

Is there a Difference between  
“Thou shalt not Kill,” or  
“Thou shalt not Murder”?  
Ex. 20:13 Thou shalt not kill.

Accidental.

Num. 35:15 These six cities shall be a refuge, both for the children of Israel, and for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them: that every one that *killeth* any person *unawares* may flee thither. 16 And if he smite him with an instrument of iron, so that he die, *he is a murderer*: the murderer shall surely be put to death. 17 And if he smite him with throwing a stone, wherewith he may die, and he die, he is a *murderer*: the murderer shall surely be put to death. 18 Or if he smite him with an hand weapon of wood, wherewith he may die, and he die, he is a *murderer*: the murderer shall surely be put to death. 19 The *revenger* of blood himself shall slay the murderer: when he meeteth him, he shall slay him. *See* Due. 4:42; 19:4; 21-1-9; Josh. 20:3-6,9; Rom. 1:29

Note: Unawares God still classed as a murderer. We may separate the two yet notice how kill and murder are used.

Note: Even of David God said:—1Chron. 22:7 And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build an house unto the name of the Lord my God: 8 But the word of the Lord came to me, saying, *Thou hast shed blood abundantly*, and hast made great *wars*: *thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight.*

Intentional.

Num. 35:20 But if he thrust him *of hatred*, or hurl at him by *laying of wait*, that he die; 21 *Or in enmity* smite him with his hand, that he die: he that smote him shall surely be put to death; for *he is a murderer*: the *revenger* of blood shall slay the murderer, when he meeteth him. *See* Due.19:11,12,13;21:9,12,19; 22:19,21,22,24,29;24:7;Acts 9:24; 21:31; 25:3; Mark 20:14; John 16:2; 1Kings 21:19; 2Sam. 11:1- , 9 12.

Negligent.

Num. 35:22 But if he thrust him suddenly *without enmity*, or have cast upon him any thing *without laying of wait*, 23 Or with any stone, wherewith a man may die,

*seeing him not*, and cast it upon him, that he die, *and was not his enemy, neither sought his harm*: 24 Then the congregation shall judge between *the slayer* and the *revenger* of blood according to these judgments: 25 And the congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the *revenger* of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, whither he was fled: and he shall *abide* in it unto the death of the high priest, which was anointed with the holy oil. 26 But if the slayer shall at any time *come without the border* of the city of his refuge, whither he was fled; 27 And the *revenger* of blood *find him* without the borders of the city of his refuge, and the *revenger* of blood kill the slayer; he shall *not be guilty* of blood: 28 Because he should have *remained* in the city of his refuge until the death of the high priest: but after the death of the high priest the slayer shall return into the land of his possession.

Note Revenger of blood, Sheriff, next of Kin, Friend?

Rom. 13:1 Let every soul be *subject* unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers (civil government) that be are ordained of God. 2 *Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.* 3 For *rulers* are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: 4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, *a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.* 5 *Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.* 6 For for this cause *pay ye tribute* also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. 7 *Render* therefore to all their *dues* (taxes): tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. Para. and contents mine.

2Sam 4:11 How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed? *shall I* (Ruler David) *not therefore now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth?*

1Kings 2:31 And the king (Ruler Solomon) said unto him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest *take away the innocent blood*, which Joab shed, from me, and from the house of my father.

1Peter. 2:13 Submit yourselves to *every ordinance of man* for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; 14 Or unto *governors*, *as* unto them that are sent by him *for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.*(—*Man's duty to his fellow man.*) 15 For so is the will of God, that with well

doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: 16 As free, and *not using your liberty* for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. 17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king. Para. and contents mine.

Titus 3:1 Put them in mind to *be subject to principalities and powers*, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

Luke 12:58 When thou goest with thine adversary to the magistrate, as thou art in the way, give diligence that thou mayest be delivered from him; lest he hale thee to the *judge, and the judge deliver* thee to the officer, and the officer cast thee into prison.

“Signs are multiplying on every hand. In our own country they are manifested in political, social, and religious movements, especially the latter. Backsliding and apostasy from some of the highest and noblest principles among men, are apparent in our land. The everlasting truth, incorporated in the Declaration of the Independence of the United States, that *“governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed,”* is repudiated by a growing party in our own country, and denounced as the “old Philadelphia lie.” *They would have it that governments derive all their powers directly from God. Said power, to be interpreted and applied by His agents, alias themselves.* Secondly, the Constitution of the United States, a document which has been described by a leading organ of public opinion in England as “the most sacred political document in the world,” has been repudiated. It has been denied the privilege of following the flag. The United States has shown itself willing to, extend its jurisdiction over subject peoples, while at the same time it denies to them the civil and religious rights which the Constitution guarantees to all people. This is national apostasy, and this is to-day taking place right before our eyes. It ought to make the nerves of every intelligent man tremble with apprehension when he contemplates the inevitable result of such a course.” {RH Jan. 28, 1902. U.S. pg. 56 The Decisive Sign. para. 3}

1 Sam. 12:12 And when ye saw that Nahash *the king* of the children of Ammon *came* against you, ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when the LORD your God was your king; Due 17:14.\*

12:17 Is it not wheat harvest to day? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king,

1 Sam. 8:7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them. See John 19:12, 15\*; 11:50. Jer. 2:11. As the Jews rejected Christ for political favor so protestants do the same.

