

## The Ten Commandments Part 2

*“17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. 19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:17-20 KJV)*

The ten commandments that God gave to Moses was for the people and even for us today to know what God wants us to do and to know our limits and the boundaries that we should not cross. We will continue in this message to discuss the ten commandments:

6. *“Thou shalt not kill.” (Exodus 20:13 KJV) “Thou shalt not kill.” (Deuteronomy 5:17 KJV)* About this command the Lord Jesus said, *“21 Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: 22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.” (Matthew 5:21-22 KJV)* Here the Lord Jesus reminded them and reminding us about the Word of God in the Old Testament and the command of God about the sixth command that is repeatedly mentioned and explained and expounded in different places. Killing is forbidden; killing ourselves, killing any other, directly or indirectly is forbidden. The law of God, is a hedge of protection about our lives. It was one of the precepts that God gave to Noah, *“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.” (Genesis 9:5-6 KJV)* Even if the man will be killed by a beast his blood will be required from that particular beast; that they needed to put that beast that murder to death. *“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.” (Exodus 21:28 KJV)* God ordained that those who murder their blood will be shed by man. Murder that is done by intention it needed to be punishable by death. The murderer is guilty of judgment and deserves condemnation, unless it happened without the intention to do so. *Numbers 35* it has guidelines about murder and how to deal with murderers. The Lord allocated six cities from the cities of the Levites to deal with murderers, for the Levites were the judges of that time. Let us read now the details that they were following and it is well explained:

*“6 And among the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites there shall be six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for the manslayer, that he may flee thither: and to them ye shall add forty and two cities. 7 So all the cities which ye shall give to the Levites shall be forty and eight cities: them shall ye give with their suburbs. 8 And*

*the cities which ye shall give shall be of the possession of the children of Israel: from them that have many ye shall give many; but from them that have few ye shall give few: every one shall give of his cities unto the Levites according to his inheritance which he inheriteth. 9 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come over Jordan into the land of Canaan; 11 Then ye shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you; that the slayer may flee thither, which killeth any person at unawares. 12 And they shall be unto you cities for refuge from the avenger; that the manslayer die not, until he stand before the congregation in judgment. (So God ordained judgment from the congregation to the murderer). 13 And of these cities which ye shall give six cities shall ye have for refuge. 14 Ye shall give three cities on this side Jordan, and three cities shall ye give in the land of Canaan, which shall be cities of refuge. 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. 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. 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: (So we understand that the revenger of the blood shall put the murderer to death, and there is no ransom to bypass that if the murder was done intentionally). 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: (if the murder was done without intention, the slayer will be protected) 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. (So we understand that murder without intention to kill obliged the murderer to stay in the city of refuge till the death of the high priest, and there is no ransom to bypass that). 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. (So we need to understand the need of two witnesses). 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. (So we understand there was no ransom for life to the murderer). 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.* (So we understand here that the measures to deal with the murderers were for the sake of dealing with the sin of murder, so the land will not be defiled or get corrupted. For us in the New Testament church we need to deal with the sin of murder and its spiritual meaning, by the law of Christ and His blood so our lives and the life of the church shall not be defiled with sin for such defiles will bring the wrath of God upon us). *34 Defile not therefore the land which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell: for I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel.” (Numbers 35:6-34 KJV)* The audiences of Jesus were aware of that and what was explained to them about physical murder with intention or without intention. But what Jesus added that not only murder but even anger shall be in danger of judgment. *“22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.” (Matthew 5:22 KJV)* Now what Jesus is telling us about our anger and our rejection to any brother that Jesus died for and for no real reason or cause shall put us under the judgment of God. The explanation of Jesus is that the divine law had prohibited the sinful action and the sinful thought. Therefore we need to know that our thoughts are spoken words toward God. Therefore let us renounce hatred, unforgiveness, and revenge and the other manifestations of anger. *“whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause, shall be in danger of judgment”*: Christ is telling us today that rash anger is murder, therefore whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause, breaks the sixth commandment.

When we are angry at children or servants for that which could not be helped, for a mistake, that we ourselves might easily do that, or when we are angry upon trivial thing not worth speaking, or when our anger is of no good end we aimed at, or merely to show our authority, to gratify our brutish passion, to let people know our resentments, and excite ourselves to revenge, then it is in vain, it is to do hurt. Especially when we exceed the boundaries, when we are hard in our anger, violent, outrageous, mischievous, and when we seek and plan to hurt those whom we are displeased at, and we use trivial things to attack them, then that is like murder.

Cain's killing to his brother began in anger just because he was jealous of his brother; he is a murderer in the account of God, who knows his heart, from which murder proceeds. Apostle John spoke about that, and mentioned, that he who hated his brother is a murderer, *“11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. 13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. 14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. 15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.” (1 John 3:11-15 KJV)*

But when anger done with mildness and for a good end, to convince others of their vanity and folly, it is not sinful. As James says, O vain man; and Paul, Thou fool; and Christ Himself, O fools, and slow of heart. But when it proceeds from anger and

malice within, it is the smoke of that fire which is kindled from hell, and falls under the same character and give way for hell and demons to come in and harm others.

