

# The Commandments Of Our Creator God

## [Part 5]

**The Sixth Commandment** – is very simple and direct.

*“You shall not murder.”*

This is an age of hate and violence, intense competition, strife and personal tensions.

The nations of the earth and the individuals within them are conditioning their minds to the likelihood of wholesale murder and possibly world suicide.

**Matthew 24:3, 12, 21-22** [NIV] *“As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. ‘Tell us,’ they said, ‘when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?’” ... “Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold,” ... “For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now, and never to be equalled again. If those days had not been cut short, no-one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened.”*

Jesus Christ foretold of such a time, just before His Second Coming.

The vast majority of human beings have forsaken the laws of the Creator God, and do **not** know Him or even acknowledge His existence. [**Psalms 14:1**]

**Ecclesiastes 12:13-14** [NIV] *“Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole [duty] of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.”*

**It is the lack of this fear of the Creator God and the keeping of His commandments that has led to today’s violent world.**

People do **not** believe in a Creator God who will cause them to face the consequences of their actions in a time of judgement. [**2 Corinthians 5:10**]

In all of the first five commandments we have seen love, wisdom and blessings. And so it is with the sixth commandment Biblical authorities all agree that the correct translation of the original Hebrew that the word should be *“murder”* rather than *“kill.”*

Israel understood **only** the letter of the law **not** the spiritual intent for the Holy Spirit was **not** available to them in general, only specific people the Creator God had chosen to fulfil a certain task for Him.

**Jeremiah 31:31-34** [NIV] *“‘The time is coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,’ declares the LORD. ‘This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after that time,’ declares the LORD. ‘I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbour, or a man his brother, saying, “Know the LORD,” because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,’ declares the LORD. ‘For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.’”*

This New Covenant could **only** come into force after it was ratified by the blood sacrifice of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**John 16:5-8** [NIV] *“Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment.”*

When Jesus Christ returned to the Father’s throne after His crucifixion and resurrection, the Holy Spirit would come to dwell in His disciples. [**John 14:15-18**]

**Joel 2:28-29** [NIV] *“And afterwards, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.”*

This pouring out of the Holy Spirit on **all** people will **only** happen after the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, read the context of this promise, that is describing Christ’s Second Coming.

In the same “*book of the Covenant*” in which we find the ten commandments, there are commands to kill or execute those guilty of major crimes. [**Exodus 21:12-17; Exodus 21:28-29; Exodus 22:19**]

Accidental killing was **not** regarded as murder [**Numbers 35:9-34**], it was intentional killing or murder that was forbidden and capital punishment was commanded.

Under the “*letter of the law*” the commanded wars of Israel are viewed by God **not** as acts of wholesale murder but the carrying out of Divine will through human instruments. [**Deuteronomy 7:1-2**]

This was **not** humanly devised warfare nor personal vengeance of the people, or malice. It was the express will of Almighty God who gives life and who can restore life through a resurrection and who **alone** has the right to say when it shall be taken.

**It is worthy of note that history of the time indicates that these nations occupying Canaan were absolutely wicked in the extreme and were burning alive their own children in human sacrifice to their pagan gods.**

This was the reason that the Creator God ordered their extermination so as **not** to pollute His people Israel with their pagan practices.

In considering the things that God permitted ancient Israel, bear in mind also that they were one of the physical nations on this earth, whereas God’s Kingdom is now a spiritual entity. [**2 Corinthians 3:6**]

Remember the principle set forth by Jesus Christ regarding what Moses “*permitted*” the unconverted, carnal-minded Israelites.

Describing the difference in the operation of God’s law in carnal Israelite and spirit-led Christian, the apostle Paul stated “*for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*” [**2 Corinthians 3:6**]

**Matthew 19:8-9** [NIV] *“Jesus replied, ‘Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery.’”*

Because of their carnal nature God allowed divorce under Old Covenant.

**Mark 10:2-9** [NIV] *“Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?’ ‘What did Moses command you?’ he replied. They said, ‘Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.’ ‘It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,’ Jesus replied. ‘But at the beginning of creation God “made them male and female”. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.’”*

Divorce was **not** the original intention in God's mind only allowed because of the carnal nature of humans without access to Holy Spirit.

God's original purpose was that humans should learn **not** to murder one another.

In the developing of His Holy Spirit-begotten children the character aim is to love, serve and save life, **not** to destroy it.

God has given humans life, humans did **not** give it to themselves.

Neither may humans take life from themselves or from others, for it is God-given and belongs to Him. [1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Acts 20:28]

**Job 1:21-22** [NIV] *“and said: ‘Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I shall depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised.’ In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.”*

This is why any form of murder is one of the greatest sins, for it destroys the highest creation of the Almighty Creator God.

