

Exodus #57

The Moral Law

Lesson #9

“The Sixth Commandment – No
Murder”

Exodus 20:13

Genesis 6:11-13

“¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence.

¹² And God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth. ¹³ Then God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth.”

Genesis 9:5-6

“⁵ And surely I will require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And from {every} man, from every man’s brother I will require the life of man. ⁶ Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man.”

Genesis 1:26-27

“²⁶ Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ ²⁷ And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

Genesis 2:7

“God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.”

Genesis 9:6

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Calvin notes:

“Our neighbor bears the image of God. To use him, abuse, or misuse him is to do violence to the person of God who images himself in every human soul.”

Romans 13:1-4

“¹ Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. ² Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. ³ For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same; ⁴ for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil.”

The Heidelberg Catechism explains,

“I am not to dishonor, hate, injure, or kill my neighbor by thoughts, words, or gestures, and much less by deeds.”

(Answer 105)

Ephesians 4:26-32

“²⁶ Be angry, and {yet} do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not give the devil an opportunity. ²⁸ Let him who steals steal no longer; but rather let him labor, performing with his own hands what is good, in order that he may have {something} to share with him who has need. ²⁹ Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such {a word} as is good for edification according to the need {of the moment,} that it may give grace to those who hear.

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.”

**A verbal assault on
another person is an
assault on God.**

**To take someone's life
unjustifiably is murder.
God again sees this as an
assault on Himself.**

**When your passions
are inflamed over a
point of disagreement,
be very careful.**

**We live in a culture in
which the media
glories in death.**

**Any government which
does not punish murder by
death is accountable to God
for the reasons listed above.**

**Our government has
sanctioned the murder of
more human beings than
all wars of the 20th
Century combined.**