

Murder in My Mouth Notes

Exodus 20:13

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Main Point: Since God has purposes for every person, all life must be prized and protected.

Observations

1. This is the shortest verse in the _____ Testament.
2. The command is directed to every _____.
3. It's stated in the strong _____.
4. It deals with _____, not killing.

The Principle Behind the Commandment

1. Human life is sacred to our Sovereign God because He is the _____ and sustainer of life (Genesis 1:27).
2. When He created all other things, it was sufficient for God to simply _____, "Let there be..." and it was.
3. But for His final creative act God was _____ involved (Genesis 2:7).
4. Eve shared the same dignity given to Adam, for she was made from man. This means all their descendants are also made in the _____ of God.
5. The command against murdering is first found in Genesis 9:6.

Seven Reasons Murder is a Serious Crime

1. The act of murder is an _____ on God Himself (Genesis 1:26).
2. Murder assumes the _____ and right reserved for God alone (Job 12:10).
3. Every person is intrinsically and immeasurably _____ (James 3:9).
4. Because we have a common parentage, we are our brother's _____ (Genesis 4:9).
5. Murder defiles the _____ (Numbers 35:33).
6. Murder is directly identified with _____ (1 John 3:12, John 8:44).
7. Because of the _____ of the crime (Luke 12:5).
 - If you steal, you can make restitution. But if you take a human life, it is impossible to give life _____ again.

Prohibitions From the Commandment

1. _____
 - Note how Cain's _____ ultimately turned him into an assassin (Genesis 4:6-8).
2. _____
 - "The Holocaust is perhaps the culmination of the kind of horror that can occur when man loses his integrity, his belief in the sanctity of life." A Holocaust survivor
3. _____
 - Jeremiah 1:5

- The word “before” is used twice. This moves us back in time from the point of conception to sometime in eternity _____.
 - The word “I” is used four times to indicate not only is God the one speaking these words, but He is the One at _____ in the womb.
 - The word “you” is used five times. What is in the womb is a _____, not a blob or a bunch of cells.
 - Truths this passage teaches.
 - The preborn are _____ – The word “formed” is the Hebrew word used to describe the creative work of a potter as he molds and shapes a piece of clay.
 - The preborn are pre-_____ – The word “know” in Hebrew speaks of a personal intimate knowledge.
 - The preborn are _____ – This verb was used of setting something or someone apart for a specific and special use.
 - The preborn have a _____ – Jeremiah had a job to do and so do you!
4. _____
- No matter how bleak things look, don’t take the only life God has given you!
5. _____
- “We are not talking about the termination of treatment, but the termination of _____.”
 - When a person is suffering, we should do all we can to minister comfort and manage the pain, but we should not end the person’s life (1 Samuel 31:4).
6. _____ in the heart (Matthew 5:21-22).
- This command deals with the physical act of murder and the _____ of murder which resides in our hearts.
 - To allow anger to seethe and then to attack verbally and destroy someone’s _____ is tantamount to murder and is a violation of the sixth commandment (1 John 3:15).

Positive Implications of the Command

1. _____ your neighbor.
2. _____ racism or prejudice as sin.
3. Speak up and _____ up for life (Proverbs 31:8-9).
4. _____ the Gospel of life with people who are dead in their sins.
 - Not sharing the gospel is a type of murder according to Ezekiel 33:8-9)
5. _____ eternal life.