

**Whatever Happened To The Humans?
Stone Tablets in a Wireless World—Part 7
Exodus 20:13
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Exodus 20:13: *"You shall not murder."*

Three Safeguards to reinforce the sanctity of human life:

A. A Proper _____ of Human Life

Observations:

1. This is the _____ verse in Old Testament.
2. This command is stated in the strong _____ (like seven of the other commands).
3. Every culture that I'm aware of has some sort of _____ against murder.
4. This command deals with _____, not _____.

To get where our society is now in the way it regards human life, there are some important presuppositions that have to be deliberately set aside:

The most important and basic one is that God is the _____ of life.

And that being true, here are some basic truths about human life from the Bible:

1. Human life is God's _____ and therefore God's _____.

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters. --Psalm 24:1-2

2. Human life is uniquely in God's _____.

"Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." --Genesis 1:26-27

3. Human life should be _____ beyond all the rest of creation.

"And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each man, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man. Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man." --Genesis 9:5-6

B. A _____ Approach to Modern Life Issues

C. A Personal _____ of the 6th Commandment

1. Murder's _____.

"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell." --Matthew 5:21-22

"In your anger do not sin." Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold." --Ephesians 4:26-27

2. Value human life in _____

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." --1 John 3:16-18