

COMMENTARY on the Sixth Commandment

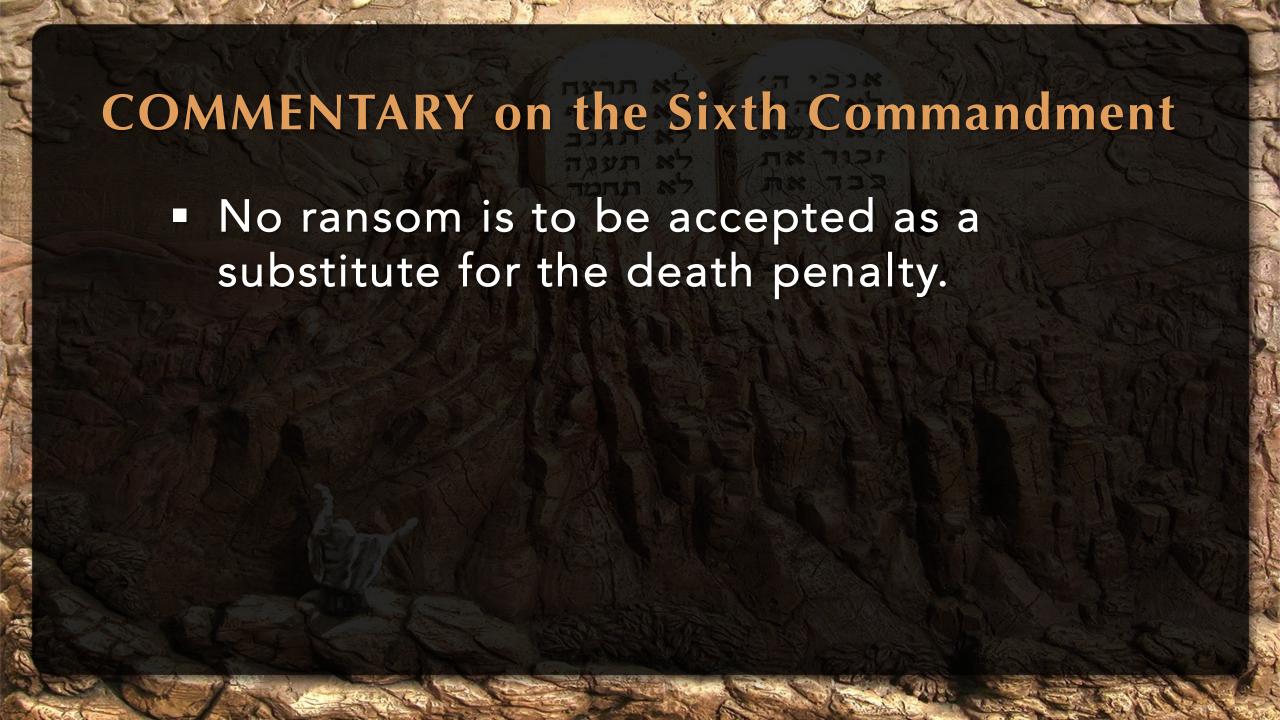
- These laws call for the death penalty for first-degree murder (i.e., intentional homicide, or murder with malice aforethought).
- Unintentional homicide is defined as murder in which the killer "did not do it intentionally" but "accidentally," "without malice aforethought," "without hostility."

