

## DON'T KILL- JUST HUMAN LIFE?? Ex 20:13, 8/15/21

- Key 3- Object- focus is on killing a fellow human being
  - Animal Rights & Vegetarianism??- God \_\_\_\_\_ for the killing of animals & plants
  
  - Human life is more v\_\_\_\_\_ because we are in God's i\_\_\_\_\_
  
  - Balance- does God not care for plants and animal?
    - Creation Mandate & man's food- Gen 1:28-31
    - Flood Mandate- meat with no blood Gen 9:3-4
    - God's laws for Israel's land & animals- Sabbath day & year, no muzzling, protect fruit trees in war (Dt 20:19-20), mother bird, the righteous care
    - Jesus' words- God cares for birds & flowers- Mt 6
    - Paul- all creation to be enjoyed, yet groans- I Tim 4, Rom 8
    - Jesus will judge those who destroy the earth (Rev 11:8)
    - The Garden will be restored- Isa 11:6-9
    - So don't judge each other- meat or vegetables- Rom 14:1-4
    - Conclusion- The 10 Commandments focus on people. But other Scriptures affirm God's care for animals and plants along with man's proper use of them.

❖ WHAT'S GOD SAYING TO YOU? - write it down, pray it back, share it with others! PRAYER- Heavenly Father, You love us and all of creation. Help me to honor and protect all life, especially the lives of fellow human beings and my own. Life is a gift from You. I want to value it and promote it. Keep me from hating, hurting or injuring myself or others. Help me too to love others who disagree with me on these subjects. I especially feel You telling me...

GETTING OUR FEET WET- lessons from a high schooler

### GOD'S VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE

Gen 4 <sup>10</sup> The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground.

Gen 9 <sup>5</sup> And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each human being, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of another human being. <sup>6</sup> "Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind.

Gen 42 <sup>22</sup> Reuben replied, "Didn't I tell you not to sin against the boy? But you wouldn't listen! Now we must give an accounting for his blood."

Ex 22 <sup>2</sup> "If a thief is caught breaking in at night and is struck a fatal blow, the defender is not guilty of bloodshed; <sup>3</sup> but if it happens after sunrise, the defender is guilty of bloodshed.

Dt 22 <sup>8</sup> When you build a new house, make a parapet around your roof so that you may not bring the guilt of bloodshed on your house if someone falls from the roof.

Ps 5 <sup>6</sup> The bloodthirsty and deceitful you, LORD, detest. 9 <sup>12</sup> For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not ignore the cries of the afflicted. 72 <sup>14</sup> He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight.

Jer 22 <sup>3</sup> This is what the LORD says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place.

Ps 51 <sup>14</sup> Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

Mt 26 <sup>28</sup> This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

❖ WHAT DID GOD SAY- DON'T KILL OR MURDER?

➤ WHAT DOES IT MATTER?

	Do Not Kill	Do Not Murder
Versions	KJV, CEB	NIV, NASB, ESV, CSB
Message	Value _____ life	Value _____ life
World Views	P_____, vegetarian, environment, animal rights	Self-defense, capital punishment, just war
Weakness	Can d_____ Bible & human life	Can d_____ Bible, environment, animals

➤ HOW DO WE USE THESE WORDS TODAY?

- Kill
- Murder

➤ HOW DO WE DETERMINE THE MEANING? – 3 KEYS

#1- C\_\_\_\_\_

#2- M\_\_\_\_\_

#3- O\_\_\_\_\_

- The legal context- manslaughter vs 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree murder

❖ WHAT DID GOD SAY ORIGINALLY- THE HEBREW?

A. KILL- 172x- “HAW-RAG” (Strong’s 2026)- NOT the 10 Commandment word

1. Definition- to strike with deadly intent
2. Bible's Usage- general – human, animal (2x), plant (1x), moral or immoral, legal or illegal
  - 121x-kill (in the NASB)
  - 46x- slay, slaughter, slain
  - 4x murder
  - 1x each- destroy, smite
3. A synonym with “murder” but not always equal with murder
  - Gen 4<sup>8</sup> Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.
  - Gen 4<sup>23</sup> Lamech said, “I killed a man for wounding me, a young man for injuring me.”
  - Ex 21<sup>12</sup> “Anyone who strikes a person with a fatal blow is to be put to death. <sup>13</sup> However, if it is not done intentionally, but God lets it happen, they are to flee to a place I will designate. <sup>14</sup> But if anyone schemes and kills someone deliberately, that person is to be taken from my altar and put to death.
  - Lev 24<sup>21</sup> Whoever kills an animal must make restitution, but whoever kills a human being is to be put to death.
  - Ps 94<sup>6</sup> They kill the widow and the foreigner; they murder the orphan.
4. Conclusion- use the 3 keys to determine meaning
  - Key 1- Context- can range from moral killing to immoral murder
  - Key 2- Motive- kill becomes murder with intentional, deliberate, scheming
    - Pacifism??- God allows for capital punishment, self-defense & war for the motive of the p\_\_\_\_\_ of human life