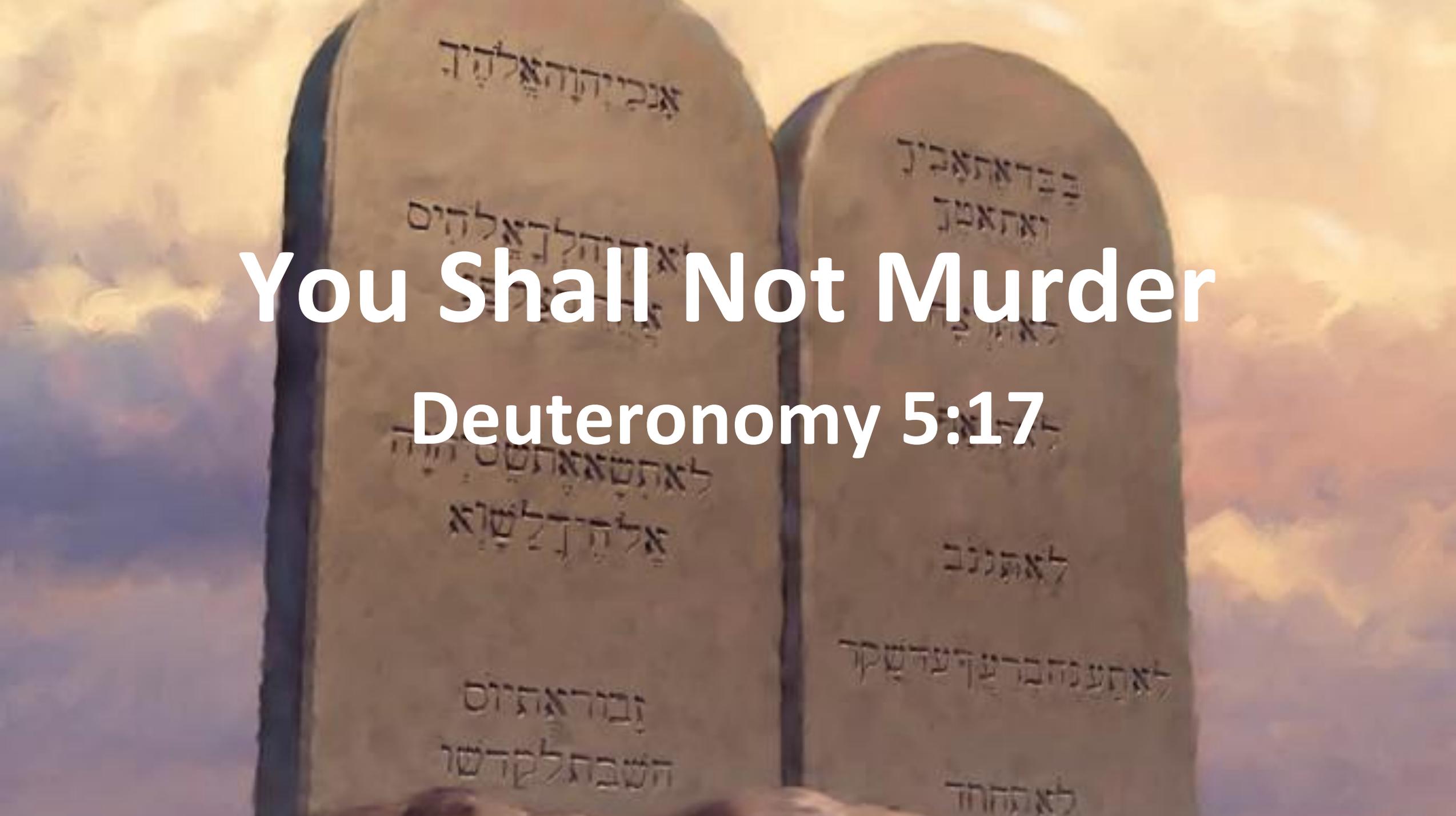


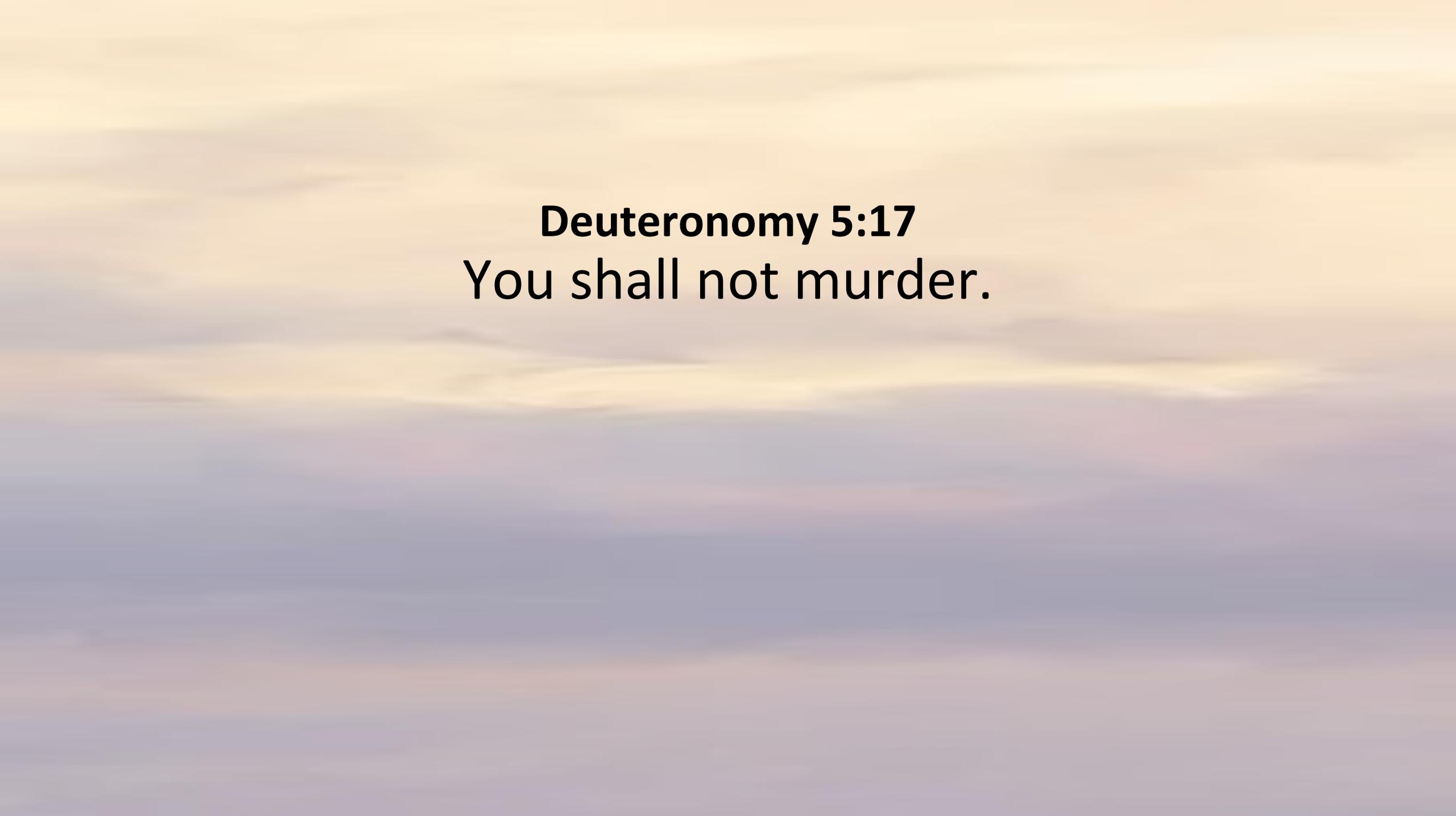
Deuteronomy

A Call to Covenant Renewal



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Main Idea

The 6th Word teaches that God is love and perfectly loving, and it requires that we do not hate anyone but love everyone from the heart.

Two Important Points:

There is no middle ground between biblical love and biblical hate.

Biblical hatred is *murderous* and accounted by God *as* murder.

1 John 3:14-16

We know that we have passed out of death into life,
because we love the brethren.

He who does not love abides in death.

Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer;
and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.
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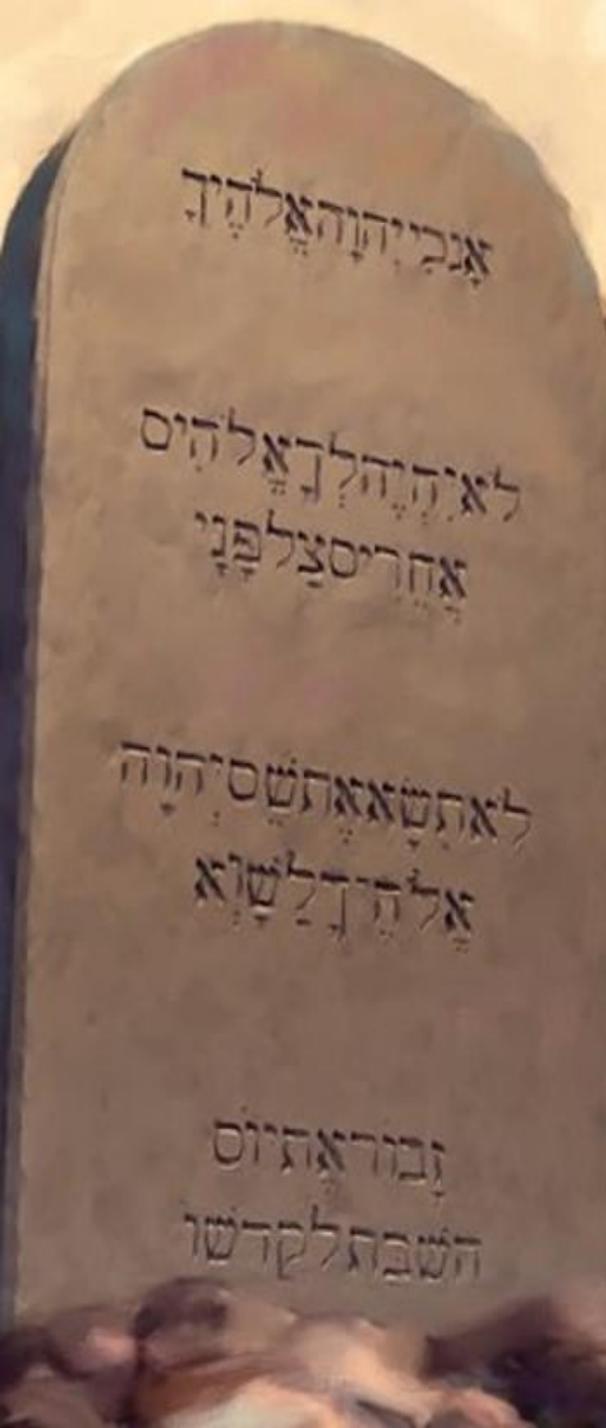
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Do Not Murder

**What does the 6th Word
require, and what does it
teach about God?**

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Proscriptions (Do Not's)

**That you do not unjustly take
anyone's life, including your own.**

Deuteronomy 5:17

You shall not **murder**.

This does not prohibit the taking of any life but rather the *unjust* or *wrongful* taking of a life.

Deuteronomy 4:41-42

Then Moses set apart three cities across the Jordan to the east, that a manslayer might flee there, who **unintentionally** slew his neighbor **without having enmity** toward him in time past.

Murder in three ways:

By Intention

By Negligence

Through Indifference

What does this teach about God?

That you do not unjustly take anyone's life, including your own.

**That He would never take a life unjustly or wrongly;
His wrath is righteous.**

Romans 3:5-6

The God who inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is He?

May it never be!

Romans 9:14

What shall we say then?

There is no injustice with God, is there?

May it never be!

What does the 6th Word require?

Proscriptions (Do Not's)

**That you do not unjustly hurt
or harm anyone, including yourself,
or even consider or contemplate such.**

Psalm 41:7

All who hate me whisper together against me;
Against me they devise my hurt.

Notice the connection between hatred and hurt!

Proverbs 3:29

Do not devise harm against your neighbor,
While he lives in security beside you.

Even *the consideration* of harm
to another breaks this Word,
because it is our thoughts that
give birth to our acts.

What does this teach about God?

That you do not unjustly hurt or harm anyone, including yourself, or even consider or contemplate it.

That He will never unjustly hurt or harm you or anyone else.

Deuteronomy 32:4

The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are just;
A God of faithfulness and without injustice,
Righteous and upright is He.

What does the 6th Word require?

Proscriptions (Do Not's)

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1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

Ephesians 5:29

...for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church.

Proverbs 8:36

“But he who sins against me (Wisdom) injures himself;
All those who hate me love death.”

**Remember that you are to love
others *as yourself!***

What does this teach about God?

That you do not indulge passions and practices that you reasonably know to endanger your life or others'.

That He is fully in control of His passions and always acts wisely, and would never endanger life.

James 1:13-14

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.

But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.

God is never “carried away” by lust!

Psalm 104:24

O LORD, how many are Your works!
In wisdom You have made them all.

What does the 6th Word require?

