

Commandment VI

Scripture: Exod. 20:13; Deut. 5:17

Intro: This command is universal and is properly interpreted by Christ in the N.T. so there is no doubt as to its meaning, and it poses no conflict with the rest of the Word. (Mt. 19:16-18)

1. There are ten Hebrew words for Kill in O.T., but this one is used only in reference to humans. This one is used 5 times in O.T. (Ex. 20:13; Deut. 4:42; 5:17; Num. 35:27; I Kings 21:19)
2. There are 9 Greek words for kill and murder in N.T., but this one is ever to murder a person. Premeditation or accidental.

I. Commandment Defined. (Ex. 20:12; I Kings 21:19)

- A. Example recorded in word. (Rom. 15:4)
 1. Characters in the drama: Ahab, Jezebel, Naboth, Elijah.
 2. Conditions in the panorama: Vineyards and Lust. (James 4:1-3)
 3. Classed as a trauma: Killed and possessed. (I Kings 21:17-21)
- B. Examination recorded in word.
 1. Premeditated act: Malicious intent. (I Kings 21:1-19; Num. 35:31-32)
 - a. Hatred: Enmity. (Num. 35:19-21)
 - b. Haven provided no refuge. (Num. 35:6-7)
 2. Predicament: Capital punishment a must. (Gen. 9:6; Num. 35:33; II Kings 24:4)

(Some are quicker to voice protest over capital punishment than the killing of innocent, unborn babies)

II. Commandment Defied. (Deut. 5:17)

- A. Absolute command to all. (Mt. 19:18)
 1. Defied by character assassination. (Mt. 5:21-22; Prov. 22:1)
 2. Defied by hatred of others. (I Jn. 3:15; 4:20)
 3. Defied by taking a life. (Gen. 4:11; Jn. 8:44)
 - a. Someone else: Destruction of God's image.
 - b. Suicide: Self inflicted murder.
- B. Abuse of command by all. (Ex. 20:13)
 1. Self inflicted second death: Soul suicide. (Rev. 20:14-15)
 2. Self inflicted first death: Use of drugs, carelessness.
 - a. Life is sacred: God given to each. (Ex. 4:11; I Sam. 2:6-7; Deut. 30:19)
 - b. Lists seven cases in word: Ahithophel (II Sam. 17:23) Zimri (I Kings 16:18) Abimelech (Jude 9:54) Samson (Jude 16:23-31) Saul (I Sam. 31:4-5) Saul's armor bearer (I Sam. 31) Judas (Mt. 27:3-5)

III. Commandment Defended. (Ex. 20:12)

- A. Biblical reasons for capital punishment. (Gen. 9:6; Ex. 21:12; Lev. 24:17)
 - 1. Murder: Cities of refuge. (Num. 35)
 - 2. Moral perversion. (Lev. 18:23; 20:10-16)
 - 3. Mammon worship. (Ex. 22:20; Mt. 6:24)
 - a. Stoned: Main Jewish method. (Jude 7)
 - b. Burned. Strangled. Beheaded.
- B. Basic reasons for capital punishment. (Mt. 19:18)
 - 1. Demanded by God's word. (Ex. 21:12)
 - 2. Deterrent by God given warning. (Num. 35:33; II Kings 24:4)