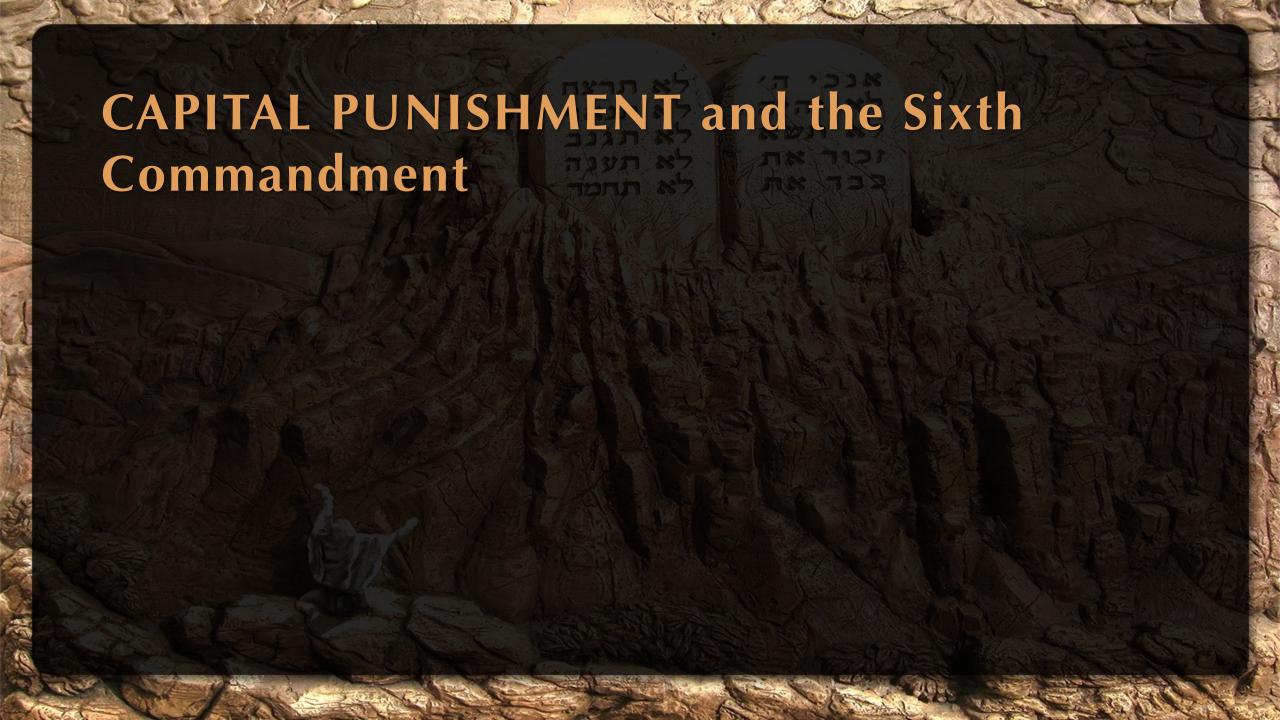


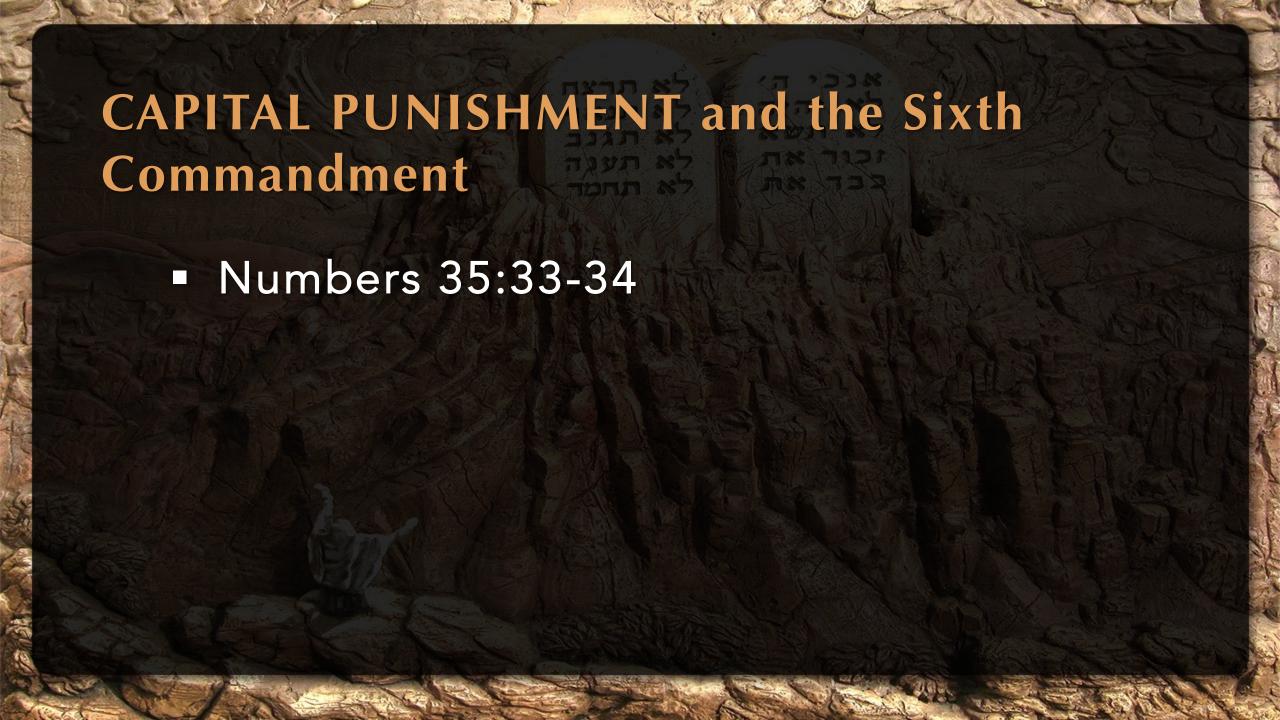
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