

## You shall not murder. —Exodus 20:13 ESV

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"Homicide is the fourth leading cause of death among 1 to 14-year olds... it is the only leading cause of death among children that has increased rank in the past 30 years, with the exception of HIV."

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"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." —July 4, 1776, Declaration of Independence

What is Included in This Command?

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Not a Reference to Killing Animals

...have dominion over birds, beast, fish, all for you (Genesis 1:28). Man is not created from animals; animals are created for man.

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Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs. —Genesis 9:3 NKJV

Whoever is slothful will not roast his game...

—Proverbs 12:27 ESV

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What is Included in This Command?

Not Prohibition Against Capital Punishment

**Romans 13:1-4** 

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Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil. —Ecclesiastes 8:11 ESV

What is Included in This Command?

Not Intended to Prevent All War

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...a time for war, and a time for peace.

—Ecclesiastes 3:8 ESV

What is Implied by This Command?

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"Murder is an insult to God. Murder deprives God of one who was made in His image and for His glory.

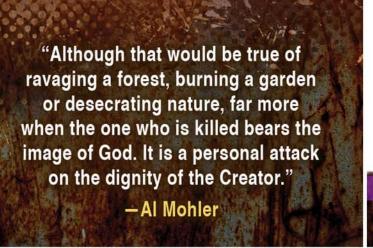
Murder is the arrogant willful subtraction of God's glory, and the capacity for the display of God's

glory in the midst of His creation."

What is Implied by This Command?

Statement Against the Terror of Murder

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What is Implied by This Command?

Statement Against the Treachery of Suicide

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## What is Implied by This Command?

Statement Against the Termination of Euthanasia

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## What is Implied by This Command?

Statement Against the Trauma of Abortion

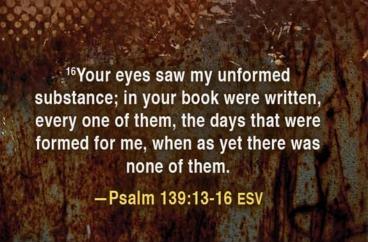
Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations. —Jeremiah 1:5 ESV

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13For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
14I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. 15My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

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What is Instructed in This Command?

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<sup>21</sup>You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment." <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, "You fool!" will be liable to the hell of fire.

-Matthew 5:21-22 ESV

WARNING
...for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. —James 1:20 ESV

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from the beginning, that we should love one another. <sup>12</sup>We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous... <sup>15</sup>Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

—1 John 3:11-12, 15 ESV



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