

The 6th Commandment

Exodus 20:13

“You shall not murder.”

HEBREW: to slay, premeditated, slayer, assassinate, assassin...

What about God’s judgments??

Psalm 145:9

The Lord *is* good to all,

And His tender mercies *are* over all His works.

Jonah 4:1-2 NLT

This change of plans greatly upset Jonah, and he became very angry. ² So he complained to the Lord about it: **“Didn’t I say before I left home that you would do this, Lord? That is why I ran away to Tarshish! I knew that you are a merciful and compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people.**

What about casualties from wars that God commanded?

2 Samuel 11:1

It happened in the spring of the year, **at the time when kings go out to battle**, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; **and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.**

2 Samuel 11:15

And he wrote in the letter, saying, **“Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck down and die.”**

2 Samuel 12:9

Why have you despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife *to be* your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon.

God differentiated between murder and casualties of war. Nathan did not confront David about any of the casualties of the war(s) he was involved with, but he did confront him about the death of Uriah.

Proverbs 6:16-19

These six *things* the Lord hates,
Yes, seven *are* an abomination to [a]Him:

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A proud look, A lying tongue, **Hands that shed innocent blood,**
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A heart that devises wicked plans,
Feet that are swift in running to evil,

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A false witness *who* speaks lies,
And one who sows discord among brethren.

Matthew 15:19

For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, **murders**, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

Matthew 5:21-22

“You have heard that it was said to those [a]of old, ‘**You shall not murder, and whoever murders** will be in danger of the judgment.’

22 But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother [b]without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ [c] shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, [d]‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of [e]hell fire.

1 John 3:15

Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

John 8:44

You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. **He was a murderer from the beginning**, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.

1 John 3:11-12

For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, **12 not as Cain *who was of the wicked one and murdered* his brother.** And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous.

Revelation 21:8

But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, **murderers**, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars **shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.**"

Revelation 22:14-15

Blessed *are* those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into **the city.** **15 But *outside are* dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral & **murderers** and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.**

Romans 12:19

Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, "**Vengeance is Mine**, I will repay," says the Lord.

This is the ultimate act of taking matters into your own hands, rather than letting God handle something for you.