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Thou Shalt Not Kill, Part 3

This is part 3 of my sermons on “Thou Shalt Not Kill.”

Thou Shalt Not Kill – Part I Recap - The general premise I laid out in Part 1 is that it is my recommendation (and not by commandment) not to kill under any circumstances. The reason for that is the 6th Commandment (*Thou shalt not kill* Ex. 20:13/De. 5:1). The LORD Jesus Christ said *thou shalt not kill* or even to *be angry with your brother without a cause* and if you do so, you are *in danger of hell fire* (Mat. 5:21-22); Paul said at Rom. 13:9 *Thou shalt not kill* and it (the Commandments) *is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself* (quoting the LORD Jesus Christ at Mat. 5:43; 19:19, 22:39, Mark 12:31, Luke 10:27); The LORD Jesus Christ said to *love your enemies* (Mat. 5:38-48); *The LORD Jesus Christ said **And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise*** (Luke 6:31); *The LORD Jesus Christ said **and murderers, ...shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death*** (Rev. 21:6-9); The LORD Jesus Christ said Satan is a murderer ... and we do not want to be like him (John 8:44).

Part II Thou Shalt Not Kill – War – Recap –

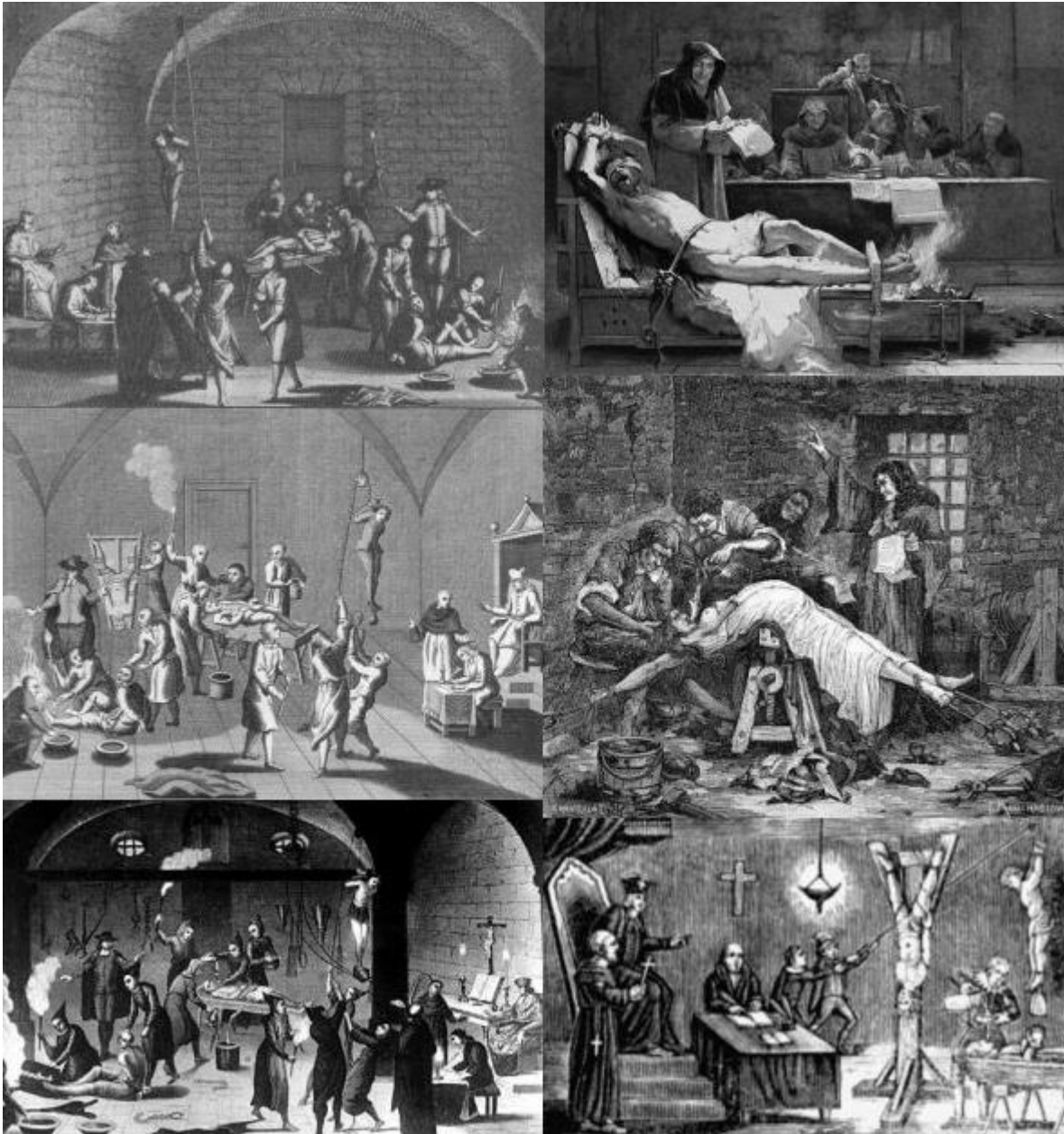
Why do we have wars at all? ***From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts*** (James 4:1-4). ***They chose new gods; then was war in the gates (Jud 5:8).*** *But king Solomon loved many strange women... (and) it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: ...14 And the LORD stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he was of the king's seed in Edom (I Kings 11:1-14).* There is nothing noble about war. *Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing.. Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. 12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. 13 And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? (1 Pet. 3:9-13).* War is not permitted in the New Testament. War is the ultimate human brutality. *And the soldiers likewise demanded of him (John the Baptist), saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, **Do violence to no man...*** (Luke 3:14). *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; (Mat. 5:44-48). If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good (Rom 12:18). For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; (2 Cor. 10:3-5). Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: **and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him** (1 John 3:15). And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. 52 Then said Jesus unto him, **Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.** (Mat. 26:51-52).*

