

Questions 93 & 94(B)

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Q93. What is the sixth commandment?

A93. You shall not murder.

Q94. What does the sixth commandment teach us?

A94. To avoid angry passions.

Scripture Base: Ps 82:3-4; Prov. 24:11-12, 31:9
Matt 5:44-48; Rom. 13:3-4; 1 John 3:15-17.

Doctrine: WCF 19, 23 SC: 67-69

Supplementary Questions

3. Under what circumstances may we kill?

4. What does this commandment require?

Songs: The Ten Commandments; The Greatest Commandment - J Rogers

Teaching Notes

Review: Q 92. What does the fifth commandment teach us? - *To love and obey our parents and teachers.*

Readings: Prov. 24:11-12, 31:9; Psalm 82:3-4; Matt. 5:44-48

Supplementary Questions

3. When someone is trying to kill us, or our neighbor, *unjustly* (Prov. 31:9)
- When defending our country or another country when it is attacked unjustly. (The State may use the power of the sword to execute those who try and harm its citizens with the power of its military, Rom. 13:3-4).
- When someone commits a crime worthy of death, the state may take away their life (Rom. 13:3-4). *What crime deserves death?*

4. *To protect the lives of others.* (Prov. 24:11-12). We are to defend the lives of others, including that of the unborn. (Psalm 82:3-4). When we see they are in need, we are to help them by giving them food, clothing and/or shelter, even if they are our enemy. (James 2:15-16; 1 John 3:17; Rom. 12:20; Matt. 25:31-46). We're not to hate or consider injuring others, but are to love them (Matt. 5:44-48).

To protect our own lives. We must defend our lives against those who would take them away unjustly (self-defense). We are generally to do things that are safe – unless called on to fight to protect ourselves, others, or our country (in a just war). We are to eat things that are healthy, not eat too much, and we are to take care of our bodies (exercise, etc.).

Gospel: (*Repeat of last week*) Jesus tells us that if we hate someone in our hearts, we have already murdered them. God's Word tells us further that no murderer has eternal life. If we find that we hate someone in our hearts, or that our hearts are full of hatred, we need to turn from that sin and turn to Christ. He can help us to love others, even our enemies. Remember, God loved those who hated Him so much that He sent His Son to die for them. Every day He pours out His kindness and mercy to those who are His enemies. He tells us to do the same thing (Matt. 5:44-48). You can only do this if you trust Jesus to help you. Turn from your sins and trust in Him.

Activity: Worksheet - draw pictures of safe and protective activities.

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