



Exodus 20v13

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- 1) WHY... no murder?**
- 2) WHAT... does that mean for us and our society?**
- 3) WHO... does this apply to today?**

**1) WHY... no murder?**

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- **Human Dignity**

**Gen 1v26:** Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

# 1) WHY... no murder?

- **Human Dignity**

**Gen 1v27:** So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

# 1) WHY... no murder?

- **Human Dignity**
- **God's Authority**

**Ex 20v1-3:** And God spoke all these words:  
<sup>2</sup> **I am** the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. <sup>3</sup> **You shall** have no other gods before me.

# 1) WHY... no murder?

- **Human Dignity**
- **God's Authority**

**Job 1v21:** “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised.”



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**Exodus 21v12:** “Anyone who strikes a person with a fatal blow is to be put to death.”



## 2) **WHAT...** does the command mean?

- **Abortion**
- **Euthanasia**
- **Suicide**

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**Psalm 139v13-14:**

For you created my  
inmost being; you knit  
me together in my mother's  
womb.<sup>14</sup> I praise you because  
I am fearfully and wonderfully  
made...



## 2) WHAT... does the command mean?

- **No Abortion...**

*“The foetus is not just potentially human but a human with potential.”*



## 2) WHAT... does the command mean?

- **No Abortion...**
- **No Euthanasia...**

*“The act of deliberately ending a person’s life to relieve their suffering.”*

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- **No Abortion...**
- **No Euthanasia...**
- **No Suicide...**

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### 3) WHO... does this apply to?

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- We need to fight sin in our own hearts

**Mt 5v21-22:** “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup> **But I tell you that anyone who is angry** with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.



**Gen 4v4-7:** The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? <sup>7</sup> If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?”

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**Gen 4v8:** Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

### 3) WHO... does this apply to?

**Everyone!**

- We need to fight sin in our own hearts
- We need to 'contend for the faith' in our world

**Mt 5v14-15: “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.**



