

DA21. Not Committing Murder.

We are not to murder.

This precept is derived from His Word (blessed is He):

Key New Testament Scriptures

Matthew 5:21-22

You have heard that our fathers were told, 'Do not murder,' and that anyone who commits murder will be subject to judgment. But I tell you that anyone who nurses anger against his brother will be subject to judgment; that whoever calls his brother, 'You good-for-nothing!' will be brought before the Sanhedrin; that whoever says, 'Fool!' incurs the penalty of burning in the fire of Gei-Hinnom!

Mark 10:19

You know the mitzvot- 'Don't murder, don't commit adultery, don't steal, don't give false testimony, don't defraud, honor your father and mother,..

Additional New Testament Scriptures

Luke 18:20

Romans 1:29, 13:9

1 Timothy 1:9

James 5:6

Revelation 21:8, 22:15

Related New Testament Mitzvot

AA60 Not Allowing Anger to Cause Us to Sin

AA65 Not Holding onto or Prolonging Anger

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DA49 Not Harboring Malice or Being Spiteful to Our Neighbor

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DA64 Not Speaking Badly or Critically of Our Brother or Neighbor

DA65 Not Insulting Our Neighbor

Supportive Tanakh Scriptures

Exodus 20:13(13)

"Do not murder. "Do not commit adultery. "Do not steal. "Do not give false evidence against your neighbor. (Exo 20:13 CJB)

Deuteronomy 5:17(17)

"Do not murder. "Do not commit adultery. "Do not steal. "Do not give false evidence against your neighbor.

Comment

The King James Version of the Bible translates Exodus 20:13(13) and Deuteronomy 5:17(17) as “Thou shalt not kill. However, the Hebrew words לֹא תִרְצַח are more properly translated “not murder.” The distinction is important because there are reasons for killing human beings that do not constitute murder; examples are killing in war, killing by accident, killing in self-defense, and killing pursuant to legal process. It is a matter of current debate as to whether mercy killings and aborting unborn children should be considered murder.

It is interesting that Matthew 5:21-22 associates murder with nursing anger and demeaning a brother contemptuously. Perhaps it is because both of these actions imply improperly removing our brother from our lives as effectively as if we have murdered him.

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M05 Committing Murder or Other Unjustifiable Homicide

N16 Nursing Anger Toward Our Neighbor

N17 Despising Our Neighbor