When anger is without cause the person will be under the judgment of God. A wife who keep fighting with her husband with no cause, speaking bad to him or a husband who keep fighting with his wife without cause, and children who keep fighting with their parents without cause, or parents who keep fighting with their children without cause, or a master who keep angry and fighting with his workers without cause, such cases will be under the judgment of God. That is why James tells us that anger does not bring the righteous life that God desire. *“19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: 20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.” (James 1:19-20 KJV)* God will not be happy or please with people who are keeping anger without a real cause. Anger and fight will take the blessings of God. So be careful and control your anger otherwise God's blessings will go away from you. That is why we are admonished that we should not get angry without cause and our anger should not lead us to sin, but should lead us to do the right thing: *“26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:” (Ephesians 4:26 KJV)* How people manifest their anger? Different ways of expressing anger; they may speak much, they speak bad, they speak none, they fight, they beat, etc. But our anger should not extend to the next day but before we sleep we have to work out to control our anger and take the action and the measures that we need to do. Anger should be with a cause, and it should be reasonable, fruitful and aim of correction and warning.

*“and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council:”* Or the Sanhedrim. The word Raca is expression of arrogance, indignation and contempt; it comes from pride and from those who are proud and looking down on others; it was used as a term of reproach or to treat in a mean and contemptuous manner. If that happen without a cause the person deserves to be dragged to the council of Jewish for judgment. Raca is a scornful word, disrespect, and comes from pride, which tramples upon our brother to set him even disdain with dogs. Like you are telling him you are dirty, you are filthy, etc. So Jesus here ordained that the church should deal with those who speak with such arrogance and without cause.

*“but whosoever shall say thou fool, shall be danger of hell fire.”: “thou fool”,* it means thou wicked man, thou sinful, thou ungodly wretched, thou graceless creature, and you will end up in hell. If that said to a man without a cause then the one who says that will be in danger of the judgment of God and the eternal fire.

*“but whosoever shall say thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.”*: This can also happen by slandering others at their back, back biting, grumbling, making slur, telling lies about them, or criticizing others by tongues. Such things kill secretly and slowly. Bitter and bad are as arrows that would suddenly pierce as a sword in the bones. They stab people on their backs with their bad words against them that come out from hatred. The Psalmist cried out to God: *“2 Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity: 3 Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words:” (Psalm 64:2-3 KJV)*

\* Christ shows that the sin of rash anger and hatred exposes men to a higher punishment, according to the degrees of its proceeding. Anger, hatred, slanders, gossips, backbiting, grumbling, and critics with bad intention is originating from hell and will end the person who do that in hell if he will not repent. \* You don't need to be angry with those who speak badly to you or about you, you don't need to plan to harm them or to repay them, but you need to forgive them and pray for their repentance because God's judgment is promised on them if they will not repent.

**My dear and beloved:** \* Anger should not be raised up in your life due to wrong reason and wrong motive in your heart. That will lead you to sin and makes you go against God's will. \* Instead your zeal for the Lord shall lead you to discern wrong doings and sins and shall give you the wisdom to handle them as Jesus did. Come now to God and repent of all your sins and short comings especially from the sin of anger and its bad effects which are equal to murder. The Lord instructs us about these things in writing to us: **"26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil."** (Ephesians 4:26-27 KJV) **Therefore let us come to the Lord lifting our lives, souls and our hearts in His hands to cleanse us and deliver us from anger. Let us be willing to control our thoughts and our actions giving no room for anger to prevail. Let us pray ...**

**My prayer:** Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your cleansing Word that made me wake up and aware of the bad of effects of anger and its sinful manifestations in my life. Lord thank you for confronting me with this sin of mine. Lord thank you for all the corrections, the rebukes and the admonishments we received in this message.

Now repent and renounce all your sins. Renounce the sin of murder. Renounce anger, hatred, malice, un-forgiveness, revenge, fights and quarrels. Repent of your evil thoughts and the bad words that coming out from your mouth. Repent of speaking bad to others, insulting them and looking down on them. Repent of your pride, arrogance and lack of humility. Repent of treating others badly and with disrespect. Repent of slanders, gossips, backbiting, grumbling, critics with bad intention, making slur and telling lies about others to destroy them. Repent of attacking others physically by your anger beyond their mistakes and trying to bring physical damages on them. Repent of your lack of love and your non willingness to care and sacrifice for others. Repent of your lack of the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Repent of your non willingness to serve God and suffer for Christ. Repent of your lack of reading God's Word and lack of prayers. Lord forgive me, I repent from the following sins \_\_\_\_\_.

Lord I commit myself to follow you in full obedience to your Word and commands that we received in this message. Lord I commit myself to humble down, and be willing to reproduce more fruit of the Holy Spirit; love, joy, peace, faith, gentleness, kindness, meekness, self-control, long-suffering and perseverance. Lord I commit myself to serve you and to suffer for your cause and purpose. Lord give me patience and perseverance as I am waiting for you to come and take me with you for eternity. Lord I commit my life into your hand to live in holiness and to persevere in facing trials, rejection and persecution, not to react and fight back. Lord uphold me with your love and grace, give me strength and good health, provide for me and encourage me so I can continue to serve you and do your will, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.

Lord thank you for my brethren and my sisters who repented and came back to you willing to be cleansed from anger and its manifestations in their lives. Lord give them self-control, and perseverance to live in holiness, and cleansed the thoughts of their minds to be pleasant unto you. Lord help them in their lives and the trials that they are passing through. Answer their prayers and uphold them with your grace, protect them, provide their needs, and make their lives good testimonies to others to follow you.

Lord we pray for us as a church that we will continue to teach your Word and to proclaim your ways to our families and to the rest of our workers and members. Lord we commit ourselves to walk before you in holiness in accordance to your will and plan for us. Lord help us to deal with those who causes damages with their anger. Lord we ask you once again to refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts so we can go and evangelize, making new disciples and training new workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to be water baptized and more disciples to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord take the message and spread it to reach the rest of the church congregations, workers, members and the lost souls. Lord prepare us for your coming to go with you when you come. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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