— Exodus 20.13 —
Exodus Series 37
The Sixth Word 2

Ex 20 [13] "You shall not murder."

►**We want** to address the sixth word's application to our society today, and particularly to Proposition ___ and its "Reproductive Freedom and Privacy Act," the effect of which will be to largely remove the practical ability of civil authorities to limit or regulate _____. In keeping with the word of God and the consistent practice of the church, we must stand for _____, and we must oppose unjust _____.

►**The worship** of the one true God versus the worship of anything else, including man himself, has always resulted in radically different views of human _____.

● The Bible says that man, male and female, is made in the _____ of God – we are made to be his sons and daughters, looking to him as _____, imitating his character, participating in his work, sharing in his joy and glory.

> Gen 1.27 God created man in His own image; … male and female He created them
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> Eph 5.1 [B]e imitators of God as dear children
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> Eph 3.14-19 I bow my knees to the Father, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you … that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you … may be able to comprehend with all the saints … the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God

● Every human life has ultimate _____ and significance, and can only be taken upon the directive of God, and following the principles, such as due process, that God has set forth in his word.

> Gn 9.6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man"
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> Num 35.30 "Whoever kills a person, the murderer shall be put to death on the testimony of witnesses; but one witness is not sufficient testimony against a person for the death penalty."
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> Ex 23.2 "You shall not follow a crowd to do evil; nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after many to pervert justice."

● God created human marriage and procreation, not because he needed to, but because he _____ to build the human race one marriage at a time with one man and one woman, and one baby at a time, to give us the privilege of participating in his creational work and of learning to _____ as he loves.

> Gn 2.22-24 [T]he rib which the LORD God had taken from the man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. … And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed
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> Gn 4.1 Adam knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD"

►**Whenever** people have departed from the one true _____, the biblical view of human life has vanished, and untold human suffering and slaughter has resulted.

● Jesus called Satan's actions in the garden _____, which was achieved through lying about God and man.

> Jn 8.44 "[T]he devil … was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him … [H]e is a liar and the father of it *[i.e., the father of lying]*."

● The devil's philosophy is, "_____ life for _____," which is the opposite of Christ's philosophy, "_____ life for _____."

> 1Pt 5.8 [T]he devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.
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> Jn 6.51 "The bread … I give for the life of the world is my flesh"

● In contrast to human sacrifice which the devil seeks and which must be repeated without _____, Christ, the only truly innocent human, lays down his life _____, then takes it up again through resurrection, and offers that eternal life to us all.

> Jn 10.17-18 "My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."
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> Rom 5.17 [I]f by the one man's *[i.e., Adam's]* offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

►Two approaches to life: The devil's – "Your life for me." And Christ's – "My life for you." Every _____ and _____ is following one or the other.

> Jn 11.49-53 [49] Caiaphas, being high priest …, said to [the council], … [50] "[I]t is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish." … [53] Then, from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death.

> Jn 8.40-44 [40] "[Y]ou seek to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth … [41] You do the deeds of your father" … [44] "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do."

● "Your life for me" always results in _____ on earth – untold human sacrifice and suffering. "My life for you" through Christ always results in "_____ to God," "_____ on earth," and "goodwill toward men."

> Lk 2.14 [S]uddenly there was … a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

►**History proves** this out.

● Ancient Egypt (Ex 1-2).

● The lead up to the Babylonian captivity.

> Ez16.21 "[Y]ou have slain My children and offered them up to them *[i.e. pagan gods]*"

● The ancient Greco-Roman world.

● The middle ages.

● The Protestant Reformation era.

● Nazi Germany.

● The fifty-year reign of *Roe v. Wade.*

►All along the way, "Your life for me," has been justified by arguments that the victims are not _____, or else not "_____" entitled to protection under the law of the land. Today, victimhood has been completely _____.

> "A fetus can be a human life without having the same rights as the woman in whose body it resides. She's the boss. Her life and what is right for her … should automatically trump the rights of the non-autonomous entity inside of her. Always. … A fetus is indeed a life. A life worth sacrificing." (Mary Elizabeth Williams, "So What If Abortion Ends Life?," *Salon* magazine 2013).

● "Your life for me," may start with children, but it never stays there – it always spreads like _____.

● Lets not forget about the _____ million citizens murdered at the hands of their own governments under dictators such as Hitler, Stalin, and Mao Zedong.

►**The only** alternative to this suffering and carnage is with the _____ of the Bible and his _____.

> "The value and sanctity of infant life … broadly distinguished Christian from pagan societies." (W.E.H. Lecky, *History of European Morals: From Augustus to Charlemagne* (New York: Vanguard Press, 1927).

> The "Christian concept … of the 'equality of souls before God' … furnishes the prototype of all theories of equal rights." (Friedrich Nietzsche, *The Will to Power* (translation New York: Random House, 1967), sect. 765).

►For all these reasons, I submit to you that it is our Christian _____ to oppose Proposition 1 and its "Reproductive Freedom and Privacy Act."