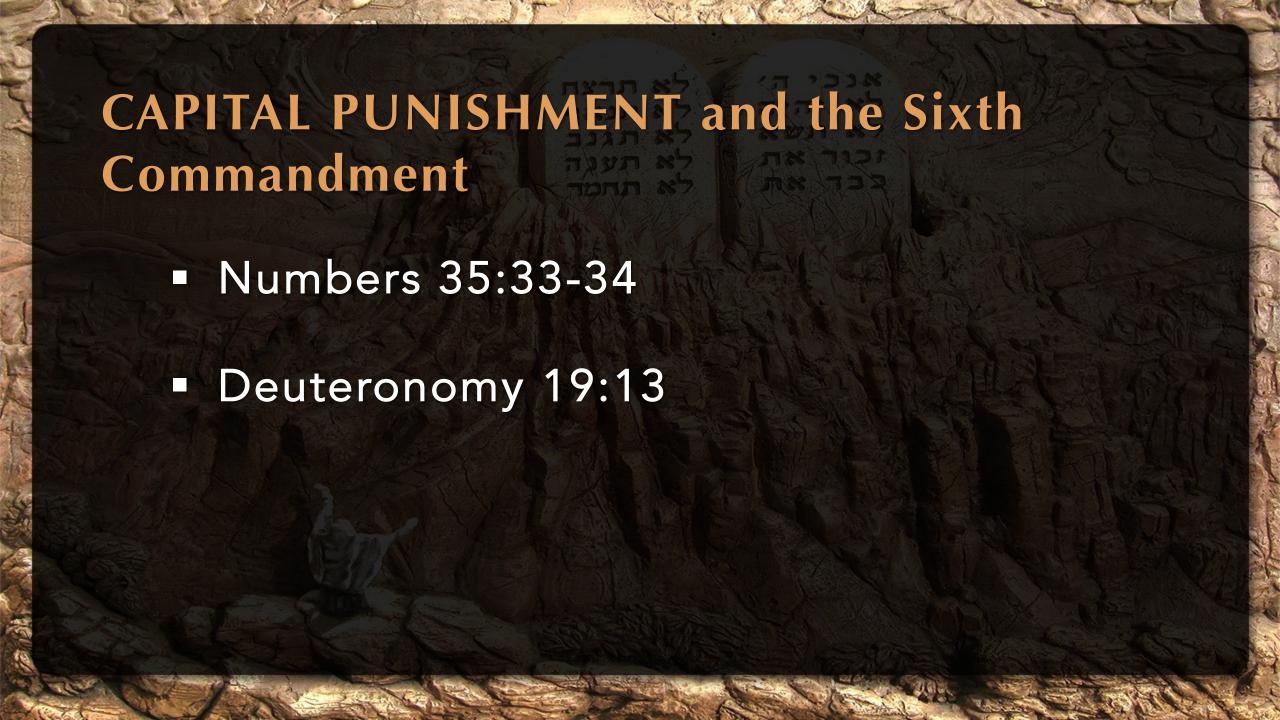
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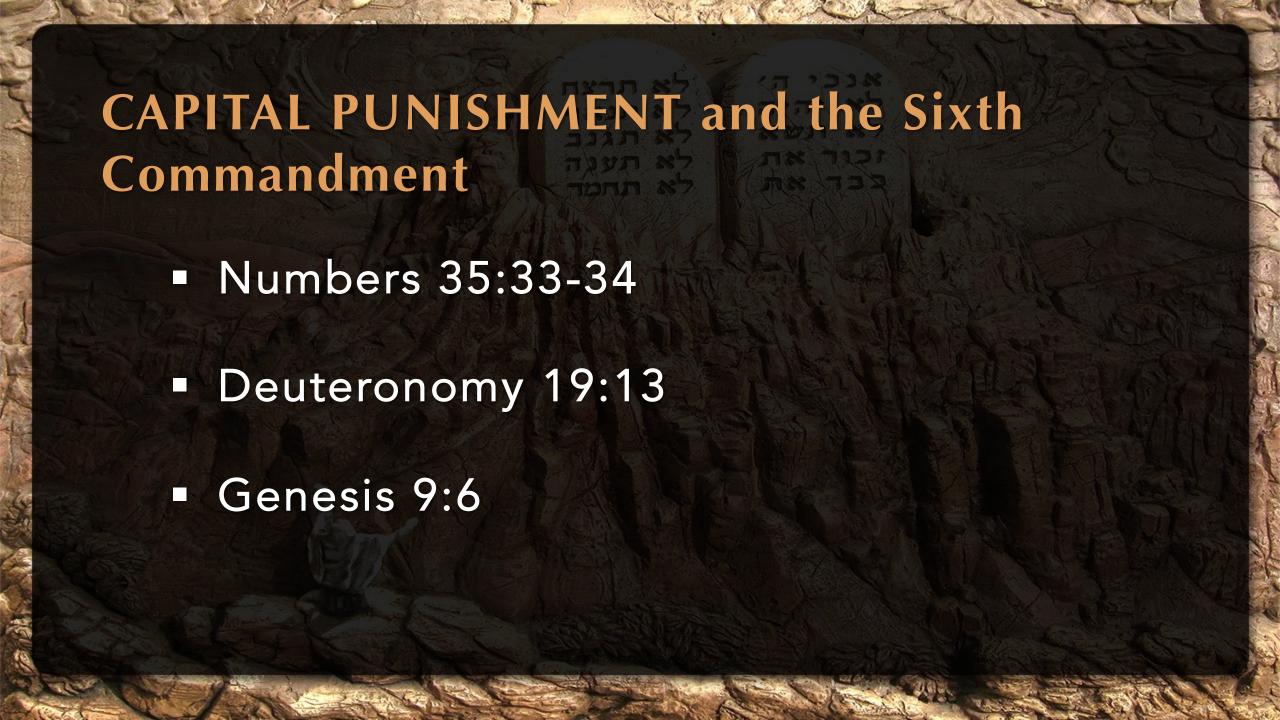
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- Accidental homicide: remain in one of the cities of refuge until the death of the high priest.



