

*Evening Worship November 6, 2016*  
*"You Shall Not Murder" Exodus 20:13*

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*I. Why is this commandment necessary? You would think, you would hope, it would not need to be!*

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*However there is a WAY, that SEEMS right to a man –*

*1. Remember, for the Egyptian Government the DEATH of children was a solution –*

**So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive."  
(Exodus 1:22 NKJ)**

*A. Pharaoh feared that the Israelites would grow more or mightier than the Egyptians and would join his enemies –*

**And he said to his people, "Look, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we;<sup>10</sup> "come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land." (Exodus 1:9-10 NKJ)**

*B. His first solution was to make them serve with rigor –*

**So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor. (Exodus 1:13 NKJ)**

*C. However with this Pharaoh also commanded the midwives to kill the Hebrew boy babies – Exodus 1:15-21*

*2. With such an experience you would think the Hebrews, God's people would not need such a command?*

*A. Even Gentiles could/ should/ do have a conscience –*

**(for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified;<sup>14</sup> for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law,**

**are a law to themselves,<sup>15</sup> who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) (Romans 2:13-15 NKJ)**

*B. However, murder is in our sin nature –*  
**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. (1 John 3:12 NKJ)**

*C. Murder is of the Devil, Satan –*  
**"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. (John 8:44 NKJ)**

*These were physical descendants of Abraham Jesus was talking to, those who had the Ten Commandments!*

*D. Satanic worship is connected to end times government and mass murder of Christians –*

**So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"<sup>5</sup> And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.<sup>6</sup> Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.<sup>7</sup> It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. (Revelation 13:4-7 NKJ)**

**He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. (Revelation 13:15 NKJ)**

*II. How does this commandment relate to war and the death penalty?*

*1. Just war -*

**So Joshua conquered all the land: the mountain country and the South and the lowland and the wilderness slopes, and all their kings; he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded. (Joshua 10:40 NKJ)**

--- Should be carried out by a righteous civil government that acknowledges God –

For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.<sup>4</sup> For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. (Romans 13:3-4 NKJ)

## 2. The death penalty –

"Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man.<sup>6</sup> "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man. (Genesis 9:5-6 NKJ)

### A. The death penalty was enacted after the flood; God actually protected Cain, after he had murdered his brother Abel –

And Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear!<sup>14</sup> "Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me."<sup>15</sup> And the LORD said to him, "Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him. (Genesis 4:13-15 NKJ)

### • This protection was misinterpreted –

Then Lamech said to his wives: "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; Wives of Lamech, listen to my speech! For I have killed a man for wounding me, Even a young man for hurting me.<sup>24</sup> If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold." (Genesis 4:23-24 NKJ)

### • Violence spread –

The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. (Genesis 6:11 NKJ)

## III. The moral and spiritual insanity that is abortion / murder –

"The wings of the ostrich wave proudly, but are her wings and pinions like the kindly stork's?<sup>14</sup> For she leaves her eggs on the ground, And warms them in the dust;<sup>15</sup> She forgets that a foot may crush them, Or that a wild beast may break them.<sup>16</sup> She treats her young harshly, as though they were not hers; Her labor is in vain, without concern,<sup>17</sup> Because God deprived her of wisdom, And did not endow her with understanding. (Job 39:13-17 NKJ)

1. Alligators and storks protect their eggs! God has built this into them!
2. Ostriches neglect their eggs. Scripture says God has deprived her of wisdom!
3. What about human beings who aim intentionally to destroy their unborn children?

This is spiritual and moral insanity! How did we get here?

### 1. We abandoned the knowledge of God –

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; (Romans 1:28 NKJ)

### 2. We bought into or gave into a great line of lies –

- A. It's not a baby
- B. Pro-choice that's a lie, babies don't choose to die ... Most women have an abortion because they feel they have no choice
- C. Lies about rape, incest, about particular women that resulted in the legalization of abortion
- D. Now if a man is against abortion it is said "he hates women"
- E. Behind all these lies is the atheist lie –

<To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.> The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good. (Psalm 14:1 NKJ)

If people don't believe in God that won't believe human beings are created in God's image – Genesis 1:26-28 Hence we are according to atheists only advanced animals ...

Where is this leading?

Euthanasia, more mass murder called Health Care, the more the ungodly government controls healthcare the more it will be about death! Abortion is already called healthcare! Euthanasia, Legal suicide, so called Mercy Killing ... If man is not considered as created in God's image he is no more protected by law than cattle, making healthcare "affordable" will necessitate this - There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death. (Proverbs 16:25 NKJ)

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