Before I get to the next section on the death penalty I want to pause to consider this verse. Psalms 9:12 **When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the humble.**

Inquisition - a period of prolonged and intensive questioning or investigation.
Strong's: to resort to, seek, seek with care, enquire, require.

Roman Catholic Detour - Catholic Inquisition Sidebar



- When you look up the definition of the word “inquisition” you immediately run head long into the Roman Catholic’s secret judicial practice and procedure called the **Inquisition** or sometimes called the “Spanish Inquisition.” The **Inquisition** was a secret and bloody judicial procedure and institution used by the Roman Catholic Church to combat what they considered heresy, blasphemy, witchcraft, and other deviant practices. The word "inquisition" comes from the Latin verb *inquirere*, which means "to

investigate." In 1231, Pope Gregory IX created a special "court" to investigate suspects and force heretics to change their beliefs. "Most of these tribunals were dissolved by the late 18th century." The Inquisition was used to suppress revolt and root out "unorthodox" beliefs. The Spanish Inquisition also led to the burning of thousands at the stake under the grand inquisitor Torquemada. *Some suspects were tortured, and heretics who refused to change their beliefs were sentenced to die by burning. In the 1500's Catholic leaders turned the Inquisition against the protestant reformers.*

The Trail of Blood, Dr. J.M. Carroll – [Dark Ages 500 – 1700] - *We had just entered the awful period known in the world's history as "The Dark Ages." Dark and bloody and awful in the extreme they were. The persecutions by the established Roman Catholic Church are hard, cruel and perpetual. The war intended extermination following persistently and relentlessly into many lands. A "Trail of Blood" is very nearly all that is left anywhere... the persecuted were called by many and varied names... Ana Baptists,... Waldenses, etc... During all periods of the "Dark Ages" and the period of the persecution, strenuous efforts were made to destroy when what Scripture manuscripts the persecuted did possess... All writings of any sort, other than those of the Catholics, were gathered and burned. Especially was this true of books. This is why it is so difficult to secure accurate history... This was a desperately bloody period. All of the groups of persistent "heretics" (so called by the Catholics)... were cruelly persecuted... If fifty million died of persecution during the 1,200 year of what are called the "Dark Ages," as history seems positively to teach – then they died faster than an average of four million every one hundred years. That seems almost beyond the limit of human conception... The Catholic Church by its many departures from New Testament teachings, its many strange and cruel laws and its desperately low state of morals, and its hand and clothes reeking with the blood of millions of martyrs, has become obnoxious and plainly repulsive to many of its adherents, who are far better than their own system and laws and doctrines and practices. Several of its bravest and best and most spiritual priests and other leaders, one by one, sought most earnestly to reform many of its most objectionable laws and doctrines and back at least neared to the plain teachings of the New Testament... The leaders were, or had been, all Catholic priests or officials of some kind. Martin Luther was in this category.*

