

people are killed.

When you think of the methods and ways of killing people, and if we kill people, why? When is killing murder? Is it by an action of omission or selling inflammable sweaters, or death trap cars, or useless medicine, or is it by killing people on the highways. And what of those who never do physical harm and spend their lives waging war against their families.

Cain's offense was not so much the killing as killing his brother. His own blood - kinship. And we feel an extra horror and murder within the family, when this takes place.

Even the law of Babylon says if a man strikes a gentleman's daughter and she dies - his own daughter will be put to death. If a poor man is the slayer, then some sort of fee was charged. And individual guilt was nothing - the loss in value to the clan or family was the soul consideration. That is why it was an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

This was a moral transgression - from the first time that it dawned upon man that killing a man by accident. For example, when he was at work, and an axe should fly off the axe head. Man attempt kill himself, fired a Pistol.

*Shot went wild, instead he killed his mother in law!*

This is the commandment that everyone should accept in society. And it is not a waste of time. Because man is of infinite value. This commandment assumes that man was made in the image of God. He is very special. The Scripture teaches that he is the noblest of all of God's work.

*County preacher awoke one morning and Dead mule highway in front of his home! Calline - to Health Dept. in County "This is Rev James - There is a mule Dead on Road front home appreciate your moving it - your Ministers took care of The Dead!" "we DO" said preacher; but first we get in touch with Next of Kin.*

Man's body is the shrine for the Holy Spirit. God reigns in man. He becomes a sanctuary in which the spirit of God dwells. Therefore, murder, is not only a crime against man but it is a crime against God to whom man belongs.

Ab. 123, 1976 Two weeks - Alice Fritche 55 yr old school teacher told her 78 yr mother, 80 yr aunt of husband for drive Pacific Coast highway - called at Red light - car full speed, gas tank exploding, her mother said on spot, aunt later - So man is sacred. Blood test 230% alcohol (more than twice statutory definition)

M. Norman Young, Chancellor of Fundamentalist Pepperdine University, Minister Ch. of Christ, director Lockheed aircraft corp - 4 days later to present honorary Degree Buss. Ford. Blasphemy manslaughter - 4 year probation & 1 yr jail & paid suspended - No fine! letters poured in - one, "I wish your mother had been in the car," told the judge. This man had a record & one previous arrest for drunken driving!

II. THE COMMANDMENT HAS SOME BUILT IN PENALTIES

The Bible talks about the offense against this matter of death and it means that these offenses were punishable by death. First, against the person in murder. Numbers

35:16. The Murderer shall surely be put to death -

Indian Murderer felt the ghost of the victim followed them & observed ritual making noise to drive spirit, fear of revenge -

Kidnapping. Exodus 21:16. And also Exodus 21:28. Put To Death  
Gen 37:21-22 story Joseph shed no B -

Second, against the state. Rebellion. Josh. 1:18. Defiance of law. Deut. 17:12. God's Commandments

Third, witchcraft. Exodus 22:18. Lev. 20:27. Not suffer a Witch to live!

Fourth, religious. Idolatry. Lev. 22. Blasphemy. Lev. 24:16. Put to Death

Sabbath desecration. Exodus 35:2. shall be put to death

False prophecy. Deut. 13:1-5. put away

Fifth, immorality. Adultery. Lev. 20:10.

*adulterer & adulteress put to death*

Sixth, against the family. Cursing parents. Exodus 21:17.

*shall be put to death*

This commandment had the death penalty that was carried out in various ways in the Bible.

First, stoning. Idolatry. Deut. 17:3-5. Sabbath and witchcraft likewise.

Second, hanging. Deut. 21:22. Any sin worthy of death - a man could be hanged.

Numbers 25:1-4.

*bury same day - not remain over night*

Third, burning. Prostitution. Lev. 21:9.

*death by fire*

Fourth, beheading. Matt. 14:8-10, Mark 6:27.

*J. Baptist*

Fifth, crucifixion. Matt. 27:38, Mark 15:27.

*2 Thimess along with Jesus*

1 chro. 28:2-3 David could not build a temple

*Violation of this comm.*

### III. HOW IS THIS COMMANDMENT BROKEN

Now we come to think about the ways in which this commandment has been broken. The methods by which it is broken. And as it applies to us, thou shalt not kill.

