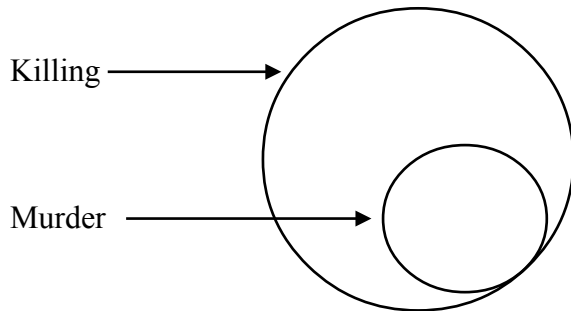


Ten Commandments (Part 42)
(The Sixth Commandment – Part 1)

I. The Meaning of the 6th Commandment

Ex. 20:13 / Deut. 5:17: ‘murder’ (נֹכַח, not ‘kill’ (נִצַּח, רָצַח, אָמַם, others)



Jochem Douma: “[The 6th Commandment forbids] murder in cold blood, manslaughter with passionate rage, and negligent homicide resulting from recklessness or carelessness.”

Philip Ryken: “Perhaps the best translation is, ‘You shall not kill unlawfully.’”

II. The Setting of the 6th Commandment

- Never read the second table of the law in abstraction from the first.

Al Moehler: “When we try to speak of a reverence for life in terms of a humanistic, secular, naturalistic understanding, we quickly end up talking about a reverence for certain kinds of life, for certain kinds of human beings. And we follow a logic that leads to death.”

III. Some Qualifications of the 6th Commandment

-Self Defense (Ex. 22:2, 3)

-Capital Punishment (Gen. 9:5, 6; Rom. 12:19; 13:4, 5)

-Just War (Deut. 20:1-20; Is. 2:2-4; 1 Chron. 28:3)

→The 6th Commandment is particularly relevant to our society and world at this time.