

Do Not Murder

Genesis 9:5-7

The 6th commandment, do not murder, introduces a grouping of three commandments given to laws of justice and social responsibility to and for our neighbor. Beyond understanding what is murder we will explore the call to give an accounting for our neighbor's life and God's heart to see life multiply across the earth.

Outline:

This morning we're covering the 6th commandment - Do not murder.

The 10 words - Written in Stone. succinctness of 6,7,8 (2 Hebrew words)

Genesis 9:5-7

Laws must be just--he who murders another forfeits his own life

Deuteronomy 19:4-13 Cities of Refuge

Dt 19:6,12 - avenger of blood? – ga'al, kinsman redeemer

Dt 19:12 - elders

Dt 19:4-5 - without malice aforethought

Dt 19:10,13 - innocent blood > pollute the land

Dt 19:15-21 - Witnesses, judges, thorough investigation

Genesis 9:5 giving an accounting for the life of another

Gen 4:9 - "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Mt 5:21-24 - Jesus on murder - Messiah bringing new Torah

Lv 19:16-18 - don't hate your neighbor in your heart

Deut 22:8 - Build a parapet around your roof

Genesis 9:7 be fruitful and multiply

* - Heart of the commandment - LIFE!

If we love our neighbor we don't take our neighbor's life, we don't hate our neighbor in our heart, we do look out for our neighbor's life. May we be fruitful and multiply, increasing life and blessing lives for that is the heart of Jesus for those who bear his image