



A LIFE PRESERVING ETHIC

MATTHEW 5:21-22

The sixth commandment of the Ten Commandments is one of the most well known prohibitions in all of Scripture. It says, "Thou shalt not kill" or "You shall not murder," depending on which English translation you use. I imagine that most Christians would contend that murder is not a sin they regularly struggle with, but is the sixth commandment only prohibiting premeditated murder or is its scope much broader than that? In this study we will explore what the sixth commandment is prohibiting and how it should define our biblical ethic of life and death.

WHAT DOES THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT PROHIBIT?

In order to understand what the 6th commandment is prohibiting, we must acknowledge that Mosaic Law distinguished between three different types of homicide.

1. _____ Murder (Numbers 35:16-21)
2. _____ Homicide (Numbers 35:22-28)
3. _____ Homicide (Exodus 22:2)

Since _____ is the only type of homicide condemned in Mosaic Law, it appears that the 6th commandment is prohibiting the intentional taking of _____ life, commonly referred to as murder, rather than all forms of taking human life.

WHY DID GOD PROHIBIT MURDER?

1. God prohibited murder because humans are made in His _____ (Genesis 2:7; 9:5-6; Ecclesiastes 12:7).
2. God prohibited murder because death should be His prerogative since He _____ it (James 2:27), He _____ it (1 Corinthians 15:54-57), and He decides what _____ it (Hebrews 9:27)

HOW SHOULD GOD'S PROHIBITION OF MURDER IMPACT OUR ETHICS?

1. It should cause us to value life at its _____.

What is abortion and what does the Bible have to say about it?

- Abortion refers to the deliberate _____ of a human _____.
- The Bible condemns abortion by treating the _____ as a _____ (Job 3:3; Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139:13-16); therefore, killing a _____ is taking an innocent human life.
- The Bible condemns abortion by depicting _____ as a _____ from God (Psalm 113:5-9; 127:3).

2. It should cause us to value life at its _____.

What is euthanasia and what does the Bible have to say about it?

- Euthanasia means "_____ " and can be categorized as _____ (e.g. physician assisted suicide) or _____ (e.g. termination of life support).
- The Bible indicates that death occurs when the _____ leaves the _____ (James 2:27); therefore, intentionally ending life prior to that event is taking an innocent human life.
- The Bible indicates that God has the best _____ even when it comes _____ (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 11).



MY WORSHIP NOTES

Listen and write down notes from today's singing and sermon!

Name: _____ Date: _____

Circle One: **Sunday** **Wednesday** Circle One: **Morning** **Evening**

**LIST THE SONGS
THAT WE SANG:**



What Scripture was Read? _____

What was the Sermon Title? _____



Make a mark for each time you hear these words in the sermon:

GOD	JESUS	BIBLE	ETHIC
LIFE	DEATH	BEGINNING	END

**WRITE DOWN THE BIBLE
VERSES THAT WERE
USED IN THE SERMON:**

DRAW A PICTURE BASED ON TODAY'S LESSON