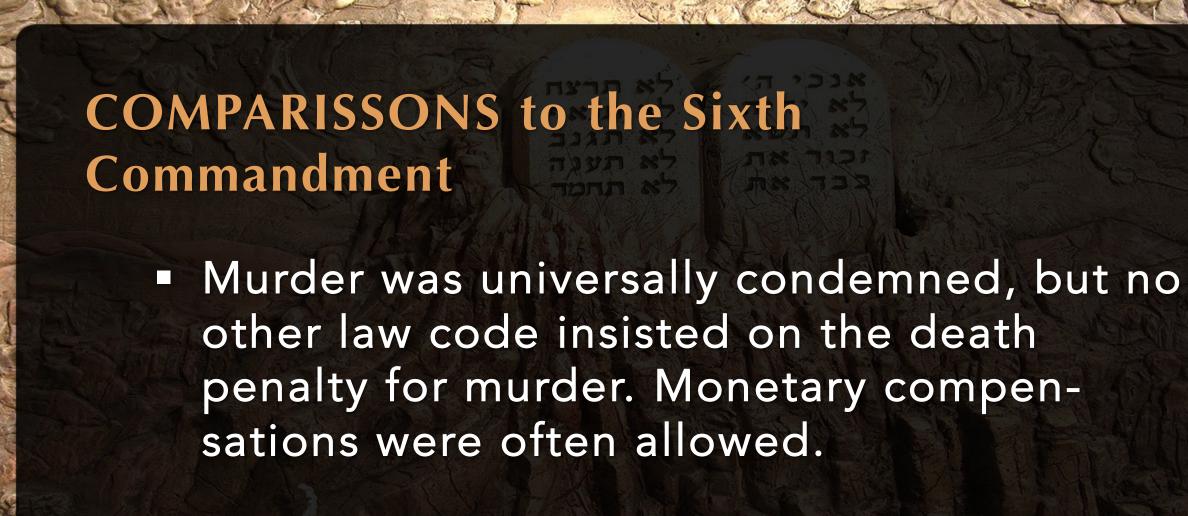














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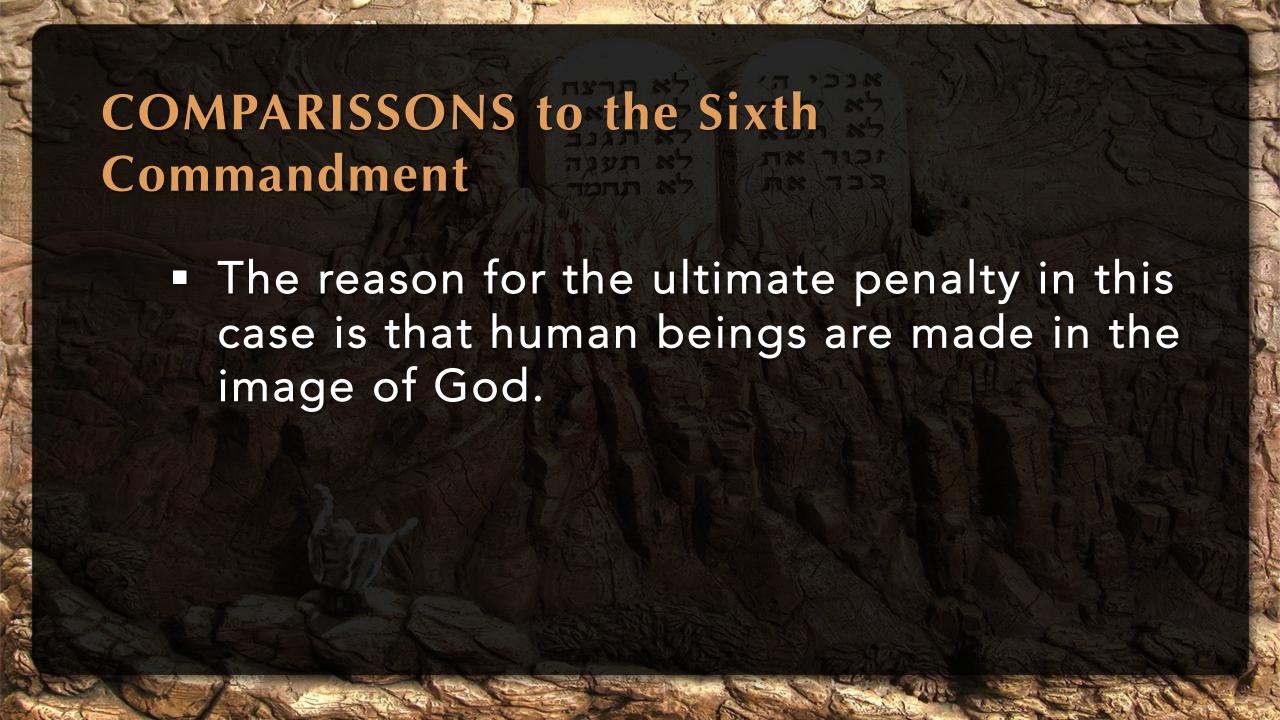
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