The Catholics like to compartmentalize their murder into what you can prove and what you can't prove. Since they destroyed all the books and documents only God knows the true extent of their murder and treachery, but He knows, and He will make inquisition for it. The Catholic Register says that only 3,000 deaths during the Inquisition can be proved. Of course, the Catholics were not just a religion. They also controlled governments in Rome, Spain and

other European countries. They persecuted large groups of people, from the tens of thousands to more using governmental armies and other resources and laws.

When we think of the Catholic atrocities, we tend to limit it to their incessant idolatry (a/k/a Holy Smokin' Jaboree – Mother Teresa – car show, corn hole tournament, poker tournament, 5k, raffle and live auction - can you possibly see the Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Glory Tim talked about last week in Rev. 1 having anything to do with this worldly circus?) and debauched sexual practices with children and sodomy, but it is so very much more. I hired a famous person once to give a big speech to 500 or so people. This person was of a minority descent. As the person was getting ready to give the speech the person launched into a tirade on the Roman Catholic religion. He said that the Catholics persecuted the American Indians relentlessly during the 1800 and early 1900's saying they had no souls and taking their possessions and land.

I also do not want to give the Catholics a pass on their sexual practices of allowing sodomite priests to abuse their parishioners and young people for centuries. They have spent more than 2 billion dollars over 20 years to settle sexual harassment cases against their clergy. Here is my evidence: *"Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, **and they please themselves in the children of strangers**"* (Isaiah 2:6). Gill (1697-1771) says: *and they please themselves on the children of strangers; being brought into their convents, monasteries, and nunneries; the priests and nuns vowing celibacy and virginity, and contenting themselves with the children of others: for they love strange flesh, delight in sodomitical practices, and unnatural lusts with boys and men; wherefore Rome is called Sodom and Egypt, Rev. 11:8*

Psalms 9:12 When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

Gill: The Arabic version renders it, "He (God Almighty) remembers him that seeks their blood"; that is, the wicked man, that lies in wait for innocent blood, and whose feet are swift to shed it; the man of sin, who is bloodthirsty; who drinks up the blood of the saints like water, and has been made drunk with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus, him will God remember, and take vengeance on, in His own time: but rather this is to be understood of God himself, seeking for the blood of His saints: He knows where it is, though ever so privily shed, as he did Abel's; yet, to show His strict care and accurate notice of it, He is represented as searching for it, and

*finding it out by secret search, #Jer 2:34. And it is the same phrase with "requiring" blood, and expresses a demand of satisfaction for it; and declares the vengeance that God will take on account of it: **He requires the blood of every man at the hand of him by whom it is shed**, #Ge 9:5,6; especially the blood of the righteous, #Mt 23:35; particularly the blood of the martyrs of Jesus, shed by the Romish antichrist; he will make inquisition for that, and will find in Babylon the blood of the prophets and saints, and of all that are slain on earth; and will avenge the blood of his servants at her hand, and give her blood to drink, #Re 18:24 19:2 16:6.*

***He remembereth them**; either the "righteous," as the Targum paraphrases it, whose blood has been shed; or else the wicked, who shed their blood: God will remember them and their sins; which, for some time, may seem not to have been taken notice of by Him, and will pour out His wrath, and inflict just punishment on them; see #Re 16:19 18:5,6;*

***He forgetteth not the cry of the humble**: ...afflicted persons are generally humble, afflictions make them humble; God's people are an afflicted people; afflicted with sin, with Satan, with the world, with antichrist and his followers: and they are an humble people; grace makes them humble, and a sense of their sin and unworthiness keeps them so: and this is a proper character of the followers of Jesus. These in their distress cry to the Lord, as the Israelites did in Egypt under their bondage and, pressures: yea, their blood cries after death, as Abel's did, and as the blood of the martyrs of Christ does, whose souls under the altar cry for vengeance, #Re 6:9; and God is not unmindful of their cry; however He may seem to be, He takes notice of it, and will in His own time avenge His elect, which cry unto him day and night.*

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. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man (Gen. 9:5-6).

