

Bible/College Class Notes - Lesson 174 10 Commandments

Murder is a family of sins – hatred, bullying, etc.

This week we consider the 6th of God's 10 Commandments

“Thou shalt not kill.”

Exodus 20v13.

Bible Readings for this week

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Genesis 4v1-16 (Hate turns into the first murder)	
Monday	1 John 3v11-24 (Cain hated his brother, we must love)	
Tuesday	Genesis 37v1-20 (Murder schemed in the heart)	
Wednesday	Genesis 37v21-36 (Jacob deceived by his sons)	
Thursday	Matthew 12v1-14 (The Pharisees plot to kill Jesus)	
Friday	John 8v44-59 (The Pharisees charged with murder)	
Saturday	Matthew 5v17-24 (Hatred is the same as murder)	

Important thought for all of us: God's character is the absolute opposite of this commandment. **He is Love.** See 1 John 4v7-9. He is the giver of life - our eternal living souls, and of eternal salvation. He wants us to value His gift of love and life so that we seek eternal life through His forgiveness, giving Him our love, and offering sincere obedience in our worship of Him.

John 3v16 tells us of God's supreme act of love in sending His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to save all repentant sinners from the guilt of their sin, through His death upon the cross.

God's love is unchanging. It is from eternity past - in that He chose to reconcile sinners to Himself by breaking down the middle wall of partition between us, as sinners, and our Holy God, bringing peace between us. See 2 Corinthians 5v18,19, and Hebrews 2v17.

Hymn 194 - This week's hymn verses extoll the love of Jesus Christ the Saviour to us.

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| 1. One there is, above all others, | 2. Which of all our friends, to save us, |
| Well deserves the name of Friend: | Could, or would, have shed his blood? |
| His is love beyond a brother's: | But the Saviour died to have us |
| Costly, free, and knows no end; | Reconciled in Him to God:* |
| They who once His kindness prove, | This was boundless love indeed! |
| Find it everlasting love. | Jesus is a Friend in need. |
| | *(made to be at peace with God) |

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet.

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

The 10 Commandments – *God's Moral Law, His Rules for all time.*

God's 6th Commandment – Murder is a Family of Sins.

Murder includes: -

1. Murder of the Body.

- Physically killing someone, including abortion of an unborn child.
Note: 10 million abortions in UK over the last 50 years; 225,000 in 2020.
- Killing oneself – suicide, or assisted suicide (euthanasia – accepting help to take your life before God's time).
Note: On average, 6,000 suicides a year in UK, over recent years.

It is God's prerogative to end our earthly lives in His Sovereign Plan for us.

2. Murder in the Heart.

- Evil thoughts of hatred, envy, jealousy, revenge. Note the attitude of Cain to his brother Abel, (**Genesis 4v8**), Joseph's brothers to Joseph, (**Genesis 37v18-20**), the Pharisees to the Lord Jesus, (**Matthew 12v14**).

3. Murder of Happiness – Our Own and of Others.

- Gossip, spreading lies, bullying, taking revenge.
- Unkindness, scorn, hurtful teasing, spitefulness, nastiness, violence.
- Our sin brings unhappiness to, and shame upon us and our parents.

4. Murder of a Soul.

- Treating God's Word of Truth of Eternal Life with unbelieving contempt.
- Leading ourselves, and others, away from God and His forgiveness.

We are all guilty of breaking this commandment.

- Pray to the Lord asking Him to help us to 'Search our Hearts' honestly and repent. We need God's help to recognise the sinfulness of our secret motives and thoughts, to see them as He sees them with His holy eye.
- We need to be ashamed of what we have thought, said, and done – turning from it, and come to the Saviour in sincere repentance and faith.
- Only the perfect Lord Jesus Christ, by giving His life on the cross of Calvary and being punished for us, can wash us clean of the guilt of all our sin.
- He is ready to forgive us. and eternally forget, if we sincerely repent.

Jeremiah wrote, 'The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the Lord search the heart' Jeremiah 17 v 9-10