

SIXTH COMMANDMENT

7/2/25

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Title – “Sixth Commandment”
 - Comment – I previously gave a series about 10 Commandments – (2003, 2011 & 2022)
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- Foundational scripture

Exod. 20:2 “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage”

- Sixth Commandment

Exod. 20:13 “You shall not murder”

Someone could ask me: “Why do you use the phrase ‘You shall not murder’ – when the King James Translation uses the phrase ‘You shall not kill.’”

- First little rule – Take a peek at the Language
The Hebrew word is “rasah” (Strong’s # 7523).
Verb – “To murder, kill”
In the King James
 slayer – 17 times kill – 4 times Other – 8 times
 murderer – 13 times murder – 3 times
 - Second little rule – Compare translations
Translations that use the phrase “you shall not kill”
King James Translation
Revised Standard Version
Translations that use the phrase “you shall not murder”
New King James Version God’s Word Translation
New American Standard Bible Contemporary English Version
The James Moffatt Translation Holy Scriptures – Masoretic Text
New International Version
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1. Genesis 9:5-6 – Capital Punishment

Gen. 9:5 “from the hand of every man’s brother, I will require the life of man”
6 “whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed”

2. Exodus 21:12-14 – Premeditation verses Unintentional

Exod. 21:12 strike a man to die – shall surely be put to death
13 unintentional killing – place of refuge
14 premeditation – you shall take him from My altar, that he may die

3. Numbers 35:6-30 – Cities of Refuge

Num. 35:6 6 cities of refuge – where a manslayer may flee
11 where the manslayer who kills any person accidentally – may flee there
12 place where manslayer may not die – until he stands before congregation
16-21 murderer shall be put to death
22-25 accident – congregation shall judge
26-28 if a person leaves the city of refuge – no protection
30 a murderer shall be put to death – testimony of witnesses – not one witness

4. Isaiah 1:11-15 – Hands full of blood

Isaiah 1:11-12 God wasn't impressed with their sacrifices
13-14 God wasn't impressed with their assemblies
15 God wasn't impressed with their prayers – hands full of blood

5. Matthew 5:21-26 – Dealing with anger

Matt. 5:21 past – you shall not murder – whoever murders in danger of the judgment
22 3 warnings
angry with his brother without a cause – danger of judgment
saying “Raca” – danger of council
saying “you fool” – danger of hell fire
23-24 reconcile
25-26 agree quickly with your adversaries

6. Romans 12:17-21 – Vengeance is God's

Rom. 12:17-18 repay no one evil for evil – if possible – live peacefully with all
19 no revenge – give place to wrath
20-21 overcome evil with good

7. 2 Timothy 4:14-15 – Beware of those seeking to hurt you

2 Tim. 4:14 Paul recognized Alexander seeking to do him harm – may the Lord reward
him according to his works
15 you must also beware of him – for he has greatly resisted our words
16 no one stood with Paul – they all forsook him – he forgave them
17-18 the Lord stood with me and strengthened me – the Lord will deliver