

Sermon Notes

Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen

“The Sixth Commandment – No Murder”

Exodus 20:13

- I. Introduction.
 - A. The Sixth Commandment.
 - 1. Exodus 20:13
 - 2. U.S. News & World Report.
 - B. Background
 - 1. Hebrew word RATZACH means _____, _____,
or _____.
 - a. There are eight different terms for killing. This term is particular to unlawful taking of someone’s life.
 - 2. First account of murder:
 - a. Genesis 4: Cain and Abel
 - b. A sin that grew with time.
 - 1. Genesis 6:11-13
 - C. God instituted the death penalty for murder in the first degree.
 - 1. Genesis 9:5-6
 - a. Prior to Genesis 9 there was a moratorium for those who had murdered in the first degree.
- II. The death penalty and the Sixth Commandment.
 - A. Man is created in God’s image.
 - 1. Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7
 - a. Comment by Henry Morris:
 - 2. God breathed:
 - a. Hebrew: RUACH
 - b. Our spirit or breath comes directly from God.
 - B. The death penalty was enacted because
 - 1. An assault on another human being, namely murder in the first degree is considered an A_____ on G____, H_____.
 - a. Genesis 9:6
 - b. Richard Pratt
- III. Government is given by God with the power of life and death.
 - A. Romans 13:1-4
 - 1. Individuals do not have a right to become an avenger, or worse,

but the State has the power of the sword.

- B. Government is, first and foremost, a protection of the innocent and administrator of justice upon the guilty.
 - 1. This is not the case in U.S. Law which allows for the murder of the unborn.
- IV. What did Jesus say?
 - A. Well, I never murdered anyone, so I don’t have to be concerned with the Sixth Commandment.
 - 1. Sermon on the Mount
 - a. Matthew 5:21-22
 - b. The Heidelberg Catechism
 - B. Key words:
 - 1. RACA - _____
 - 2. MOROS - _____
 - 3. Thomas Watson, 1692.
 - 4. I John 3:15
 - 5. Galatians 5:20,21
 - C. Righteous anger is a possibility, but all too often our anger is over personal hurt.
 - 1. Ephesians 4:26-32
 - D. Biblical thoughts on the tongue. Are you guilty of murder?
 - 1. Ps. 141:3; Prov. 10:19; 15:1-2; 16:28; 17:28; James 1:26; 3:4-5
 - E. Ernest C. Reisinger
- V. Points for Reflection
 - A. A verbal assault on another person is an assault on God.
 - 1. Never forget men and women are created in His image.
 - B. To take someone’s life unjustifiably is murder. God sees this as an assault on Himself.
 - C. When your passions are inflamed over a point of disagreement, be very careful.
 - D. We live in a culture in which the media glories in death.
 - E. Any government which does not punish murder by death is accountable to God for the reasons listed above.
 - 1. Governments are instituted for the preservation of the innocent and punishment of evil.
 - F. Our government has sanctioned the murder of more human beings than all wars of the 20th century combined.
 - 1. It is easy to forget the aborted children in the “Me” generation.