We need to speak gently at this point because there is often suicide which takes place. Due from insanity - either permanent or temporary. And at the same time we must be honest and admit that many times that which is called insanity, may be due

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occur on Saturdays. Then on other days of week. & on 4th July

to moral madness.

labor Day & during Christmas season when family gatherings; emotional killings, triangle slayings, arguments

And this is wrong in the sight of God. It violates the law of the land.

Judge Ben Lindsey attended the Cathedral of St John. Bishop Manning's Sermon was an attack on the Judge arose to defend himself & the congregation tried kill him! Man does not lawfully have a right to take his own life - much less the life

of someone else. It is due to a form of insanity. And yet I believe, that God can forgive this sin as he forgives other sins. Police Rescued him

Rev. J. Frank Norris 1st Baptist Fort Worth Tex. Killed a man who had come to his study as an emissary of good will. No circumstances except religious hate. Norris believed Bible preaching the exact word of God.

Now I have a right to protect my own life and the lives of those who depend

upon me. If someone should pull a gun and point it at you, some member of your family, you have a perfect right and you are justified to defend yourself. War becomes justified when it is the defense of national life. When it prevents mass murder and the enslavement by the aggressor. It is a precious thing. It is far too precious to be left to the sins of any individual. Here is a baby that is born hopeless. Or a woman that has arthritis or a man who has some lingering disease. Should he be given something that is poison. Famous Chicago Physician Dr. H.D. Haiselden

pleaded for the right to chloroform. He miserably misshapen & distorted body of a child he had delivered. The child was doomed, blind one eye, crippled in limbs, damaged mentally.

Now, could we say that Doctors should become killers. As the easiest way of solution to take care of the way of curing somebody. Simply to kill a patient. Why waste the long years in effort and mercy. Should he be given the right to decide whether the rest of us should live or die. Imagine the fear that would come in an aged person who is no longer able to work, or support his family. He would wonder each time whether or not he is being given some kind of poison, because it is time for him to die. Messenger from God

His only children Boop 10 1/2 yrs. Only one chose the Devil one of the Boops. A mother man Herbert Kennedy drowned his 8yr. Daughter. God told me to do it.

Now this power as to whether we shall live or die. Shall it be placed in the hand of the state, and carefully controlled by some other individual. Suppose this were the arrangement. As people used to shoot a horse that had a broken leg. Why

+ himself - cases where the killer says - 11 - The victim is possessed with devil.  
 + Jim Jones developed a cult in jungle, obsessed with greed, power,  
 + killing He was god - took scores of lives - waste time on human beings.  
 Boy, White Plains, N.Y. - murdered 10 yr. girl so she not become a basket, he said  
 his mission was with the approval of Christ. (He was electrocuted on his prison)  
 Esquimaux have many prove to kill for Bible Reasons -

There are many ways by which a man or woman may commit suicide. And can be  
 guilty of this crime against themselves and against God. One way, a person can  
 violate all the laws of health. I think many Americans do this.

Temuco, Chile, a priest unable to tolerate a thief who had just stolen a crucifix, shot  
 + killed him - Should the priest be tried? Or be glad man stole crucifix possess power?

Others may do this by needless physical risks. For example, people who put  
 themselves behind the wheel of an automobile and with carelessness and haste, they  
 speed on and snuff out the life of somebody else.

There are many so-called pleasures today that are possible forms of suicide.  
 And I think the Bible would say, thou shalt not do this and do the other. Thou  
 shalt not use alcohol in any form. One out of every social drinkers will become  
 a chronic alcoholic. Think of this. It is like playing Russian roulette. Sometimes  
 it is fatal.

There are many other methods by which this commandment is broken. There was  
 the story of a newspaper of a Doctor in England, who was under suspicion of murder.  
 The detectives of Scotland Yard had charged him with selecting certain widows who did  
 not have heirs and who had much money. He had a method by which was not available  
 to others. And yet he hastened their death.

A woman in the News 1989 had arranged to 5 husbands + buried.  
 dug some bodies + found sound + true death

I read of a man in Oklahoma City who died - his wife put rat poison in his coffee.  
 NY Times Dec 5, 1930 / Rev Walter Dwareschie Pastor Samuel Polish Bap, Ch  
 promised a youth \$100 to murder his own 18 yr daughter - Purpose collect large insurance on her life,

I believe that a woman or a man can murder their partner with their greed.  
 Their greed for gold, their greed for the world. They can push until their health  
 is broken from nagging, complaining, and covetousness.