Barnes: When he maketh inquisition for blood - When he "inquires" after blood; that is, when he comes forth ... for purposes of punishment. There is allusion here to such passages as that #Ge 9:5, "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." **The idea is, that when blood was shed in murder, God would seek out the murderer; he would require satisfaction of him who had shed the blood; he would punish the offender. The language, there, becomes equivalent to that of seeking punishment for murder, and then for sin in general; and the representation here is**

that of God as going forth in the capacity of an executioner of his own laws to inflict punishment on the guilty.

Matthew Henry - When God comes to make inquisition for blood by His judgments on earth, before He comes to do it by the Judgment of the Great Day, He remembers them, remembers every drop of the innocent blood which they have shed, and will return it sevenfold upon the head of the blood thirsty; He will give them blood to drink, for they are worthy. This assurance He might well build upon that word (#De 32:43), He will avenge the blood of his servants. Note, there is a day coming when God will make inquisition for blood, when he will discover what has been shed secretly, and avenge what has been shed unjustly; see #Isa 26:21; #Jer 51:35. In that day it will appear how precious the blood of God's people is to Him (#Ps 72:14), when it must all be accounted for. It will then appear that He has not forgotten the cry of the humble, neither the cry of their blood nor the cry of their prayers, but that both are sealed up among His treasures.

Blood of any kind is not to be taken lightly, because God WILL make inquisition for each drop.

Capital Punishment/Death Penalty

In the Old Testament there were a number of crimes punishable by death. The government of the Israelites was a theocracy. A theocracy is a system of government in which God is the rule of law. God Almighty set out exactly what crimes were punishable by death mainly in Exodus, Leviticus and Deuteronomy. As Sovereign Ruler of all, God has that right.

Adultery

- Lev. 20:10 *And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.*
- Deut. 22:22 *If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel.*
- Deut. 22:23 *If a damsel that is a virgin be betrothed unto an husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her; 24 Then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with stones that they die; the damsel, because she cried not, being in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbour's wife: so thou shalt put away evil from among you. 25 But if a man find a betrothed damsel*

in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her: then the man only that lay with her shall die.²⁶ But unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; there is in the damsel no sin worthy of death: for as when a man riseth against his neighbour, and slayeth him, even so is this matter:

Bestiality

- *Ex. 22:19 Whosoever lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death.*
- *Lev. 20:15 And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the beast. 16 And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.*

Blasphemy Against God

- *Lev. 24:11 And the Israelitish woman's son blasphemed the name of the LORD, and cursed. And they brought him unto Moses...¹³ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ¹⁴ Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him. ¹⁵ And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin. ¹⁶ And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the LORD, shall be put to death.*

Death by Animal (Second Bite)

- *Ex. 21:28 If an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die: then the ox shall be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be quit.²⁹ But if the ox were wont to push with his horn in time past, and it hath been testified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, but that he hath killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and his owner also shall be put to death.*

False Prophets

- *Deut. 18:20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.*

False Witness

- *Duet. 19:15 One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established. 16 If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him that which is wrong; 17 Then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges, which shall be in those days; 18 And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, if the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother; 19 Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you. 20 And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you. 21 And thine eye shall not pity; but life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.*

Fornication

- *Deut. 22:13 If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her, 14 And give occasions of speech against her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid: But if this thing be true, and the tokens of virginity be not found for the damsel: 21 Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the whore in her father's house: so shalt thou put evil away from among you.*
- *Lev. 21:9 And the daughter of any priest, if she profane herself by playing the whore, she profaneth her father: she shall be burnt with fire.*

Homosexuality

- *Lev. 20:13 If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.*

Incest

- *Lev. 20:11 And the man that lieth with his father's wife hath uncovered his father's nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.*

- *Lev. 20:12 And if a man lie with his daughter in law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have wrought confusion; their blood shall be upon them.*
- *Lev. 20:14 And if a man take a wife and her mother, it is wickedness: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you.*

