

What Does God Tell Us About Life?

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body,
but help and befriend him in every bodily need.

GOD SAYS:	FROM THIS WE KNOW:
<p>Exodus 20:13 <i>"You shall not murder."</i></p>	<p>God commands us not to take a life unjustly.</p>
<p>Psalm 139:13 <i>"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb."</i></p> <p>Jeremiah 1:5 <i>"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."</i></p> <p>Isaiah 55:6-7 <i>"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon."</i></p>	<p>Life begins at the time of conception in the womb.</p> <p>The gift of life is precious because it is a time of grace in which people may come to faith in Jesus.</p>
<p>Deuteronomy 32:39 <i>"See now that I myself am He! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand."</i></p> <p>Genesis 9:6 <i>"Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man."</i></p>	<p>God reserves the right to end life for himself.</p> <p>God himself instituted capital punishment.</p> <p>He gives the government the right and the responsibility to carry out capital punishment justly.</p> <p>We are not allowed to take matters into our own hands. If we do, we rebel against God and break the commandment.</p>

Romans 13:4 *"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."*

Romans 12:19 *"Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord."*

Matthew 5:21, 22 *"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' 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,' [Good-for-nothing] is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell."*

1 John 3:15 *"Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him."*

Ephesians 4:32 *"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."*

To embitter someone's life through hateful words or actions also breaks the commandment.

Even hateful thoughts violate the Fifth Commandment.

We show our love for God and obey this commandment when we are kind and forgiving and when we help and defend all others, especially fellow believers.

1 John 4:20, 21 *"If anyone says, 'I love God,' yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother."*

Galatians 6:10
"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

Acts 10:37, 38 *"You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached--how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him."*

1 John 3:16 *"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us."*

Jesus fulfilled the requirements of the Fifth Commandment by obeying it perfectly in our place.

We should also note that since God reserves the right to end life (Deuteronomy 32:39), we do not have the right to take our own life.

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