Proscriptions (Do Not's)

**That you do not become angry,
impatient, or frustrated with
anyone including yourself.**

Matthew 5:21-22

You have heard that the ancients were told,
“You shall not commit murder” and “Whoever commits
murder shall be liable to the court.”

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James 1:19-20

This you know, my beloved brethren.
But let everyone be quick to hear,
slow to speak and slow to anger;
for **the anger of man does not achieve
the righteousness of God.**

What does this teach about God?

That you do not become angry,
impatient, or frustrated with
anyone including yourself.

That He is gracious and patient.

Exodus 34:6-7

“The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth;
who keeps lovingkindness for thousands,
who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin;
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or treat anyone with contempt.**

Colossians 3:8

But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth.

James 4:11

Do not speak against one another, brethren.

He who speaks against a brother, or judges his brother, speaks against the law, and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge of it.

“Those are fighting words!”

Consider:

Execution is the final sentence
carried out in judgment!

What does this teach about God?

That you do not belittle, insult, or treat anyone with contempt.

That His thoughts and words are always righteous, and His anger is *purely* against wickedness.

Isaiah 55:8-9

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD.

“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

Psalms 12:6

The words of the LORD are **pure words**;
As silver tried in a furnace on the earth,
refined seven times.

Psalm 11:5-6

The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked,
And the one who loves violence His soul hates.

Upon the wicked He will rain snares;
Fire and brimstone and burning wind
will be the portion of their cup.

What does the 6th Word require?

Proscriptions (Do Not's)

**That you do not act recklessly
with foolish neglect or indifference
even in respect to yourself.**

Proverbs 15:32

He who neglects discipline despises himself,
But he who listens to reproof acquires understanding.

Proverbs 14:16

A wise man is cautious and turns away from evil,
But a fool is arrogant and careless.

Ecclesiastes 7:17

Do not be excessively wicked, and do not be a fool.
Why should you die before your time?

What does this teach about God?

That you do not act recklessly with foolish neglect or indifference even in respect to yourself.

That He always acts with perfect purpose and care and would never neglect or mistreat you.

Ephesians 1:11-12

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works **all things** after the counsel of His will, to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

Psalm 119:68

You *are* good and *do* good.

What does the 6th Word require?

Proscriptions (Do Not's)

**That you do not willfully withdraw
or separate yourself from anyone.**

Deuteronomy 5:17
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Consider the “Cancel Culture”

“He is dead to me!”

Withdrawal or separation
is a form of relational murder!

Consider the “Cancel Culture.”

What does this teach about God?

That you do not willfully withdraw
or separate yourself from anyone.

**That He will never leave you
nor forsake you if you are His.**

Deuteronomy 31:6

“Be strong and courageous,
do not be afraid or tremble at them,
for the LORD **your God** is the one who goes with you.
He will not fail you or forsake you.”

What does the 6th Word require?

Prescriptions (Do's)

That you defend, protect, and support
the innocent as much as you can.

Isaiah 1:17

Learn to do good; Seek justice, Reprove the ruthless;
Defend the orphan, Plead for the widow.

1 John 3:17

But whoever has the world's goods,
and beholds his brother in need
and closes his heart against him,
how does the love of God abide in him?

What does this teach about God?

That you defend, protect, and support
the innocent as much as you can.

**That He will defend the vulnerable
and will bring justice to the innocent.**

Deuteronomy 10:18

He executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and shows
His love for the alien by giving him food and clothing.

Psalms 146:9

The LORD protects the strangers; He supports the fatherless
and the widow; But He thwarts the way of the wicked.

What does the 6th Word require?

Prescriptions (Do's)

That you quickly forgive any who have wronged you or others you love.

Ephesians 4:32

And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, **just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.**

Colossians 3:13

...bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone;
just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

What does this teach about God?

That you quickly forgive any who have wronged you or others you love.

That He is merciful and forgives every wrong of His people, even the wrong of crucifying His Son!

Exodus 34:6-7

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slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth;
who keeps lovingkindness for thousands,
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yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished.

Ephesians 2:4

But God, **being rich in mercy**, because of His great love
with which He loved us...

What does the 6th Word require?

Prescriptions (Do's)

**That you do all you can to make
peace with others.**

Psalm 34:14

Depart from evil, and do good; **Seek peace, and pursue it.**

Hebrews 12:14

Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.

What does this teach about God?

That you do all you can to make
peace with others.

That He is a peacemaker.

