

HUMAN LIFE IS SACRED 163

TEXT: Ex. 20:13 "**Thou shalt not kill.**"

INTRODUCTION:

- A. NKJV clears this up a little- "You shall not murder."
- B. Hebrew word is-RATSACH.
- C. Can be translated "murder or slay."
- D. This commandment brings us face to face with the sacredness of human life.
- E. Every life is precious because:
 - 1. God made them.
 - 2. We are made in the image of God- Gen. 1:27.
- F. The worth of each person can be seen in that God gave His son.
- G. Let us notice this commandment this way:
 - 1. Things not forbidden.
 - 2. Things forbidden.
 - 3. Killing the soul.
 - 4. The Great Murder of All.

BODY:

I. THINGS NOT FORBIDDEN.

A. The killing of Animals.

1. Gen. 9:3. "**Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs.**"

2. Jews offered sheep, oxen, doves, etc., as sacrifices.

3. Acts 10:9-16.

4. Jesus ate the Passover Lamb every time He observed the annual Jewish

feast.

B. Self-defense Not Forbidden.

1. Ex. 22:2. **"If the thief is found breaking in, and he is struck so that he dies, there shall be no guilt for his bloodshed.**

2. Matt. 24:43.

3. Acts 23:12-24 Paul provided for self-defense.

C. Capital Punishment Not Forbidden.

1. Gen. 9:6. **"Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.**

2. Ex. 21:12. Talks about the cities of refuge.

3. Num. 15:32-36. Man gathering sticks on Sabbath.

4. Lev. 24:14. Stone to death all who cursed God.

5. Death penalty was used for:

- a. murder.
- b. child sacrifice.
- c. manslaughter.
- d. allowing a dangerous ox to go uncontrolled.
- e. false witness.
- f. kidnapping.
- g. insulting or injuring parents.
- h. immorality.

6. What about the New Testament- Rom. 13:1-4.

II. THINGS FORBIDDEN BY THIS COMMANDMENT.

A. Deliberate, Premeditated murder.

1. Gen. 4:5-8 an example. Cain and Able.

2. 1 Jn. 3:11-12.

3. Jude 11.

4. Anytime you deliberately take an innocent life.

B. Abortion is Forbidden.

1. Not a mass of tissue as we are told.

a. Gen. 25:22. Rebecca carrying twins **“But the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If all is well, why am I like this?" So she went to inquire of the Lord.**

b. Jer. 1:5. **"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."**

2. Lk. 1:41.

3. 1/2 of all children conceived in the USSR are aborted.

4. Some U.S. cities have more abortions than live births.

5. Is abortions murder?

a. four ingredients for murder.

(1). a person is killed.

(2). they are killed intentionally.

(3). the person is innocent.

(4). there is an unlawful or sinful motive in the killing.

b. What about abortion?

6. Almost 35 million babies have been killed by abortion since 1973.

C. Suicide is Forbidden.

1. There are at least 6 people in the Bible who killed themselves.

a. Ahitophel- 2 Sam. 17:23- Set house in order and hung himself.

b. Zimri- 1 Kings 16:18-burned himself to death in his house.

c. Abimelech-Judges 9:54 had his Armor bearer do it.

d. Samson- Judges 16:23-31-pulled pillars down.

- e. Saul- 1 Sam. 31:4-5 fell on his own sword.
- f. Judas- Matt. 27:3-5 hanged himself.

2. Why is Suicide Wrong?

- a. Direct violation of God's word.
 - (1). Ex. 20:13.*Text*
 - (2). Rom. 13:9.
- b. It is against nature. Natural to fight for life.
- c. Shows a lack of faith in God- Heb. 13:5-6.
- d. A sin against the family- Matt. 7:12.
- e. Suicide is selfish.

D. Euthanasia (mercy killing).

- 1. We are told it is more merciful to terminate the lives of those who are sick.
- 2. We do it to dogs don't we?
- 3. Some are incurable. A few years ago many things were incurable that today are not.
- 4. Who decides? Doctor, family, the person themselves???
- 5. This is playing God.

E. Murder by Proxy-Indirect.

- 1. David killed Uriah- 2 Sam. 11:15.
- 2. What about those who sell.
 - a. Liquor.
 - b. Drugs.
- 3. What about a land lord who neglects the wiring or roof and people are killed.
- 4. Those who take unnecessary risks.

F. Destructive Emotions are Covered by This Commandment.

1. Matt. 5:21-22.
2. 1 Jn. 3:15.
3. 1 Jn. 4:20.

III. KILLING THE SOUL.

A. Home by Godless Parents.

1. Eph. 6:4.
2. Prov. 22:6. "Train up a child..."

B. Schools.

1. Crime to pray in schools, but not to teach evolution.
2. A teacher can take your daughter to get an abortion.
3. Some schools have kicked out G-O-D but are full of D-R-U-G-S.

C. Society-Our Laws.

1. We allow abortion, (we have more laws to protect the bald eagles).
2. About 1/2 of the states allow Homo.
3. Prostitution is lawful in some states.

IV. GREATEST MURDER OF ALL (MURDER OF JESUS).

A. Acts 2:23.

B. Acts 3:15.

C. Acts 10:39.

CONCLUSION:

It is sinful to kill body or soul directly or indirectly. Why not obey Jesus today, the one who was murdered for you.