The government under which Jesus lived was corrupt and oppressive; on every hand were crying abuses,—extortion, intolerance, and grinding cruelty. Yet the

*Saviour attempted no civil reforms. He attacked no national abuses, nor condemned the national enemies. He did not interfere with the authority or administration of those in power. He who was our example kept aloof from earthly governments.* Not because He was indifferent to the woes of men, but because the remedy did not lie in merely human and external measures. *To be efficient, the cure must reach men individually, and must regenerate the heart.* {DA 509.3}

*Not by the decisions of courts or councils or legislative assemblies, not by the patronage of worldly great men, is the kingdom of Christ established, but by the implanting of Christ's nature in humanity through the work of the Holy Spirit.* "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1:12, 13. Here is the only power that can work the uplifting of mankind. And the human agency for the accomplishment of this work is the teaching and practicing of the word of God. {DA 509.4}

Note: There are those that say they do not have to obey civil law being sons of God the only true sovereign being, and His law (rather their neglecting of it) is the only law they would obey. Yet notice very closely what Peter points out Below, and the words of Apostles above OBEY MAGISTRATES—EVERY ORDINANCE of man for the LORD'S SAKE! Using God's word through perversion to get out of your duty to your fellow man i.e., the social compact, only brings upon themselves retribution by man and God.

2Peter. 2:18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, *they allure through* the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. 19 *While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption:* for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

Note: Liberty from God's law and a duty to their fellow men. While violating the rights of others and authority of the state. Freedom from taxes, freedom from license and registration, freedom from U.S. jurisdiction and accountability.

***By Now its Obvious they're Synonymous!***

Num. 35:29 So these things shall be for a statute of judgment unto you throughout your generations in all your dwellings. 30 Whoso **killeth any person, the murderer** shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against any person to cause him to die. 31 Moreover ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death: but he shall be surely put to death. 32 And ye shall take no satisfaction for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the priest. 33 So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it. *see Matt. 5:21; Rom. 13:9; James 2:11; 4:2*

1John 3:15 Whosoever **hateth his brother is a murderer:** and ye know that no murderer **hath eternal life abiding in him.**

Matt. 5:4343 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and **hate** thine enemy. 44 But I say unto you, **Love your enemies,** bless them that curse you, **do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;** 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For **if ye love them which love you,** what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? 47 And if ye salute your brethren only, **what do ye more than others?** do not even the publicans so? 48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Note: It is very apparent by the use of Kill and Murder that God makes little or no difference between them and how the accused is treated depends on the course they choose. But one will find this synonymous use in the judicial systems questions to one being charged with murder; did you kill them? or a killer being asked about murdering his victim. Further God said that even if you hate you've killed-murdered already.

### ***Corporal Punishment.***

Even the Killing of animals will be required.

Gen. 9:4 But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. 5 And surely your blood of your lives **will I require; at the hand of every beast** will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. 6 **Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed:** for in the image of God made he man. **2Sam 4:11 above.**

Note: Here lies the reason for Gods instruction to Israel in the books of Joshua, Judges.

Due. 9:5 ***Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness*** of thine heart, dost thou go to possess their land: but ***for the wickedness of these nations*** the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the Lord sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Due. 13:9; 17:7; 19:19; 21:21; 22:22; 24:7. 1Sam. 15:33;

Due. 18:9 When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. 10 There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, 11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. 12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and ***because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee.*** 13 **Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God.** 14 For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the Lord thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.

Ex. 32:26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the Lord's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him. 27 And he said unto them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, ***Put every man his sword by his side,*** and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and ***slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour.*** 28 And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. 29 For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves to day to the Lord, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day. 30 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, ***Ye have sinned a great sin:*** and now I will go up unto the Lord; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.

Judges 19:22 Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Belial (of the tribe of Benjamin), beset the house round about, and beat at the door, and spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him (sodomy). 23 And the man, the master of the house, went out unto them, and said unto them, Nay, my brethren, nay, I pray you, do not so wickedly; seeing that this man is come into mine house, do not this folly. Para., and contents mine. ***see Gen. 19:5***

Judges 20:13 Now therefore deliver us the men, the children of Belial, which are in

Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and *put away evil from Israel*. But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel: 14 But the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities unto Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel.

Josh. 13:15;

Note: And so today we are under the same obligation to *put away* from us those that would divert us from obeying God—true to principle. Rom. 16:17; 2Tim. 3:5, etc. Yet as individuals corporal punishment is not in our authority.

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Deu. 17:12 And the man that will do presumptuously, and will not hearken unto the priest that standeth to minister there before the Lord thy God, or unto the *judge*, even that man shall die: and *thou shalt put away the evil from* Israel. 13 And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

Eze. 33:6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not *warned*; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but *his blood will I require at the watchman's hand*.

Acts 20:26 Wherefore I (Paul) take you to record this day, that *I am pure from the blood of all men*.

Note: When it comes to warning our fellow men of the Judgments God has pronounced on the unrepentant, He will hold us responsible if we fail to warn them.

Isa. 1:16 Wash you, make you clean; *put away the evil of your doings* from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; 17 Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

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### ***The Reason why Nations come to an End?***

Gen. 15:13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years (in Egypt); 14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, *will I judge*: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. 15 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. 16 But in the

fourth generation they shall come hither again: *for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.*

Judges 18:7 Then the five men departed, and *came to Laish*, and saw the people that were therein, how they dwelt careless, after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure; and *there was no magistrate in the land, that might put them to shame in any thing*; and they were far from the Zidonians, and had no business with any man.

2Peter 2:10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and *despise government*. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are *not afraid to speak evil of dignities*.

Jude 1:7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrhah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. 8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, *despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities*.

Gen. 18:20 And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

Gen. 19:13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord; and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it.

### ***The Ten Commandments.***

Ex. 20:1 And God spake all these words, saying, 2 I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; 6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

7 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not



hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 10 But the ***seventh*** day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 11 ***For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.***

12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

13 ***Thou shalt not kill.***

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

***Ecc. 8:11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.***