

Commandment # 6: Murder

This commandment is found in Exodus 20: 13

Exo 20:13 "You are not to murder.

What is murder?

This is the intentional or wanton killing of an individual. The person who commits such an act can be intending this or is involved in an activity that he/she knows better than to be involved in an activity that can be taken as “asking for it”--This includes driving drunk or not thinking about the consequences of shooting a gun when angry.

A lot of times, a murderer regardless of method (be it guns, poison, hands etc.) don't think of the consequences of killing including loss of life, prison etc.

The first murder biblically recorded was Abel; his murderer, named Cain was angry and envious. The

combination of these two emotions a lot of times produce hate and then the physical murder.

In our cartoon study, we will see a couple of clips from The Simpsons episode **Homer And Ned's Hail Mary Pass.**

Let's see the first clip.

Cartoon Link:

http://toonspirit.net/lessons_and_studies/159/Cain_Vs_Abel1.webm

What do you see in this clip?

Ned instructs his kids to act out this epic account. Rod acts as Cain and Todd acts as Abel. Ned instructs Rod to “**kill your brother**” and then this evidently looks too real to Todd who is frightened. There is no sin here as this is an act for a movie, and thus doesn't break a commandment; but this does show that even an act can look like the real

thing.

Let's see the next clip.

Cartoon Link:

http://toonspirit.net/lessons_and_studies/159/Cain_Vs_Abel2.webm

What do you see in this clip?

This is a very realistic film for this account that Ned produced for all of his fellow church members. There is some unrelated newspaper things in there (Ned was probably trying subliminal messaging), but it was very well done for the most part—murder does make the devil happy. There is, of course a lot of artistic license for Ned here as some of the movie shows discrepancies to scripture. For example, Cain's sacrifice was not dead and stinking cats and dogs or other animals (might as well have been), Ned (playing Adam no doubt) declared the sentence not a God character, Cain actually talked to God about the mark he was receiving which

didn't happen in the film and the “Mark Of Evil” mentioned wasn't a detached eyeball (but was probably just as obvious and possibly just as ugly).

Now, we will talk about the scripture referenced here. The account of the murder is found in Genesis 4: 1-16

Gen 4:1 Later, Adam had sexual relations with his wife Eve. She became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "I have given birth to a male child with the LORD."

Gen 4:2 She also gave birth to his brother Abel. Abel shepherded flocks and Cain became a farmer.

Gen 4:3 Later, Cain brought an offering to the LORD from the fruit that he had harvested,

Gen 4:4 while Abel offered the best parts of some of the firstborn from his flock. The LORD looked favorably upon Abel and his offering,

Gen 4:5 but he did not look favorably upon Cain and his offering. When Cain became very upset and depressed,

Gen 4:6 the LORD asked Cain, "Why are you so upset? Why are you depressed?"

Gen 4:7 If you do what is appropriate, you'll be accepted, won't you? But if you don't do what is appropriate, sin is crouching near your doorway, turning toward you. However, you must take dominion over it."

Gen 4:8 Instead, Cain told his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the wilderness." When they were outside in the fields, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

Gen 4:9 Later, the LORD asked Cain, "Where's your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he answered. "Am I my brother's guardian?"

Gen 4:10 "What did you do?" God asked. "Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground.

Gen 4:11 Now you're more cursed than the ground, which has opened to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

Gen 4:12 Whenever you work the ground, it will no longer yield its produce to you, and you'll wander throughout the earth as a fugitive."

Gen 4:13 "My punishment is too great to bear,"

Cain told the LORD.

Gen 4:14 "You're driving me from the soil today. I'll be hidden from you, and I'll wander throughout the earth as a fugitive. In the future, whoever finds me will kill me."

Gen 4:15 The LORD told him, "This won't happen, because whoever kills you will suffer seven times the vengeance." Then the LORD placed a sign on Cain so that no one finding him would kill him.

Gen 4:16 After this, Cain left the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Ned plays the devil here (as a lot of times he does in this series) and says that the mark was “**The Mark Of Evil**”, in actuality it probably says something like “This Is A Dead Man Walking—Cursed Of God, Do Not Kill”

In our cartoon, we see that Cain is vilified and rightfully so, however, the account goes farther than the murder as God wasn't really done with Cain.

Let's look at Genesis 4: 17-26

Gen 4:17 Later, Cain had sexual relations with his wife. She became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Cain founded a city and named it after his son Enoch.

Gen 4:18 Irad was born to Enoch. Irad fathered Mehujael, and Mehujael fathered Methushael, and Methushael fathered Lamech.

Gen 4:19 Later, Lamech married two wives. One was named Adah and the other was named Zillah.

Gen 4:20 Adah gave birth to Jabal, who became the ancestor of those who live in tents and herd livestock.

Gen 4:21 His brother was named Jubal; he became the ancestor of all those who play the lyre and the flute.

Gen 4:22 Zillah gave birth to Tubal-cain, who became a forger of bronze and iron work. Tubal-cain's sister was Naamah.