What is murder but to shorten a person's life span.

Dr. Hershel Ford once told a story about a family with two sons. One night these sons were out unusually late when they finally came in, the father rose, and went down to the door to meet them. He found them both in the state of intoxication. He left them and in a few minutes he came back and he handed each boy a revolver. Each son, he said, now go upstairs and shoot your mother.

By the time the boys were shocked - he wanted to know what he meant, and he said, go up and kill your mother mercifully rather than lengthening out her agony. Over a long period of time. The sons saw the point. And together, they resolved, never to be found in that state again.

You don't have to use a 6 shooter to kill somebody. You don't even have to feed them rat poison.

Because the New Testament told us that life was a gift of God. And that man that injured and robbed on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, was important. And Jesus condemned those man who went by and left him to die.

The Christian is always giving life - out going towards God, towards his neighbor. The first raids that took place over London, in 1916, King George V visited wounded citizens. He said, it is simple murder - and he wrote in his diary.

Already touched on the matter of suicide. Suicide rates in this country and the world, those in Sweden where physical comforts are highly developed.

In Paris the primary death of youth under 20 years of age, in 1960, was this.

There were 6,923 who died that year. First because of romantic disappointment. Second, family discord. Third, professional failure, and work at school. Fourth, sorrow over death.

We are obligated to save life. It is estimated that over 25,000 Americans commit suicide annually and perhaps 2 million alive have tried it at least once. Three times as many women as men attempt it. Three men carry out the attempt three times more frequently.

*Make no mistake Violence is here to stay - - you may change Fairy tales - The wolf no longer eats Ridinghood's grandmother or The Three Blind mice, change to "3 kind mice", all run after the Farmer's wife, who cut them some cheese with a carving knife."*

#### IV. THE OLD TESTAMENT AND HOMICIDE

Let us look at this text in the Old Testament for a moment. On murder, of course, the Bible tells us that the first murderer was the Devil. John 8:44, he was one from the beginning.

✓ First, the first murder, is Gen. 4:8-15. This is when Cain committed murder.

✓ Second, the first law on murder appeared in Gen. 9:5-6. And surely your blood, the blood of your lives, will I require at the hand of every beast when I require it. And at the hand of man, even at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man who shed man's blood. By man shall his blood be shed. For he is in the image of God - made he man.

Homicide means the killing of a man. A man slayer. The killing of one human by another human being.

Now who is a murderer in the Old Testament.

First, of all, the person who kills with some deadly weapon, Numbers 35:16-21. Where malice is presumed. He smote him with an instrument of iron so that he die, he is a murderer. Now if a man should strike somebody with a straw, you could not prove malice. Therefore the weapon was the thing that determined it. Whether he used an iron or a stone, something that was deadly.

Second, a bribe. Deut. 27:25. Cursed is he that taketh a bribe to slay an innocent person. The first thing is not personal animosity but he kills for money. It is murder. It may not have any sort of eminity against the man - he may have never looked upon that individual before, but for the price of money - he will commit murder.

We have a very tragic, tragic trial coming up in our own city that has to deal with this law in the Old Testament here where one is being charged with being bribed and paid to kill someone else.

Third, false testimony. Deut. 19:16-19. This is also murder. He is a man accused. Here is a man who gives false testimony. He loses his life before a jury. Now he did not actually do the killing but he committed the murder, by what he said.

Fourth, by criminal neglect - as murder. Exodus 21:29. It speaks about a man's ox. If a man is gored to death by a vicious bull or ox and there is evidence that the owner has been notified about the character of that animal, and does not take

precaution to keep him in, lets him run at large and he shall kill a man - now the owner of that ox shall be put to death. Why? Criminal neglect.

Here is a vicious dog. He leaps out and chews a little child. And that child dies. Now that is criminal neglect because the person knows that that dog is vicious and he lets him go.

A man building a structure. Deut. 22:8. He builds a roof and he doesn't put any protection around it and children play on the edge of it. And one is killed. Now who is responsible. The builder. Because he did not put a rail to keep the children from falling off.

Next, fighting in the street Exodus 21, 22, 23. Now if a bunch is fighting in the street and here is an innocent by-stander. He is killed. Now the person who does that is guilty of murder. *life for life*

Let us think about the provision for accidental murder. Accidental killing - what was to be done in this case.

