

**Life is sacred and murder is nearer to an angry heart than you might think
(Exodus 20.13; 08-09-20)**

Main Idea: Life is sacred: every life matters to God.

I. When is taking a human life “murder” in the context of the 6th Commandment?

Murder is the unauthorized or malicious taking of human life. OR The unlawful killing of a human being.

II. What does the 6th Commandment say about the character of God?

God designed man to reveal something about Himself (Gen 1.26-27; cf. Heb 1.3)

God is the Giver and Taker of life (Gen 1-2; 9.6) (cf. Ps 139.16) (cf. Ex 15; Acts 5; Rev 19)

God loves life (Gen 1.26-27; 2.7)

God hates death (Gen 9.1, 6) (cf. Rom 5.12; Rom 6.23) why God hates death:

- Death is not God’s original design
- Death is the outcome of sin
- Death reminds us that evil is still present in the world
- Death is the objective of Satan

III. What are the biblical exceptions to the 6th Commandment?

- Just War (Ex 15.3; Rev 19.11)
- Capital Punishment (Gen 9.6; Num 35.30-31; Rom 13)
- Self Defense (in some situations) (Ex 22.2-3)

IV. How would Jesus have us treat the 6th Commandment?

How do unrighteous anger and murder go together? How does the 6th commandment address anger?

1. Anger can kill the soul (Matt 5.22)
2. Anger can kill relationships (Gal 5.15)

We fight murder in our hearts by willing to forgive & take steps to be reconciled

3. Anger can kill a spirit of worship in heart of the believer (Matt 5.23-24)

We fight murder in our hearts by settling disagreements as quickly as possible (Matt 5.25)
(cf. Ps 4.4; Eph 4.26)

4. Anger can kill spiritual growth in the believer (Jas 1.19-20)