

Introduction: "Thou shall not kill."

1. What is the meaning of the 6th Command?

- Two words - _____
- All killing is _____ murder

2. What is the purpose of the 6th Command?

*"Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed;
for in the image of God has God made man."*

Genesis 9:6

3. **What are some obvious applications of the 6th Command?**

"The length of his [man's] life is decided beforehand – the number of months he will live. You [God] have settled it, and it can't be changed."

Job 14:5

- Ethical implications

4. **What are some not-so-obvious applications of the 6th Command?**

Jesus said,

"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.'

But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."

Matthew 5:21-24

Conclusion: The 6th Command is about _____ life.

Because human life is the most precious of all commodities on this planet, God provides boundaries to protect it above all else.

The Prohibitions:

1. No murder by _____ .

2. No murder in _____ .

3. No murder by _____ .

The Promise:

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you explain the difference between killing and murder?
2. Which does the 6th Command prohibit?
3. In what ways does the 6th Command impact the ethical issues of our day?
4. According to Jesus, how is murder really an issue of the heart?
5. What constitutes murder in His eyes?
6. Where do you need to ask God for forgiveness as it relates to the 6th Command?