

# Lord's Day 40

Heidelberg Catechism

The Third Part – Of Thankfulness

## Question 105

What doth God require in the sixth commandment?

### Answer

That neither in thoughts, nor words, nor gestures, much less in deeds, I dishonor, hate, wound, or kill my neighbor, by myself or by another;<sup>1</sup> but that I lay aside all desire of revenge;<sup>2</sup> also, that I hurt not myself, nor willfully expose myself to any danger.<sup>3</sup>

Wherefore also the magistrate is armed with the sword to prevent murder.<sup>4</sup>

## Question 106

But this commandment seems only to speak of murder?

### Answer

In forbidding murder, God teaches us that He abhors the causes thereof, such as envy, hatred, anger, and desire of revenge;<sup>5</sup> and that He accounts all these as murder.<sup>6</sup>

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**1 John 2:9**

He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

**6 1 John 3:15**

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

**1 Matt. 5:21, 22**

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

**Prov. 12:18**

There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.

**Matt. 26:52**

Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

**2 Eph. 4:26**

Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

**Rom. 12:19**

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

**Matt. 5:39, 40**

But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.

**3 Matt. 4:5–7**

Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

**Col. 2:23**

Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body: not in any honor to the satisfying of the flesh.

**4 Gen. 9:6**

Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

**Matt. 26:52**

Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

**Rom. 13:4**

For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

**5 James 1:20**

For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

**Gal. 5:20**

Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

**Rom. 1:29**

Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

### Question 107

But is it enough that we do not kill any man in the manner mentioned above?

### Answer

No; for when God forbids envy, hatred, and anger, He commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves;<sup>7</sup> to show patience, peace, meekness, mercy, and all kindness towards him,<sup>8</sup> and prevent his hurt as much as in us lies;<sup>9</sup> and that we do good, even to our enemies.<sup>10</sup>

**7 Matt. 22:39**

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

**Matt. 7:12**

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

**8 Rom.12:10**

Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

**Eph. 4:2**

With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

**Gal. 6:1, 2**

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

**Matt. 5:5**

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

**Rom. 12:18**

If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

**Ex. 23:5**

If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, and wouldest forbear to help him, thou shalt surely help with him.

**9 Matt. 5:45**

That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

**10 Rom. 12:20**

Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.