

You're Killing Me Smalls – Commandment #6

Scripture: Exodus 20:13; Genesis 9:6; Exodus 21:22-25; Matthew 5:21-22

Introduction: At the foundation of everything that we wish to do, or want to do, or even want to be is the assumption that we are alive to do it. When God says that we are not to commit murder, or to kill someone, then what are the prerequisites? Or are there any? What does it mean to not kill, for throughout the Bible there are member of the Bibles Hall of Fame of Faith that had blood on their hands?

What is it that God is asking? It certainly must include genocide; but does it include suicide, or infanticide? How broad is the stroke with which God is painting this 6th commandment? And is this commandment even applicable for me? I'm not a murderer... or am I?

I. God's View of Murder: What Does it Mean to Not Kill?

1. What does murder mean? Is there any killing God authorizes?
Murder: The unauthorized use of taking the life of another.
2. Authorized killings in the Bible included:
 - a. War
 - b. Home-invasion
 - c. Capital punishment
3. Unauthorized killing in the Bible included:
 - a. Suicide (murdering of yourself)
 - b. Infanticide (murdering of innocent children)
 - c. Genocide (the killing of a race), etc.

II. This Commandment Exists, Because Mankind is Unique

1. Mankind was made in God's very image.
2. To attack an individual in an illegitimate way, on any level, is to attack God Himself.
3. Why abortion is so deeply offensive to God: It is the illegitimate theft of a life stolen before God's plan was lived out.

III. Jesus's View of Murder: How Does it Apply Today?

Matthew 5:21-22

1. "But I say unto you..." Murder from the Heart includes:
 - a. Whoever shows anger towards your brother;
 - b. Whoever says to his brother, "You good for nothing;"
 - c. Whoever calls someone, "You fool!"
2. The worst person you know is still created in the image of God. But when you act out of anger, you are liable to God's court.
3. When you act out of anger towards another, Jesus says that you have created within you the conditions for a murdering heart.
4. Jesus had a reason for this condition, and it had everything to do with forgiveness. If someone offended you, don't enter into a murderous heart issue with another – forgive them.
5. God's Counsel Session with Cain – Genesis 4:6-7 "Forgive the person who has offended you, and let go of the pain caused by it," and be free of the internal civil war inside of your soul.