Gen 4:23 Lamech told his wives, "Adah and Zillah, listen to what I have to say: You wives of Lamech,

hear what I'm announcing! I've killed a man for wounding me, a young man for bruising me.

Gen 4:24 For if Cain is being avenged seven times, then Lamech will be avenged 77 times."

Gen 4:25 Later on, after Adam had sexual relations with his wife, she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, because "God granted me another offspring to replace Abel, since Cain murdered him."

Gen 4:26 Seth also fathered a son, whom he named Enosh. At that time, profaning the name of the LORD began.

This scripture passage mentions both Enoch and Lamech. These don't seem to be the same as Adam's bloodline mentioned in chapter 5 (not shown) that ends up producing Noah. I do want to say that Cain had a wife and kids; these kids produced ancestors that started the trades of shepherding and musicians (flute and lyre). This means that there probably wasn't a real curse on the kids at all—just Cain, who wouldn't succeed much more if any by a lot of standards. Cain was able to

have success in making a family that would at least somewhat have the blessings he wouldn't. God was actually merciful to Cain.

We don't know what happened to Cain, as the scriptures say he roamed the earth as a fugitive from then on and the cartoon take on it says he lives forever roaming and being a fugitive..

Personally, I believe Cain did die, the scriptures aren't clear except our 1 John 3 scripture passage, which is shortly later in this lesson, is written in past tense concerning Cain. One thing is clear though, Cain wasn't righteous.

God did prevent Cain from being killed himself for a purpose—to show judgment, but some mercy as well. We just have to pray that God teaches us by this account of Cain Vs. Abel that murder is not the way to go to solve anything.

We need to remember this scripture that is widely used to teach as well about this.

Let's look at 1 John 3: 11-15

1Jn 3:11 This is the message that you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another.

1Jn 3:12 Do not be like Cain, who was from the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because what he was doing was evil and his brother's actions were righteous.

1Jn 3:13 So do not be surprised, brothers, if the world hates you.

1Jn 3:14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love one another. The person who does not love remains spiritually dead.

1Jn 3:15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life present in him.

Watch out for any emotion that would be even close to an envious rage because it can produce many bad fruits including murder. It is better to talk about emotions to prevent hate from appearing or if absolutely necessary to avoid situations like

this by walking away while your ahead.

Hate also sometimes prevents repentance as well. Even after a murder happens and it's too late to do anything about it, sometimes the hate is so strong that the murderer actually enjoyed the experience and would do it again to anyone that would cross him/her wrong again. Sometimes people murder another literally for the “fun” of it. This feels to me like possible demon possession and is very serious if God doesn't break through somehow.

There is a series called Forensic Files and is one of my favorite crime shows on TV. I am going to show a couple of clips from an episode called “**Out Of The Ashes**” to show the point that I am making about remorse or lack thereof.

Clip link:

http://toonspirit.net/lessons_and_studies/159/Cain_Vs_Abel3.webm

What do you see?

This shows the method and reasoning behind this kind of murder. Kehoe wanted what he wanted and was angry when he didn't get it.

Let's see the last clip together.

Clip Link:

http://toonspirit.net/lessons_and_studies/159/Cain_Vs_Abel4.webm

What do you see in this clip?

It looks like with the items bought at the store Kehoe would have killed Rose anyway regardless. This was a planned attack and murder.

The reenactment here is dramatic. This murder troubled the lesser party (Bill Brown). We don't know if he is sorry (repenting to God—as Bill says

he is not religious), but he was scared and had every reason to be. I don't think it looks like Bill wanted the killing and appears to be remorseful of ever being around Kehoe. The drug trade that Brown shared with Kehoe (not shown in these clips) contributed to the environment that led up to this murder. Hopefully, Brown was scared straight enough to stay away from the drug trade and people like John Ortiz-Kehoe

As for John Kehoe, it doesn't look like he was remorseful at all as he was laughing about the verdict in a mocking way at the judge and jury.

As for the mother of Rose, she is biblically a murderer because we can see that she hates Kehoe and wants him to die a brutal death if someone kills him. Even if Kehoe died of natural causes she looks to be wanting him to die slowly and painfully. There is no forgiveness in her heart.

Look at Matthew 6: 14-15

Mat 6:14 Because if you forgive people their

offenses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Mat 6:15 But if you do not forgive people their offenses, your Father will not forgive your offenses."

Look at Matthew 5: 21-22 (NIV)

21 'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment."

22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, "Raca," is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, "You fool!" will be in danger of the fire of hell.

Hatred is a very strong emotion that needs to be given over to God first in order to have a relationship with Him. Hopefully, everyone involved will be better people eventually and repent—this would reconcile everyone to God

regardless of the physical consequence of the loss of life and in the case of Kehoe, life in prison.

Murder is as they say, “playing god”; we can't undo the loss of life that violating this commandment brings. We always need to remember this.