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The 6th Commandment

Deuteronomy 5:17

“You shall not murder.”

Sounds easy. I mean, just don’t kill anyone and that’s it for this one. Right? Well. ...wrong. When we read the commandments by themselves, it’s easy for us to think this. BUT when we read all the surrounding verses we find a VERY important verse. Consider...

Deuteronomy 6:5

Love Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

This verse looks like it has nothing to do with obeying Yahweh’s commandments. But ACTUALLY, it has EVERYTHING to do with them.

So what does it mean to LOVE Yahweh? Well, to answer that, let’s look at what Yeshua said.

John 14:15

“If you love me, you will obey what I command.

Yeshua said that if we loved Him, we would do what he said. That means if we love Yahweh, we’ll do what HE says as well.

Think about it. We can’t just SAY we love Yahweh. If we really mean it, we have to SHOW him. And obeying his commands is how we get to show him. But here’s the thing, we’re supposed to love him with our heart, soul and strength. Don’t forget, to “love” Him means to “obey” Him. Remember...

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So now that we know to love Him means to obey Him, we see that we need to obey him with our heart, soul AND strength.

Think of it this way. Just because you don't ACTUALLY kill someone, it doesn't mean that you are fully obeying that commandment. You could still be murdering.

I know.... you probably thinking "What did that girl just say?" So let me say it again. Just because you don't actually kill someone, doesn't mean that you are fully obeying the 6th commandment. You could still be murdering.

It's like this, Yeshua said that if we get angry with someone that it's just like murdering them in your heart. ... Really. He did. Consider...

Matthew 5:21-22

"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.

WOW. That means if we stay angry with someone, we will be under the same judgment of someone who kills someone.

So remember, the next time you get angry at your brother, sister, friend or anyone, you HAVE to forgive them. You can't stay angry with them. Because if you stay angry at them, it's just like you are murdering them in your heart.

Anger doesn't hurt anyone but yourself. It just gets you in a bad mood and makes you all grumpy.

Anytime Yahweh gives us a commandment, it's really for our own good. So remember, the sixth commandment is not just about killing someone. It's about not staying angry at them too.

Don't forget that. Because it's really important. We hope you have enjoyed this teaching. Remember, continue to test everything.

Shalom!

We hope you have enjoyed this teaching. Now it's up to you to study it for yourself. That's the only way to grow.

Shalom.

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