

MURDER

Int.

1. Aim: To show what the Bible teaches about the sin of murder.
2. "...you shall not murder..." Matt. 19:18
3. The word "Murder" has a spine tingling effect upon sober minded people.
 - a. Sometimes it says "you shall not murder." Exodus 20:13 Rom. 13:9
 - b. It also uses the term "Slay" - Gen. 20:11 = kill, put to death
 - c. Definition "The crime of unlawfully killing a person especially with malice aforethought." [Web. p. 557]
4. God has always recognized a difference between intentional murder and accidental murder.
 - a. Men sometimes call it "murder without malice."
 - b. Deut. 19:4-5 NKJV "...Whoever kills his neighbor unintentionally, not having hated him in time past" - Ill. Ax slips off handle and kills neighbor
 - c. Num.35:15 NKJV "These six cities shall be for refuge for the children of Israel, for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them, that anyone who kills a person accidentally may flee there."
 - d. In these cases the person fled to a city of refuge where he was to remain until the death of the High Priest, then he was at liberty to return to his own home.
 - e. There is a difference between intentional and accidental murder.
 - (1) Our country recognizes the differences
 - (2) 1st degree murder = deliberate killing of another
 - (3) 2nd Degree murder = get in a quarrel and then kill
 - f. Some cases are intentional but not murder - police shooting a criminal - Rm. 13:4 "he does not bear the sword in vain."

Discussion

I. THE FIRST MURDERER

A. Cain killed Abel

1. Gen. 4:1-15
2. This murder was not accidental, it was premeditated degree murder

B. The sin that underlay the act of murder — Anger — the sin that caused anger — Envy — the sin that caused Envy — disobedience.

1. God told both what to offer as a sacrifice
2. Abel obeyed and Cain disobeyed.
3. God was pleased with Abel's offering but not Cain's.
4. He was jealous, then angry and then committed murder
5. I Jn. 3:12 NKJV "not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous."

C. Envy is a dangerous sin!!

1. Children can be envious
2. Christians can be envious of one another
3. "For wrath kills a foolish man, And envy slays a simple one." Job 5:2 NKJV
4. A teacher told her children to write on a piece of paper their own weakness which they needed to overcome. One child whispered to the teacher, "How do you spell jealousy?"
5. "Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame." Song of Solomon 8:6

II. CHRIST'S COMMAND TO THE YOUNG RULER

- A. Mt. 19:18 NKJV "You shall not murder,"
1. Jesus listed some other "you shall nots"
 - a. You shall not commit adultery
 - b. You shall not steal
 - c. You shall not bear -false witness
 2. This was a part of the "Ten Commandments" -found in Exodus 20
 3. Men classify some sins as "big" sins and others as "little" sins.
 4. Murder would be classified as one of the BIG sins
- B. We should be reminded of the evil of murder!
1. Today it is being glamorized on TV and in the movies
 2. Some songs even talk about murder and killing in a way to make it seem trivial.
 3. We need to remember that it is evil and very serious in the sight of God.
 4. No man has the right to take another person's life because God is the giver of life.
- C. It is wrong to commit self murder or suicide
1. Suicide = Latin "sui" - self and "cidium" -intentionally kill
 2. Jesus said "you shall not murder" - Mt. 19:18
 3. We are to love our self not hate - Matt. 22:39 "And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" It is a command that we love our self. Love will not harm but help.
 4. Self murder is not a solution but complicates everything for everyone.

III. THE DEVIL WAS A MURDERER

- A. John 8:44 NKJV "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."
1. Satan tempted Eve and this brought death upon the human family - Rom. 5:12
 2. In this way Satan murdered the race by bringing death upon it, and so is a "Murderer from the beginning".
- B. The children of the Devil are murderers.
1. It is the desire of the child of the devil to do what the devil does because they are of the same disposition.
 2. They did not have to do this, but it was an acquired nature.

IV. CHRISTIANS CAN BECOME MURDERERS in a different way

- A. I Jn. 3:15 NKJV "Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him."
1. Hates = detest, not love, abhor
 2. His brother = a brother in Christ
 3. Murder = premeditated hatred
 4. The person is not guilty of murder, but he has the attitude or disposition that will murder.
 5. Murder is hatred expressed in action.

6. Mt. 5:21-22 NKJV "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.' 22 "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."
7. Matt. 15:19 NKJV "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies."

B. We can murder by:

1. Idle talk
2. Insinuations
3. Fault-finding and picking to pieces

C. Christians are to love each other

1. Mt. 22:39 NKJV ""And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"
2. I Pet. 1:22 NKJV "Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,"
3. I Jn. 4:11-12 NKJV "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us."

- D. An old woman spent much of her time throwing flower seeds from her carriage. As the result there sprang up beautiful flowers everywhere she went. We are to scatter love and happiness wherever we go.

V. THE DESTINY OF MURDERERS

- A. Rev. 21:8 NKJV "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."
- B. The government executes those who are murders.
- C. God will take vengeance upon all who murder character a assassinate virtue.
- D. God will punish murder both as an overt act and murder in the heart.
- E. Many people will be lost as murderers.

CONCLUSION

1. Murder is a sin — It is strongly condemned in both the O.T. & N.T.
2. God desires that we live peaceably together - Rm. 12:18 "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men."
3. No murderers will be in heaven!
4. Be careful of anger! Hatred! "Be ye angry, and sin not: let the sun go down upon your wrath." Eph. 4:26

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