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A Study of the 10 Commandments - Part 6

"Choose Life!"

Exodus 20:13 (NKJV)
¹³ "You shall not murder.

- **This commandment does NOT prohibit the killing of animals.**

Exodus 20:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ An altar of earth you shall make for Me, and you shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I record My name I will come to you, and I will bless you.

- **This commandment does NOT prohibit capital punishment.**

Exodus 21:12 (NKJV)

¹² "He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death.

- **This commandment does NOT prohibit self-defense.**

Exodus 22:2 (NKJV)

² If the thief is found breaking in, and he is struck so that he dies, *there shall be* no guilt for his bloodshed.

- **This commandment can NOT be used to justify pacifism; the belief that all war is wrong.**

Ecclesiastes 3:8 (NKJV)

⁸ A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace.

1. My Life has Value because God Created It

Genesis 1:26 (NKJV)

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Genesis 2:7 (NKJV)

⁷ And the Lord God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Ruth 4:13 (NKJV)

¹³ So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife; and when he went in to her, the Lord gave her conception, and she bore a son.

Jeremiah 1:5 (NKJV)

⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

2. My Life Has Virtue Because God Controls It

1 Samuel 2:6 (NLT)

⁶ The Lord gives both death and life; he brings some down to the grave but raises others up.

Job 1:21 (NKJV)

²¹ And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Matthew 5:21-22 (NKJV)

²¹ "You have heard that it was said to those 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 without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.

1 John 3:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

3. My Life can have Victory because God Can Change It

Acts 3:15 (NIV)

You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

Acts 5:30 (NIV)

The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead — whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.

Luke 9:22-25 (NIV)

²² And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life." ²³ Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. ²⁵ What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?"