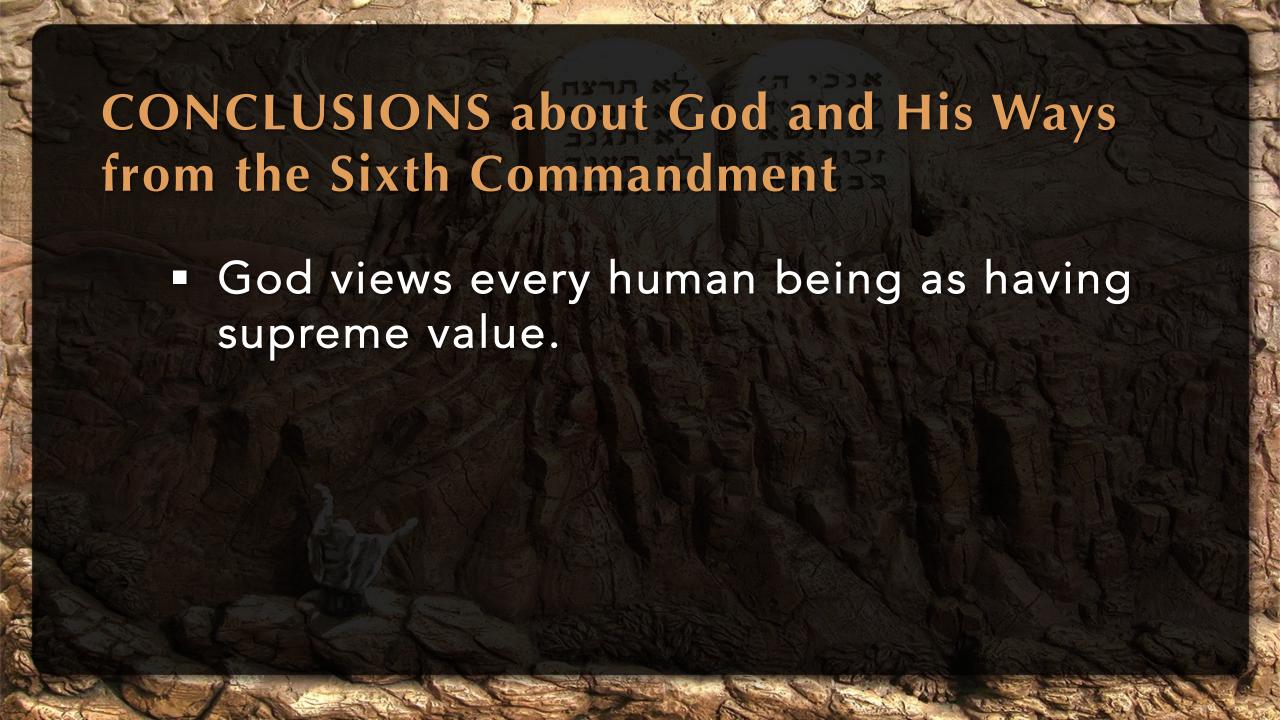




- Middle Assyrian Laws
- The Qur'an and Bedouin Laws
- It was absolutely forbidden in Israel to plan someone's death and then carry it out. To do so was to forfeit one's own life.







