

Life Is Precious!

Pictures: 10 commandments

Exodus 20:13 - You shall not murder.

I. God wants us to REVERE LIFE!

Because...

*Life is sacred

Genesis 1:27 - So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

*Life is precious

James 4:14 - Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

*Life is full of potential

Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

II. God wants us to RESPECT LIFE!

Psalms 8:4-5 - what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings (KJV-angels Lit.) and crowned him with glory and honor.

Literal Translation And You have made him lack a little from God.(el-o-heem')

Mt. 10:29-31 - Are not two sparrows sold for a penny ? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

III. What is the value of a life?

1. God is the giver and sustainer of all life.

Jeremiah 1:5 - "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart..."

(MsgB) - "Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you . . ."

Genesis 2:7 - the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Genesis 1:26-27

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

IV. What is the meaning of sixth commandment?

1. The sixth commandment does not forbid the killing of animals.

2. The sixth commandment does not forbid capital punishment.

Romans 13:1-4

1 Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

2 Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

3 For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you.

4 For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

3. The sixth commandment does not forbid the protection of your family and home.

Exodus 22:2-3 - "If a thief is caught breaking in and is struck so that he dies, the defender is not guilty of bloodshed; [3] but if it happens after sunrise, he is guilty of bloodshed.

4. The sixth commandment does not forbid killing caused through justified war.

Deuteronomy 20:1 - When you go to war against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them, because the Lord your God, who brought you up out of Egypt, will be with you.

V. What does the sixth commandment mean?

- 1. Intentional murder—premeditated homicide.*
- 2. Euthanasia is an intentional murder*
- 3. Suicide—sneaking out the back door of life—is self murder.*
- 4. Abortion is intentional murder!*
- 5. Then there's Indirect murder*

Pr. 19:18 - Discipline your son, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to his death.

VI. How did Jesus apply the 6th commandment to our lives today?

1. Would God find murder with in our hearts?

Matthew 5:21-24

21 "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.'

22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, [24] leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.

1 John 3:11-15

11 This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.

12 Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous.

13 Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you.

14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death.

15 Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.