Kidnapping

- *Ex. 21:16 And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.*

Murder

- *Ex. 21:12 He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death.*
- *Ex. 21:14 ... If a man come presumptuously upon his neighbor, to slay him with guile; thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die.*
- *Lev. 24:17 And he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death.*

Physical or Verbal Abuse of a Parent and a Rebellious Child

- *Ex. 21:15 And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.*
- *Ex. 21:17 And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.*
- *Lev. 20:9 For everyone that curseth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood [shall be] upon him.*
- *Deut. 21:18-21 If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and that, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them: 19 Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place; 20 And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard. 21 And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.*

Sabbath Breaking

- *Ex. 31:13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you. 14 Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.*

- Ex. 35:2 *Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the LORD: whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death.*
- Numbers 15:32 *And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day. 33 And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation. 34 And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him. 35 And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp. 36 And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the LORD commanded Moses.*

Sorcery and Witchcraft

- Lev. 20:27 *A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them.*
- Ex. 22:18 *Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.*
- 1Sam. 28:9 *And the woman (Witch of Endor) said unto him (Saul), Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?*

Violating Direction of the Priest

Duet. 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.*

Worshipping and Sacrificing to Other Gods

- Ex. 22:20 *He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed.*
- Duet 13:5 *And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.*

- *Lev. 20:2-3 Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel, Whosoever he be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth any of his seed unto Molech; he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones. 3 And I will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people; because he hath given of his seed unto Molech, to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name.*

New Testament

Simply put, we are to submit ourselves to every ordinance of man and that includes the penalties that come with those ordinances, including the death penalty. *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. 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 cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. 17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king. (1Pet. 2:13-17)*

Romans 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers (Roman magistrates). For there is no power but of God: the powers 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.

Haldane: Christians having become the subjects of a kingdom which is not of this world, might be led to suppose that they were released from the ties of obedience to human authorities, especially such as were not Christians. Far different is the doctrine here taught by the Apostle. He commands 'every soul,' both Jew and Gentile, to be subject to the existing powers. He makes no exception as to the nature or constitution of any government. He speaks neither of monarchies, nor of republics, nor of mixed constitutions. But he applies all his precepts to every form that government may assume. As there is nothing from which political partisans in the

present day more widely differ than from the apostolic doctrine laid down in this chapter, Christians ought to give to it the more earnest heed, lest they be led away on this subject by the opinions of the world, or of those who 'despise government.' They ought to examine carefully what is here taught by the Apostle, without attempting to accommodate it to their preconceived views of civil liberty.

Gill: The chapter begins with [Christian] duties relating to the civil magistrates, requiring obedience of everyone unto them, #Ro 13:1, and that for these reasons, because the civil magistracy, or government, is by divine appointment; wherefore to obey them in things of a civil nature, is to obey God; and to resist them is to resist God; and also because of the pernicious consequence of such resistance, damnation to themselves, #Ro 13:2, for the magistrate not only causes terror by penal laws, but he inflicts punishment on delinquents, and is the executioner of God's wrath and vengeance on such, #Ro 13:3,4, and likewise because of the profit and advantage to obedient subjects; such not only have the good will and esteem of their rulers, and are commended by them, but are defended and protected in their persons and properties, #Ro 13:3,4, moreover, the apostle enforces the necessity of subjection to them, not only in order to avoid punishment, but to answer a good conscience; this duty being according to the light of nature, and the dictates of a natural conscience; which if awake, must be uneasy with a contrary behaviour, #Ro 13:5, and for the same reason he urges the payment of tribute to them, as well as on account of the reasonableness of it, taken from magistrates spending their time, and using their talents, in an attendance on the service of the public, #Ro 13:6, and which is further confirmed by the general rule of justice and equity, or of doing that which is just and right to everyone, of which particulars are given, #Ro 13:7, and then after a general exhortation to pay all sorts of debts owing to superiors, inferiors, or equals, the apostle passes to the debt of love owing to one another, and to all mankind; which is exhorted to on this consideration, that the performance of it is a fulfilling the law,

I personally do not love the death penalty, given the wrongful murder of the Lord Jesus Christ by capital punishment. We also know it is abused by men and people can be executed for things they did not do, so I personally am not generally in favor it. Nonetheless, when the Sovereign God of Eternity provides for it is our society we must see God's hand in it.

