



# TEACHINGS OF JESUS

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## Lesson 6

# LIFE :THE GIFT OF GOD





# FIRST MURDER IN THE WORLD



Cain and Abel were the children  
of our first parents.



**CAIN WAS A FARMER  
AND  
ABEL A SHEPHERD**





One day ,both of them offered sacrifice to God. God was pleased with the sacrifice of Abel who offered the best that he had.



**This made Cain jealous. He became angry and killed Abel.**






God asked Cain,  
“WHERE IS YOUR BROTHER ABEL”

Cain said:  
“AM I MY BROTHER’S KEEPER ?”



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Lord said:“What have you done? You are placed under a curse and can no longer till the soil. You will be a homeless wanderer on the earth.”

This was the first murder.



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Human Life is precious.

God created us in his own image and likeness. That is the basis of the dignity of man.

God alone is the Owner of life.

Man is only a steward of Life.

Hence , it is the great duty of man to protect LIFE .

# The Ten Commandments



YOU SHALL NOT

**KILL.**

-5th Commandment



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Jesus said, “If you are angry with a brother or sister you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool’, you will be liable to hell.”(Mt.5:21-22)

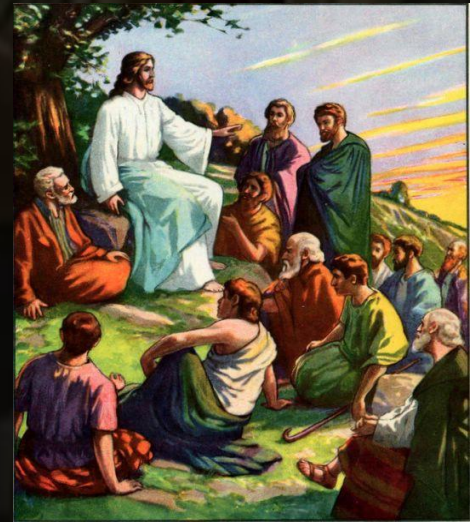
- ✓ Threats against Life exist in two ways
  - ✓ Factors that destroy one’s own Life.
  - ✓ Factors that destroy the Life of others.

# THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Jesus explain in His sermon on the mount,

“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times: you must not murder; and whoever murders shall be liable to judgement. But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister you will be liable to the judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister you will be liable to the council: and if you say, ‘you fool’, you will be liable to hell.”

(Mt 5:21-22)



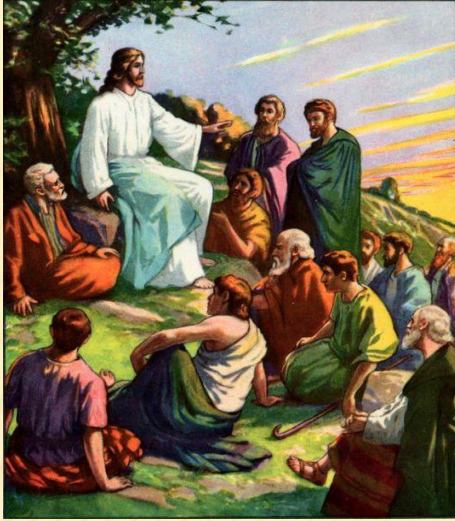




Jesus also gives us the exhortation to respect and protect life.

God also wants us to avoid things in this world that harm our life too.

We have to hold the dignity of human life.



Threat against life exist in two ways:

- 1) Factors that destroy one's own life.
- 2) Factors that destroy life of others.