Colossians 1:19-20

For it was the Father's good pleasure
for all the fulness to dwell in Him, and through Him
to reconcile all things to Himself,
having made peace through the blood of His cross...

What does the 6th Word require?

Prescriptions (Do's)

**That you show kindness, both
in word and deed, to others,
even your enemies.**

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Luke 6:27-28

But I say to you who hear, love your enemies,
do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you,
pray for those who mistreat you.

What does this teach about God?

That you show kindness, both
in word and deed, to others,
even your enemies.

**That He *is* kind and showed and
shows the greatest kindness to you,
His former enemy.**

Titus 3:3-5

For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.
But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us...according to His mercy.

What does the 6th Word require?

Prescriptions (Do's)

That you love everyone, even your enemies and even to the point of laying down your own life for them.

James 2:8

If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law,
according to the Scripture,
“You shall love your neighbor as yourself,”
you are doing well.

1 John 3:16

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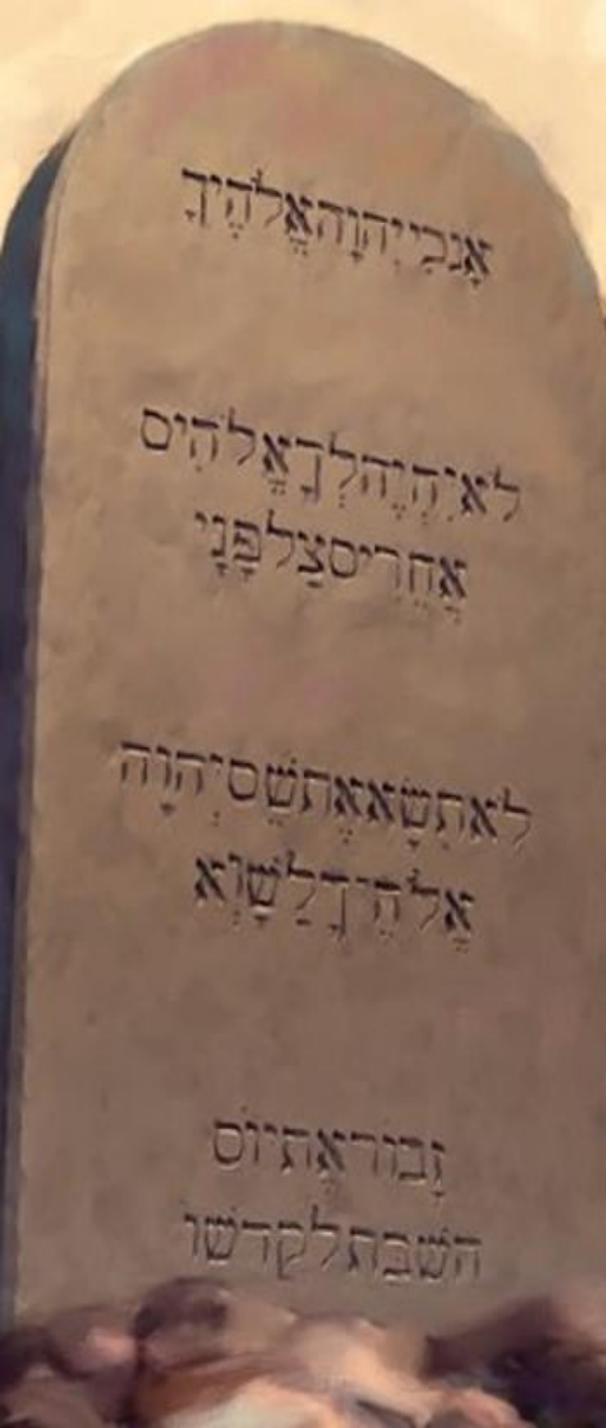
That He *is* love and that He loved an enemy world and gave His only Son to redeem you and it.

1 John 4:8-10

The one who does not love does not know God,
for God is love.

By this the love of God was manifested in us,
that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world
so that we might live through Him.

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us
and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.



Do Not Murder

What does the 1st Word teach about the LORD?

What does the 6th Word require?

**How can you uphold
this Word now?**

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By looking up not *out*.

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**By giving the grace
you have received.**

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By giving the grace you have received.

**By the supernatural power
of the Holy Spirit.**



Galatians 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love.

Conclusion

You are a murderer!

If you do not turn to Christ and depend by faith on His mercy demonstrated by His life and death, you will be judged as a murderer!

Even now, you are called to fulfill this command, yet fulfillment is only possible by the power of the Spirit of Christ in you.