■ Himself as God's property

■ God's providence for his life, if he would trust Him.

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- ❑ Anger is murder in germ form.
  - ❑ Abortion is murder – “I will not take a million dollars for my kids, or give a nickel for another one...but I don’t want the half-formed or fully-formed finger of a baby pointing at me form eternity.” RVC
  - ❑ Violence, godless passion, lust, intemperance in eating, drinking, carelessness, mistreating another human including wife or children, anything that shortens life, selling liquor, cigarettes or drugs.
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# So...

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- Life is a gift from God – It is sacred.
  - Life is a reward for obedience.
  - Life is an opportunity to receive salvation for eternity.
  - Life is a part of God's image.
  - Life is not only physical. It is spiritual.
  - Don't tamper with it.
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# The Commandment REVIEWED.

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- Matt. 5:21
  - In this verse, Christ states the commandment as the Pharisees would have stated it.
    - “No Murder – whoever kills is in danger of judgment.
    - This is a fair statement of the OT commandment – not much out of line here – speaking of the physical – the visible – the obvious.
    - Christ will take it to the next level – below the surface – into an area that is sacred to carnal people – the area of ATTITUDE.
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# So...

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- This is the way the “world” is – state the obvious – the 10 commandments – not the many other commands in Scripture – or what any of them mean to the heart.
  - Words have meaning – what do words mean? Be careful that you let words mean all that they mean.
    - (abortion) (animals vs. human)  
(defending our nation and freedom)  
(suing for damages)
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# The Commandment RESTATED.

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- ❑ Matt. 5:22
  - ❑ Angry without a cause – a scriptural cause – the cause of holiness in our lives and others. – is in danger of the judgment or council.
  - ❑ Say “Raca” or “empty head” – insults – is in danger of the Great Council – Sanhedrin.
  - ❑ Say “You fool” – “cursed one” – “empty-headed idiot” – shall be in danger of Gehenna or hell fire.
  - ❑ Jesus takes the command of the Pharisees inward from ACTIONS to ATTITUDES. It is not only the external deed of murder, but the hidden motives of the heart that are important in all of life.
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# So...

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- Look at the context of Matt. 5:23-26
  - Check out:
    - I Jn. 3:15
    - I Cor. 9:27
    - Matt. 5:38-48
    - Matt. 19:13-15 – Little Children
    - Lk. 12:4-7 – No fear, but fear Him
    - Ezek. 3 – Blood on my hands? The price of a soul?
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- Is there anything I am doing against the letter of the law?
  - Is there anything I am thinking or saying against the spirit of the law?

Cleanse my heart, Oh God!

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