

c. 3 penalties-

- Murder- capital punishment- on what 2 conditions?
- Manslaughter-
  - exiled to the city of refuge
  - pay a ransom in the case of a goring (victim's choice)

### III. THE BIG PICTURE

A. So, what did God mean in the 10 Commandments? – context & words =

1. You shall not m\_\_\_\_\_ - maliciously, with intent
2. You shall not m\_\_\_\_\_ - with negligence
3. If you do- the punishment will be- capital punishment, exile or heavy fine
  - Capital punishment- only with proven malice & 2+ eye witnesses

B. Are we responsible for the safety of others?

- Ex 21:28-34- ox goring, open pits
- Lev 19:16- do nothing that endangers your neighbor's life
- Dt 22:8- parapet on roof

C. What if the person is a thief?

- 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. “Anyone who steals must certainly make restitution, but if they have nothing, they must be sold to pay for their theft. <sup>4</sup> If the stolen animal is found alive in their possession—whether ox or donkey or sheep—they must pay back double.

❖ 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. I especially feel You telling me...

❖ WHAT'S GOD SAYING TO YOU? - write it down, pray it back, share it with others!

## DON'T MURDER OR DON'T KILL- WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? Ex 20:13, 8/8/21

➤ GETTING OUR FEET WET- do we really need to hear this command today? – Genesis 4

I. WHEN DID GOD FIRST SAY “DON'T KILL”?

A. Gen 4- two murderers

1. Cain

2. Lamech

B. Gen 6- Noah & the 2 reasons for the flood

1. Evil t\_\_\_\_\_

2. V\_\_\_\_\_

3. Not fair? - Written on our h\_\_\_\_\_ - Rom 2:14-15

C. Gen 9-God's new order- 3 changes

1. F\_\_\_\_\_

2. F\_\_\_\_\_

3. Capital p\_\_\_\_\_

II. DID GOD SAY “DON'T KILL” OR “DON'T MURDER”?

A. What's the difference?

1. In modern day English

- Everyday usage- The mosquito & bridge
- Legally- manslaughter versus murder, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree

2. Conclusion =

- Specificity- general (kill) vs specific (murder)
- Motive- malicious, intentional?
- Object- human or animal?

B. The Debate- what word did God use and mean in the 10 Commandments?

1. Don't kill (KJV, CEB)

- Message = value \_\_\_\_\_ life, all violence is unjustifiable
- Basis for pacificism, vegetarianism, environmentalism, animal rights
- Weakness- can devalue the Bible and \_\_\_\_\_ life and liberty

2. Don't murder (NIV)

- Message- value \_\_\_\_\_ life
- Basis- justification for war, capital punishment, self-defense, eating meat, and down playing environmental/animal concerns
- Weakness- can devalue the Bible and all of life

C. How the Bible uses the words

1. "KILL- 172x- "HAW-RAG" (Strong's 2026)- NOT the 10 Commandment word

- a. Definition- to strike with deadly intent
- b. Usage- general - human or animal, moral or immoral, legal or illegal
- c. A synonym with "murder" but not always equal with murder
  - Gen 4<sup>8</sup> Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.
  - Gen 4<sup>23</sup> Lamech said to his wives, "I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for injuring me. <sup>24</sup> If Cain is avenged seven times, then Lamech seventy-seven times."
  - 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.

d. Conclusion- 3 keys to determine meaning

- 1) Key 1- C \_\_\_\_\_ is crucial vs. just the word "kill" or "murder"
  - 2) Key 2- M \_\_\_\_\_ - kill becomes murder with intentional, deliberate, scheming
    - Pacificism??- God allows for capital punishment, self-defense & war for the motive of the p \_\_\_\_\_ of human life
    - Balance- 2 witnesses & malice, last resort, offer peace first
  - 3) Key 3- Object- Killing of a fellow h \_\_\_\_\_ being
    - Animal Rights & Vegetarianism??- God \_\_\_\_\_ for the killing of animals & plants
    - Human life is more v \_\_\_\_\_ because we are in God's i \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4) Balance- does God not care for plants and animal?
    - Creation Mandate & man's food- Gen 1:28-31
    - Flood Mandate- meat with no b \_\_\_\_\_ 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 e \_\_\_\_\_ (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 focuses on people. But other Scriptures affirm God's care for animals and plants along with man's proper se of them.
2. MURDER- 47x- RAW-TSACH"- (Strong's 7523)- used in the 10 Commandments
- a. Definition- to dash in pieces, kill a human being, especially to murder
  - b. 3 meanings- of the same word
    - Murder- 23x- Num 35:16-21
    - M \_\_\_\_\_ - 20x- Num 35:6,11,12,25-28
    - Capital punishment – 2x -Num 35:27,30
    - 10 Commandments- double meaning?? Murder & m \_\_\_\_\_