

Title: Life is Precious

Text: Exodus 20:13: *you shall not murder*

Target: The proof of the existence of God is found in this command, for the moral compass we are guided by in how we are to treat other people is given by Him because...

I. **God is the Author of Life:**

- A. **Made in the Image of God:** Genesis 1:26-27
- B. **Made in the Intricacy of God:** Psalm 139:13-16
- C. **Made in the Infinity of God:** Ecclesiastes 3:11

II. **God is the Authority over Life:**

- A. **Our days are decided:** Job 14:15
 - 1. **Understand the Curse of Sin:** Romans 5:12
 - 2. **Trust the Sovereignty of God:** Isaiah 55:8-9
- B. **Our dwelling has been decreed:** Psalm 16:6
- C. **Our destiny is determined:** John 3:36

III. **God does not Authorize taking Life:**

- A. **Defining Murder:** Murder can be defined as the premeditated and/or intentional taking of another human life.
 - 1. **Voluntary:** A person is provoked leading unto action causing death. (Romans 12:19)
 - 2. **Involuntary:** Form of reckless negligence that causes the death of another. (Proverbs 6:17-20)
- B. **Defense of Murder:**
 - 1. **Accidental:** Form of civil negligence leading to the cause of death. (Deuteronomy 19:5)
 - 2. **Self Defense:** Protection against imminent danger (Exodus 22:2-3)
 - 3. **War:** Peace is always to be pursued, but sometimes peace is preserved through neutralizing the threat. (Ecclesiastes 3:8)
- C. **Deterrent of Murder:** The consequence of the choice to murder is the deterrent. (Genesis 9:6, Lev. 24:17)

IV. **God seeks Authenticity in Life: (Matthew 5:21-26)**

- A. **Cause of Anger:** Point of offense due to external unmet expectations
- B. **Choice in Anger:** Allowing the external disappointments to create an internal offense that causes external retaliation.
- C. **Controlling Anger:** Release and Respond
 - 1. **Recognize the situations that cause Anger:** Triggers?
 - 2. **Regard the sequence of Anger:** Default?

3. Requires humility to surrender your Anger: Leave your gift!

Take Away: Control Anger or Anger will control you! For a lifestyle of anger is costly!