

To end this week's devotional on the Ten Commandments, we will look at commandment number six. Next week we will work our way down to number one.

Ex 20:13

You shall not murder.

Today's devotional verse is somewhat like yesterdays. Although you may not physically commit murder, you can commit murder in your heart.

† ***Matt 5:21-22 You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.***

So the obvious question is, who have you been angry with lately?

We know that physical murder destroys the lives of the one who was murdered. And the person who committed the murder will go to jail and/or face death.

But what about the anger Jesus is talking about here. Notice Jesus uses ***Be in danger of the judgment*** for both murder and anger.

Jesus also says, ***is angry with his brother without a cause.***
Do you have a just cause for your anger towards that person?

† ***James 1:19-20 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.***

Anger towards someone turns into hatred, then backbiting and gossip. It even leads to fighting and wars.

† ***James 4:1 Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?***

All of this because you had to be right and refused to forgive someone else.
Is it really worth it?