

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: The Sanctity of Life

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:13

'...God is never immoral and God has killed people, the just punishment for a sinful condition is death...'

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

What is murder?

What are some different uses of different Hebrew words for killing? How are they distinct from murder (Heb: 'ratzach')?

Can murder be committed on anything other than a human being? Why not?

What is the biblical understanding of an unborn child and their value (Exodus 21:22-25)?

What are the consequences of taking another life immorally? What do we learn about God's view of the value of human life?

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Do you ever harbor or entertain thoughts of hatred and malice towards others, the equivalent of wishing they were dead?

Does it make you more upset to hear about the mistreatment of animals or to think about the unborn losing their lives? Should you reassess some of your values and the influences that make them up?

Has murder become a measure of entertainment for you in movies and television and games? Should you stop to ask the question more often: Does this time spent have a redemptive value? Is this a blessing to myself or others in any way shape or form?

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

Is killing always wrong?

In what instances is it both biblically permissible and sometimes biblically mandated to kill?

How do we understand Jesus teaching in Matthew 5:38-42? Is it actually teaching pacifism? What is the lesson if we know that Jesus did not come to abolish the law but rather to fulfil it?

How can we best resist the evil in this world, especially the murder of human beings, the loss of lives made in the image of God?

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

Will you resist cultural distortions and speak the truth to try to change a societal view where evil is called good, and good is called evil?