

# Do Not Murder

Exodus 20:13

**1. What this command means:**

God forbids the unjust taking of a human life.

This includes homicide, suicide, and abortion.

**2. What this command does not teach:**

This command:

- A. Is not against killing animals
- B. Does not negate the reality of war (Exodus 17:15+)
- C. Does not negate protecting yourself (Exodus 22:2)
- D. Takes accidents into consideration (Numbers 35:9-25)
- E. Is not against capital punishment

Three facts about capital punishment:

- It was instituted before the Law (Genesis 9:6-7)
- It was confirmed as part of the Law (Exodus 21:12)
- It is affirmed in the New Testament (Romans 12:17-13:7)

**3. What this command does teach:**

Life is precious and:

- A. Murder is not an option (Exodus 20:13)
- B. Anger needs to be dealt with (Matthew 5:21-22)
- C. Encouragement needs to be shared (Proverbs 18:21)
- D. Love needs to be shown (1 John 3:11-15)