I love you all Amen.

Lord's Supper

Mat. 26:14 ¶ Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, 15 And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver. 16 And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him. 17 ¶ Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover? 18 And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. 19 And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover. 20 Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve. 21 And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. 22 And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I? 23 And he answered and said, He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me. 24 The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born. 25 Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said. 26 ¶ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. 27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. 30 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

Taking of Human Life Table (Work in Progress)

No.	Description	Permitted by God	Bible Authority	Bible Example
1.	Premeditated Murder (Planned/premeditated and with intention to kill)	No	Thou shalt not kill. Ex. 20:13	DONE - Sermon June 9, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cain murders Abel • Joab murders Abner • Jacob's sons premeditate to kill Shechem and the men of the city for Shechem raping Dinah
2.	2nd Degree Murder (Killing Without Premeditation, may or may not have intended to kill, just serious bodily harm) (shooting a gun in a crowd)	No	Thou shalt not kill. Ex. 20:13	
3.	Voluntary Manslaughter (Crime of passion) – Willful killing, but not premeditated or planned and involves provocation like – finding a partner in bed with someone else and immediately pulls out a gun and kills them	No	Thou shalt not kill. Ex. 20:13	
4.	Involuntary Manslaughter – Killing without malice, intent or premeditation. “Accident” comes to mind, but it usually involves	No	Thou shalt not kill. Ex. 20:13	

	reckless, negligence or disregard for human life (texting while driving or DUI), resulting in the death of a pedestrian).			
5.	Accidental Homicide - Someone is killed during the course of a lawful act that is done with a reasonable belief that no harm will take place. This is not a crime. You are shooting a gun at a gun range and the gun misfires, the bullet ricochets and strikes and kills someone else.	Allowed	De. 19:5 Josh. 20:3-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Axe head slippeth from the helve and kills neighbour) • Slayer that killeth any person unawares and unwittingly (City of Refuge) ... and hated him not before time.
6.	War (Not Ordered by God)	Gill and Henry say yes, I am not comfortable with that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex. 20:13 Thou shalt not kill. • Luke 3:14 Do violence to no man • James 4:1 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? • 2 Kings 6:8 – God delivered Syria into Elisha’s hand into Samaria – God said to feed and give them drink. • 2 Cor. 10:4 The weapons of our 	<p>DONE - July 28, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At times the Israelites would ask of God whether they should go up or not to fight against an enemy and sometimes He would approve it and sometimes not depending on the situation.

			warfare are not carnal.	
7.	Death Penalty	Allowed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 13:1-7 	DONE - Sermon Sept. 15, 2024
8.	Self-Defense	Gill & Matthew Henry say yes – Some of us are not comfortable with that.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex. 20:13 Thou shalt not kill. • Mat. 5:39 ...Whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. • Mat. 5:44 Love your enemies, pray for your enemies, etc. • Ex. 22:2 If a thief be found...and he smitten that he dies, there shall no blood be shed for him. • Ex 2:11-12; Acts 7:22-24 Moses saw a Hebrew suffer wrong by the Egyptian and killed the Egyptian – and defended him. • Abraham taking his servants to save Lot (and killing Lot's captors). • David recovering his wives at Ziklag. 	
9.	Abortion	No	Thou shalt not kill. Ex. 20:13	DONE – June 9, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giving seed to Molech

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The midwives in Egypt refused to abort the male babies because they feared God and the Lord did good by them
10.	Mass Murder	No	Thou shalt not kill. Ex. 20:13	DONE – June 9, 2024
11.	Serial Killer	No	Thou shalt not kill. Ex. 20:13	DONE – June 9, 2024
12.	Genocide	No (unless authorized by God)	Thou shalt not kill. Ex. 20:13	DONE – June 9, 2024
13.	Suicide	No	Thou shalt not kill. Ex. 20:13	DONE – June 9, 2024
14.	Euthanasia	No	Thou shalt not kill. Ex. 20:13	DONE – June 9, 2024
15.	Allowing someone to die – A person is drowning and you can swim and can save him, but decide not to because you didn't want to be burdened – love your neighbour	No	Thou shalt not kill. Ex. 20:13	