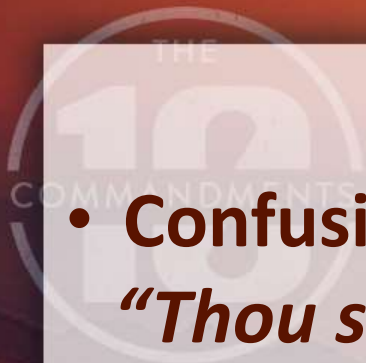




You Shall Not Murder

Exodus 20:13

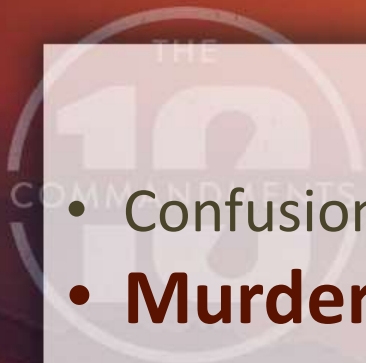
(cf. Deuteronomy 5:17)



Four Reasons

- **Confusion arises because of the KJV,
*“Thou shalt not kill.”***

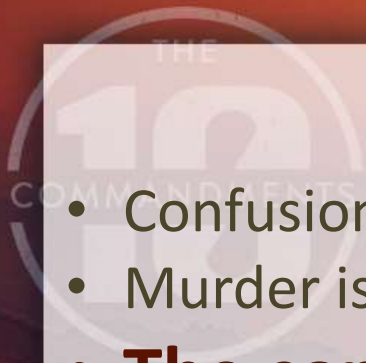
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Four Reasons

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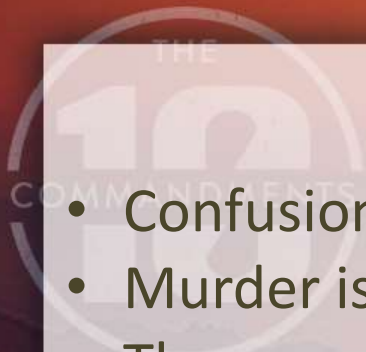
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Four Reasons

- Confusion arises because of the KJV
- Murder is prevalent today.
- **The command involves more than just NOT doing something (murder), it has everything to do with respecting human life.**

"You Shall Not Murder"



Four Reasons

- Confusion arises because of the KJV.
- Murder is prevalent today.
- The command has to do with respecting human life.
- **Murder is not just an act, but an attitude.**

“You Shall Not Murder”



The Meaning of the Command

"You shall not murder" (Ex 20:13)



The Taking of Life

- **Kill** (הרג, *harag*)
 - The taking of any life in a very broad sense, whether it be animal or human, deliberately or by accident, legally or immorally.
- **Murder** (רצח, *ratsach*)
 - The illegal, immoral, and normally premeditated taking of a human life.

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The Misuse of the Command

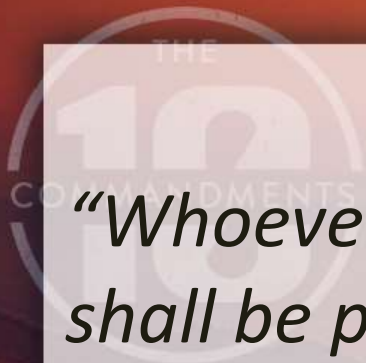
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The Law of Moses

- **Premeditated murder** is in view
(Numbers 35:20-21)
- **Accidental homicide** is not in view
(Numbers 35:22-23)
- **Justifiable homicide** is not in view
(Exodus 22:2)
- **Killing in war** is not in view (Exodus 17:8-16)
- **Capital punishment** is not in view
(Exodus 21:12)

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Exodus 21:12

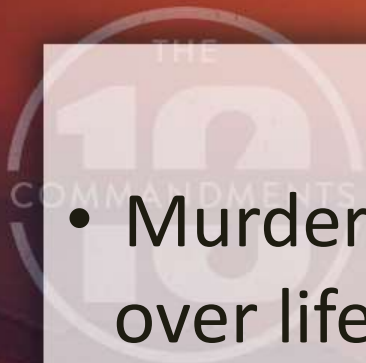
“Whoever strikes a man so that he dies shall be put to death.” (ESV)

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The Magnitude of the Command

"You shall not murder" (Ex 20:13)



Serious Business

- Murder attacks God's sovereign right over life itself.
- Murder attacks the sacredness of human life that God has bestowed on each of us.

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Two Principles

- **Regarding the value of human life**
 - God himself is sovereign over life and gives commands about the sacredness of life. God made man in his own image and people of character (godliness) must respect human life because it is given by God.

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Two Principles

- Regarding the value of human life
- **Regarding the underlying principle**
 - Even though we have not committed murder, we struggle with the underlying aspect of murder in our heart. You do not have to physically end a life to harbor in your heart the attitude that fosters the “killing” that is going on in our world.

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Matthew 5:21-22

“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.”

(ESV)

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Progression

- **Murder is preceded by hate**
 - *“Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer” (1 Jn 3:15)*
- **Hate is preceded by anger**
 - *“Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil” (Eph 4:26-27)*
- **Our anger must be dealt with in a timely, godly way.**

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Application

- We must respect human life.

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- We must respect human life.
- **We must nurture forgiveness and not resentment.**

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Application

- We must respect human life.
- We must nurture forgiveness and not resentment.
- **We must follow God's rules for living.**
 - “Modern man has put God to death, and now he can't stop the killing.” —Rick Atchley

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You Shall Not Murder

Only when God counts for everything
does man count for anything.