In effect, it is an attempt to thwart the very purpose of the great, sovereign ruler of the universe.

The giver of life is the Creator God and puny, mortal humans have **no** business whatsoever interfering with the Creator God's greatest gift, human life.

**Isaiah 42:21** [King James] *“The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness’ sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable.”*

Jesus Christ came into this world to “magnify” the law and make it honourable.

Jesus Christ placed the spotlight on the law showing to all humanity the real spiritual intent and meaning of the Ten Commandments.

**Matthew 5:21-22** [King James] *“Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.”*

Here we see murder is traced to its source, hate, anger and contempt, all these are the “spirit” of murder.

Action follows our thoughts.

The Holy Spirit of Christ guides us not only to control our actions, but the thoughts and attitudes that may lead to sinful action. [Hebrews 8:10]

In part, the New Covenant is the process of God writing His law in our hearts, the motivating force behind our lives, our minds, where thoughts are generated and our human spirit [Job 32:8] where our character is formed and stored.

**Romans 12:19** [King James] *“Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.”*

Hate and murder are too often motivated by a desire for revenge.

Human beings are incapable of taking vengeance with proper wisdom and justice. The Creator God **alone** has the wisdom, knowledge and power as well as the right to take vengeance on human beings, to the extent of executing them if need be.

**Psalms 139:1-6** [NIV] *“O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD. You hem me in, behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.”*

As King David knew, no human being has this extent of knowledge about another human being.

**Romans 12:20-21** [NIV] *“On the contrary: ‘If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.’ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”*

This is how we should respond to those who are trying to harm us, “heap burning coals on his head” is referring to how a furnace of burning coals can soften and make pliable even the hardest of metals or attitudes.

**1 John 3:15** [NIV] *“Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.”*

What is this lack of eternal life?

**Ephesians 1:11-14** [NIV] *“In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession, to the praise of his glory.”*

The active Holy Spirit in our lives is the guarantee of eternal life, our inheritance, that we will receive at Jesus Christ’s return.

**Ephesians 4:30-32** [NIV] *“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”*

If there is bitterness, rage or anger, all the spirit of murder in our minds, the grieved Holy Spirit will leave us, taking with Him our chance of eternal life.

**1 John 2:15-16** [NIV] *“Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world, the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does, comes not from the Father but from the world.”*

There is no more dramatic example of this drinking in and cultivation of lust and violence than the literal deluge of fornication, adulteries, beatings and murders that come into our homes via the TV and computer games.

**Matthew 5:28** [NIV] *“But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”*

Any man can commit adultery with a lust for a woman on the TV screen!

The same is true of hate and murder on the TV.

Another form of murder is young women committing this crime against God, when they wilfully take the lives of unborn babies still carried in their wombs.

**Psalms 139:16** [Amplified Bible] *“Your eyes saw my unformed substance, and in your book all the days of my life were written, before they ever took shape, when as yet there was none of them.”*

Any wilful abortion after conception is murder in God’s eyes.

So-called “*mercy killing*” is simply the revival of an ancient pagan practice! It advocates the medical “*murder*” of a patient suffering from an incurable disease or in great pain.

Jesus Christ clearly showed the power of the Creator God to heal any disease or sickness, no matter what the medical science of the moment might be able to do.

**Ecclesiastes 8:8** [Amplified Bible] *“There is no man who has power over the spirit to retain the breath of life, neither has he power over the day of death...”*

**Romans 1:29-32** [NIV] *“They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Although they know God’s righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practise them.”*

Among this list of attitudes of murder because they are the cause of human suicide is gossips and slanderers.

**Perhaps the greatest international crime of humanity is war.**

Millions of human lives, created in the image of God, have been mercilessly slaughtered down through the ages in useless, senseless, idiotic wars which have in most cases failed utterly to accomplish their stated purpose!

**James 4:1-3** [King James] *“From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.”*

Wars are the result of a godless world that is totally blinded for the very reason that humans have been given life.

**Matthew 26:52** [NIV] *“‘Put your sword back in its place,’ Jesus said to him, ‘for all who draw the sword will die by the sword.’”*

War has **never** solved the problems of human beings nor brought permanent peace.

Instead, it only breeds more war.

**Micah 4:1-3** [NIV] *“In the last days the mountain of the LORD’s temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and peoples will stream to it. Many nations will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.’ The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more.”*

When God’s government [kingdom] does come in full, at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, His law will go forth as the standard of conduct for all nations.

At that time, God alone will wage war to punish rebellious nations, in perfect wisdom and judgement.