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## The Sixth Commandment Exodus 20:13



*“You shall not murder”*



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The commandments were given

- To make God's people aware of sinful behaviour
- to protect God's them from the influences of the world around them
- So that they would show themselves to be a holy people of God



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## OLD TESTAMENT FOUNDATION

### *You shall not murder*

*ratsach* (Heb) murder – unauthorised, intentional or hostile killing of a human being by another



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Genesis 1:26 “Let us make man in our own image”

Genesis 2:7 [God] breathed into him (into man)

Genesis 9:6 “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed” Noahic covenant



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### **OLD TESTAMENT FOUNDATION**

Capital punishment - God's intention, was that fear of retribution would be a strong disincentive

(Exodus 20:20, Deuteronomy 13:11)

In the Bible no recognition is given to 'the right to die' as it is understood that all human life belongs to God (Psalm 24:1)



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Colossians 1: 16 ***All things were created through Him and for Him***

Psalms 24:1 ***The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein***

Man is God's image bearer and our life belongs to Him



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### **JESUS AND HIS VIEW**

Jesus maintained the OT view of murder as a grave moral evil

He taught a higher view of the law

He taught it went further than mere observance of the law

It is the heart attitudes that lead to sin



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‘You have heard that it was said to those of old “You shall not murder and whoever murders will be liable to judgement.” But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, “You fool!” will be liable to the hell of fire.’ (Matthew 5:21-24)





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Matthew 15:18-20

“...the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man unclean. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, lies, slander. These are what make a man unclean.”



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In summary the OT and the NT teach that intentional, hostile killing of an innocent human being is a capital offence

Jesus taught that to hate was equivalent to murder in God's eyes



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The Holy Spirit has been given to all who confess their wrong doing to God

He is our Comforter, Teacher and Counsellor and he helps us in our weakness

Love for others is the mark of a child of God



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The fruits of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22)