# SINS AGAINST HUMAN LIFE

# MURDER



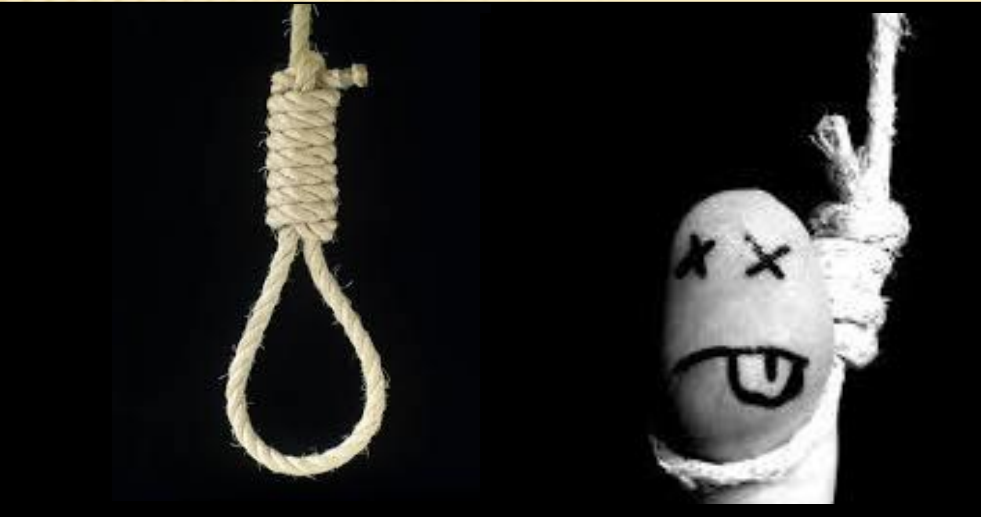
Murder is conscious killing of man with hatred or evil purpose.

Murder is the denial the authority of God , the Owner and Giver of Life.



# SUICIDE

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Suicide is the conscious destruction of one's own Life. By this ,we are questioning the supreme authority of God over Life.

# MERCY KILLING



Mercy killing is the act of putting an end to the Life of the dying, the sick and the retarded, whatever be the means and goals.(CCC 2277).



# ABORTION



Abortion is killing the foetus or the child in the womb. This is the meanest and most inhuman attack against human life.

# TERRORISM



Human Life has been destroyed as a result of certain acts of terrorism by some communities or movements. It is the violation of the fifth commandment to destroy Life.





# USE OF LIQUORS



Use of liquor, drugs, panparags etc. is a threat to human Life . In one sense, use of Liquor is equal to slow suicide.

**ACTIONS TO PROMOTE  
HUMAN LIFE**



# PROTECTION OF LIFE

The fifth commandment demands us not only to guard against the destruction of life but also to protect life in all aspects. It also puts forward certain duties to protect our life.



# PROTECTION OF HEALTH

Man has a body and a soul. It is man's responsibility to protect the health of his body and soul.



My Air  
My Health

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



# MAINTAINANCE OF PEACE



Attempts to maintain peace is a part of respecting life. It is the duty of all individuals, communities and nations to create an atmosphere necessary to live peacefully.



# PROTECTION OF NATURE

God has created nature for future generations too. Only if nature continues to survive, life will also survive. Hence we have the responsibility to use and protect life in the right way.





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## **YOU SHALL NOT KILL -**

**The fifth commandment reminds us**

**Not to do anything harmful to Life.**

**To protect and nourish Life.**

**As Christians we have the duty to**


**To recognize the truth that Life is God's gift.**

**Become agents of nourishing Life.**



# LET US PRAY

God, Giver of life, we thank you for the precious gift of life.  
Bless us to respect and protect this gift.

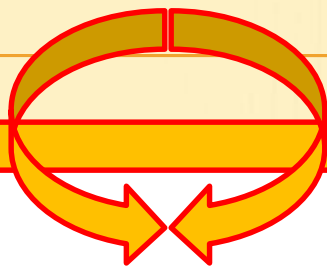




**LET US READ AND NARRATE**

Gen. 4:1-12





# WORD OF GOD FOR GUIDANCE

"God created man in His own image and likeness"

(Gen. 1:27)



# LET US DO:

Visit a patient and console him / her.



# MY RESOLUTION

I will not use any liquor.

## **FIND OUT THE ANSWER**

1. It is man's important responsibility to protect life, why?
2. What are the sins against human life?
3. Abortion is sin, why?
4. What are the means to protect life?
5. Use of liquor is evil, why?





**THANK YOU**