

# Ambassador

## Lesson 11



# One Commandment I Can Keep... Or Can I?

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Let's begin this Bible Study by examining Romans 1:20:

***“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.”***

What this verse is saying is that if anyone were to look at the world and simply examine it, they would be able to recognize there had to be a Creator of this world. From the way plants spring up, animals survive, and the fact that there is mankind in general, there had to be a Designer for there to be a design.

So where am I going with this? In almost every culture in the world human life is valued. Most cultures know it is wrong to murder. Let's look at our commandment for this Bible Study...Exodus 20:13:

***“You shall not murder.”***

Take a minute and just look at the Ten Commandments as a whole. We have God telling us to only worship Him, respect your parents, treat everyone with respect, and by the way, don't kill each other.



At first glance, the sixth commandment appears to be a no-brainer. Don't murder anybody. But the reality of it is that we live in a world where human-life is not valued. We have teens

murdering other teens, parents murdering children, children murdering parents, spouses murdering spouses, terrorists murdering masses and unborn babies killed through abortion.

Let's look at Leviticus 19:18:

***“You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord.”***

Jesus also addresses this issue in Matthew chapter 5. Jesus is speaking to a multitude of people about the “Beatitudes,” and within this He touches on the murder issue. This is important because what Jesus did in this chapter was to force the people, and us, to not just look at the outside but understand that our hearts define our status.

If you're like me, you're probably thinking, “Well I'm off the hook on this commandment because I have never murdered anybody.” But now look at what Jesus says in Matthew 5:21-22:

***“...Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court. But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court and whoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever shall say, You fool shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.”***

***I John 3:15- Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.***

In this passage, like Jesus does with the other commandments, He ties them in with what is inside a person. Therefore, if you hate someone, you are guilty of murder. If you bring someone down with your words, you are guilty of murder. It is very important that we don't get full of ourselves and we must examine our lives every day. When we call someone stupid or worthless, it needs to be understood that this is sin.



Jesus defines murder as not just the physical act of killing but also the hatred and anger one might have in their hearts.

So, as we examine these commandments, don't forget to look inside yourself. Jesus summed up this commandment by stating in Mark 12:31:

***“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”***

**According to the Bible . . .  
if you hate someone you  
are guilty of murder!**

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1. In what ways can God be seen through “creation of the world?”
2. List some things that every culture might have in common?
3. Is this sixth commandment a “no-brainer?” Why or Why not?
4. How did Jesus define murder?
5. In your own words, sum up the Ten Commandments so far.