

# LET THERE BE LIFE!

God's Top Ten - Part 6

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**Exodus 20:13**

## 1. THE COMMANDMENT.

*"You shall not murder." Exodus 20:13 (NIV)*

**It does not prohibit...**

### ■ **Killing animals.**

*"Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything." Genesis 9:3 (NIV)*

### ■ **Capital punishment.**

*"Anyone who commits murder shall be put to death... the principle is a life for a life." Leviticus 24:17-18 (GN)*

*"The authorities are sent by God to help you. But if you are doing something wrong, of course you should be afraid... The authorities are established by God for that very purpose, to punish those who do wrong." Romans 13:4 (NLT)*

### ■ **Going to war.**

*"... There is a time for war..." Ecclesiastes 3:8 (NIV)*

## 2. WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO US?

### **First-Degree Murder**

### ■ **God says NO to suicide**

*"We are not our own bosses to live or die as we ourselves might choose."  
Romans 14:7 (LB)*

*"The length of a man's life is decided beforehand—the number of months he will live. You (God) have settled it..." Job 14:5 (GN)*

### ■ **God says NO to mercy killing**

*"It is God who directs the lives of His creatures; everyman's life is in His power."  
Job 12:10 (GN)*

### ■ **God says NO to abortion**

*"For You created my inmost being: you knit me together in my mothers' womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made... When I was woven together... your eyes saw my unformed body..."  
Psalm 139:13-16 (NIV)*

## Second-Degree Murder

### ■ God says No to slander

*“You’re familiar with the command... ‘Do not murder.’ I’m telling you that anyone who is so much as angry with a brother or sister is guilty of murder. Carelessly call a brother ‘idiot!’ and you might find yourself hauled into court. Thoughtlessly yell ‘stupid!’ at a sister and you are on the brink of hellfire. The simple moral fact is that words kill.” Matthew 5:21-22 (Mess)*