

The Heidelberg Catechism

106. Does this Commandment speak only of killing?

No, but in forbidding murder God teaches us that He abhors its very root, namely, envy,¹ hatred,² anger,³ and desire of revenge; and that in His sight all these are hidden murder.⁴

¹ Rom 1:28-32; ² 1 Jn 2:9-11; ³ Gal 5:19-21; Jas 2:13; ⁴ 1 Jn 3:15; Jas 1:19, 3:16