

**Thou Shalt Not Murder**  
**Exodus 20:13; 1 John 3:9-18**  
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There is almost universal agreement, even among \_\_\_\_\_-Christians, that this command should be observed. Few consider themselves \_\_\_\_\_ of committing this terrible sin. Yet, the New Testament interpretation provided by Christ and His disciples makes many \_\_\_\_\_ of this wickedness. Let's inspect its biblical meaning.

A. The Biblical Definition of Killing is \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Murder is not \_\_\_\_\_ killing, but calculated and conscious.
  - a. The law provided \_\_\_\_\_ for those who took life accidentally.
    - (1). \_\_\_\_\_ of refuge (Numbers 35:25-27)
    - (2). The \_\_\_\_\_ of the altar (1 Kings 1:50)
  - b. No refuge or \_\_\_\_\_ was provided for the presumptuous murderer.
    - (1). The law provided for a \_\_\_\_\_ to determine guilt. (Numbers 35:24-35)
    - (2). Joab, who murdered Abner, is an example of a murderer who did not \_\_\_\_\_ judgment. (1 Kings 2:28-32)
2. Killing in a God-ordered war or war of self-\_\_\_\_\_ is not murder. (Judges 11:21; 1 Samuel 17:45-51)
3. Capital \_\_\_\_\_ is not murder. (Genesis 9:6)
4. Murder is singled out by God as an especially \_\_\_\_\_ sin.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ was judged by God. (Genesis 4:10)
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ was judged by God. (Psalm 51:14)
  - c. Murderous \_\_\_\_\_ were singled out for judgment by the law. (Exodus 21:28-29)

B. Certain Biblical \_\_\_\_\_ are Revealed by this Commandment.

1. The commandment is the result of the biblical view of the \_\_\_\_\_ of human life.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ human life is sacred. (Genesis 1:27)
- b. Human life is a \_\_\_\_\_ from God. (Genesis 4:4-12)

2. The sacredness of life is a product of firm \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lordship of Jesus Christ. (John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:14-18)
3. Human life is threatened by widespread \_\_\_\_\_ of the Darwinian theory of evolution that man is the product of molecular accident, and without eternal meaning or \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. If this theory is correct, \_\_\_\_\_ wars are justified.
  - b. If this theory is correct, \_\_\_\_\_ is justified.
  - c. If this theory is correct, \_\_\_\_\_ is justified.

C. Murder Begins in the \_\_\_\_\_ and Culminates in the Act. (James 1:13-15; Matthew 5:21-26)

1. It can begin with uncontrolled \_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 49:6)
2. It can begin with \_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 37:20)
3. It can begin with hatred and \_\_\_\_\_. (Esther 3:9)
4. It can be committed in many ways.
  - a. With the \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Samuel 20:10)
  - b. By the \_\_\_\_\_. (John 18:30)
  - c. By \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Samuel 11:15)
  - d. By \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Kings 21:10)
  - e. By \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 22:20)
  - f. By \_\_\_\_\_. (John 19:6)
  - g. By \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 27:3-5)
5. Men may commit murder of their own \_\_\_\_\_ and/or the souls of others.
  - a. By \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ as Savior (Ephesians 4:19)
  - b. By \_\_\_\_\_ others from salvation (Matthew 23:13)
  - c. By \_\_\_\_\_ others to sin
  - d. By not being \_\_\_\_\_ to God's Word (2 Peter:1-3)