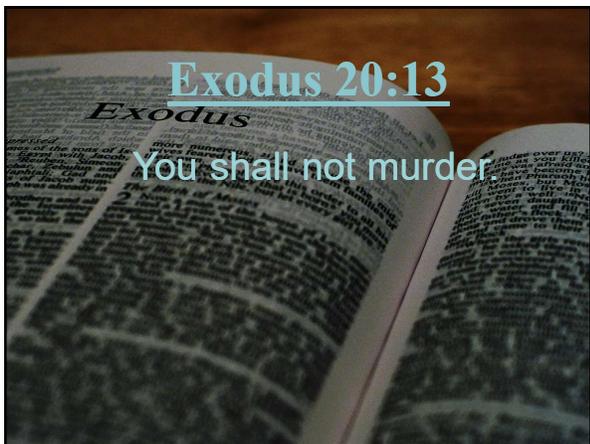


Exodus 20:2

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.



Exodus 20:13

You shall not murder.

1. Definition of murder

- a. the unlawful premeditated killing of one human being by another.
- b. kill (someone) unlawfully and with premeditation.

2. Life is precious

- a. Life is a gift from God.
- b. God gave us life; we should cherish it and guard it
- c. Any disregard for the life of a another human or ours goes against the command from God.

3. The root issue is not the taking of a life

... the heart of it is.

3. The heart

- a. Exceptions to the law of murder:
War, Justice, Self-defense.
- b. Good example is the story of Joab,
Asahel and Abner.
- c. Jesus said it best:

Mark 7:20-22

And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. 21 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness.

4. What kind of heart murders?

- I. Harbors godless anger
 - a. No regard for life
 - b. No regard for the image of God in humans
 - c. jealous
 - d. envious

5. The real problem

- a. Jesus went deeper than the action and spoke of the heart.
- b. Sometimes we focus on the fruit without dealing with the root cause
- c. Killing them in our hearts
- d. We need to examine our hearts
 - i. find the cause for the anger
- e. We need to seek reconciliation and forgiveness when we have wronged anyone.

6. The application

- a. Examine your heart and ask the Lord to reveal what areas of anger are in your life.
- b. What is causing that anger?
- c. Are you dealing with love and kindness and patience with those around you, or are you harsh and mean and harbor anger in your heart?

6. The application

- a. Examine your heart
- b. What is causing that anger?
- c. Are you harsh and mean and harbor anger in your heart?
- d. Seek the Lord and ask him to change your heart and make it more like Christ, who although became angry, he did not sin.