First, Deut. 21:1 - what about a person found slain in the land and no one knew about it. No one saw it. There is no witness to it. They measured to the nearest town and the elders and the judges came, and there made a sacrifice and an offering. And they put the responsibility upon the closest town. They were held responsible.

Ex. 21:23, there were also laws of retaliation. If somebody knocked out your eye or your tooth, a man poured boiling water upon somebody. A man should kill another man's beast - a life would go for a life.

Deut. 19:4-6, murder by accident. No hatred, no intention, and murder is a pure accident. Then what should take place.

I remember conducting a funeral once for a young man in his early 20's who was killed by a car driven by a Negro preacher. It was purely an accident in rainy weather and seemingly no way to be avoided. The man attended the funeral and gave the benediction at the grave. That man was not guilty of intentional murder. There was no hatred - nothing that would condemn him in that way.

Numbers 35:22, here is a man building a house. And something falls from the building on someone who may be walking around. There are signs, to tell of danger. And someone is killed. Now where there was enmity, there was always murder. Where there was a deadly weapon, it implies malice. Where there was a bribe to kill - there was murder. Where there was false testimony was given, it was murder.

By now here is a thief in the act of burglary and he is killed. Now that is not considered murder. Ex. 22:2. But if you wait to kill him the next day, then that would be murder.

#### V. THE NEW TESTAMENT IMPLICATIONS OF THIS COMMANDMENT

We look now upon one whom Christ died, being in the image of God. How wonderful it is to think about Ez. 33. God warned concerning the destiny that awaited the evil soul. And failure to have done so would have meant that the blood of souls would be upon his hands.

When God's children are negligent, cold hearted and indifferent to the compassion and appeal of the lost world, this becomes spiritual murder.

This commandment means that we are to live and we are to help others to live. We are not to by-pass anyone.

This commandment prohibits any kind of suicide that might take away life.

It also prohibits spiritual suicide that would bring about the separation of a soul from God. Or deliberately rejecting Jesus Christ, which is spiritual suicide. God doesn't send people to Hell - he is not in that business. He is in the business of saving people from Hell. And the Heavenly Father will save men. Now if a man murders his soul, then he will experience the second death that is taught in the Bible.

Acts 16:28, Paul cried with a loud voice saying, "do thyself no harm."

*John - sword*

We live in a day when violence is rapidly changing this commandment and making a sham out of God's law. Going back to 2 Kings 15:8-31, you find that five kings - only one of them died upon his bed. Most of them were murdered.

In V. 10 - there was public assassination of a ruler. It was readily accomplished that it was unpopular. It revealed the demoralization of the times. And it increased rather than diminished the public calamities.

And exposed the assine to a similar fate.

In our own nation, the President of the United States has been assassinating.

Crime should never have an endorsement by Christian people. The life to the President was sacred and held a possibility of years ahead for service of our country. He mingled with the masses of our nation.

How can a man lead except he discover the heart-beat of all citizens. As the President moved along in his car he was met by an assassin's bullet. Oswald committed that horrible deed.

It was like putting a period at the end of the sentence. Everything seemed so final. There was shock. There was an abrupt ending.

Of course, the city of Dallas - men went from door to door investigating every person in the city. Until the group responsible had been brought to justice.

The prestige of the nation, the principle of the nation, the honor of the nation rides upon the crest of the wave of such assassinations. It seems to me this is a time for national repentance and prayer. When you think about this taking

place in our country. Rev. John McComb, Presby N.Y. - Pacifism, has not a leg to

stand on in the light of Scripture. Self Defense - Capital Punishment - David Lloyd George says - "The last war was made by monarchs, statesmen, who were all Christians." Pagan, atheist - slugfiddle -

You have to go back to 1860 when Abe Lincoln was assassinated. 1880 and James

A. Garfield. In 1900 William McKinley.

Moses kills a man Ex 2:12. P. Made sure no one saw him 2 - He summarily killed the man 3. To cover the evidence he buried him sand - God had better way deliverance -

In the Old Testament there were six cities of refuge. Three on either side of the River Jordan. For accidental killings they had to go to these - borderline cases, a killer could and there wait until the high priest died. It did not mean that he would escape justice, but it meant that if there was a killing unintentional