CONCLUSIONS about God and His Ways from the Sixth Commandment

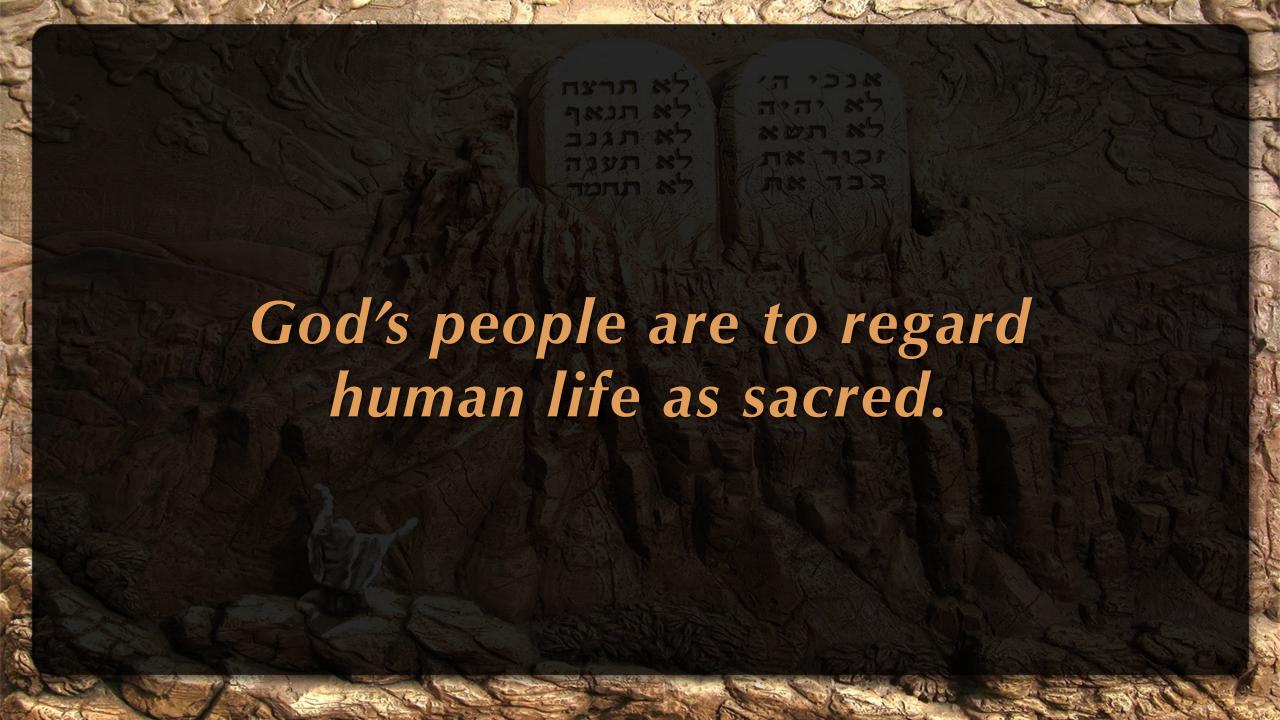
- God views every human being as having supreme value.
- God may give qualified human beings the responsibility, in the cause of justice, to take the lives other human beings.

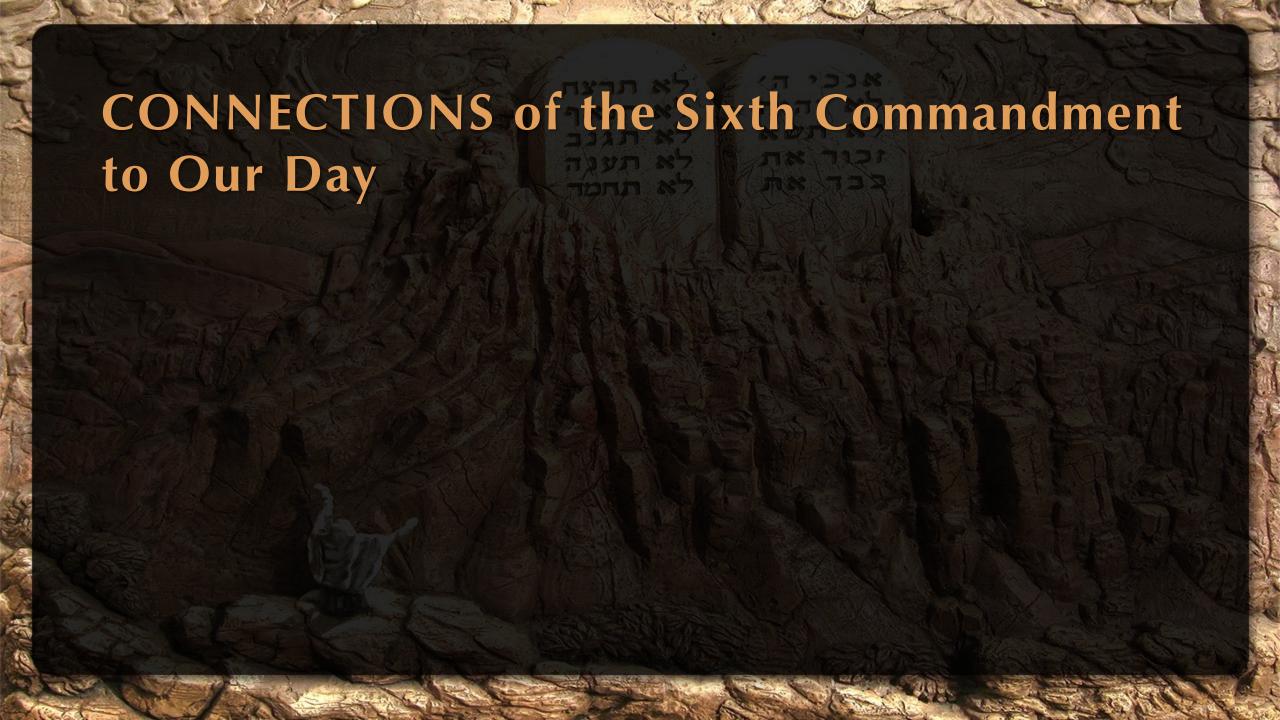


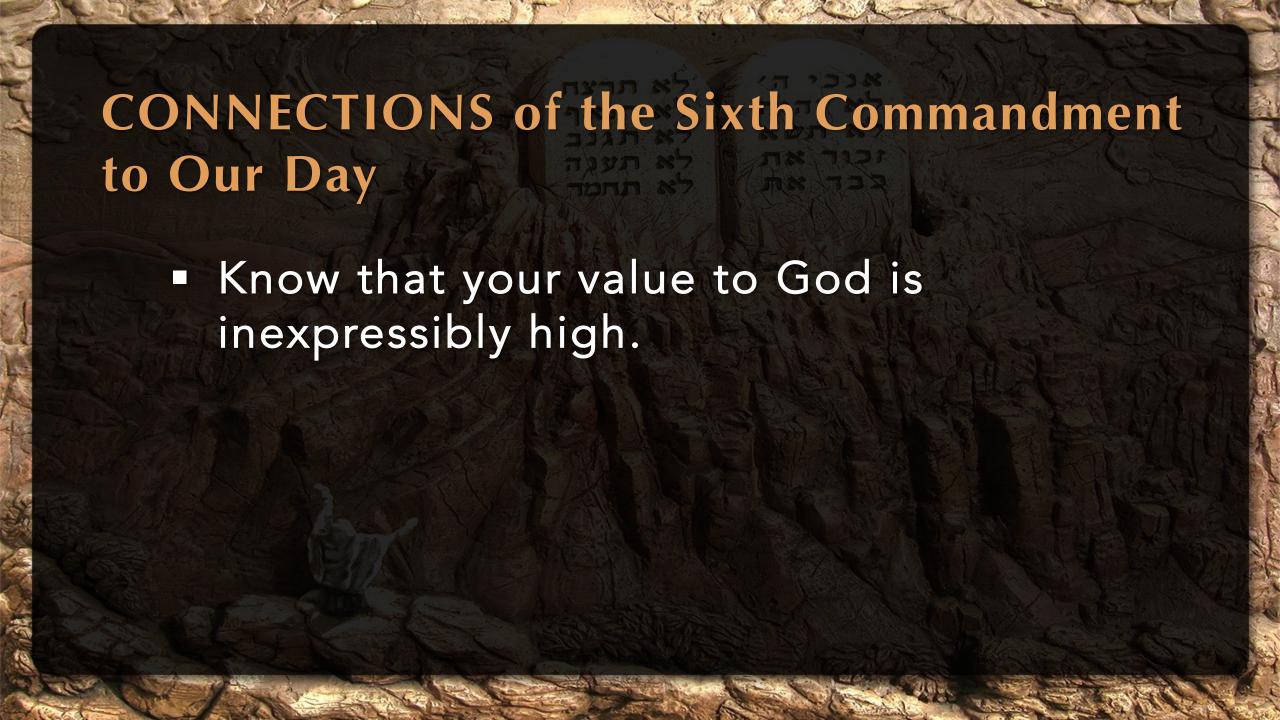
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- God takes motives into account. Accidents happen—even accidental murder, and those cases receive much lesser penalties.









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CONNECTIONS of the Sixth Commandment to Our Day

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- View every other human being that you encounter as having inestimable value.





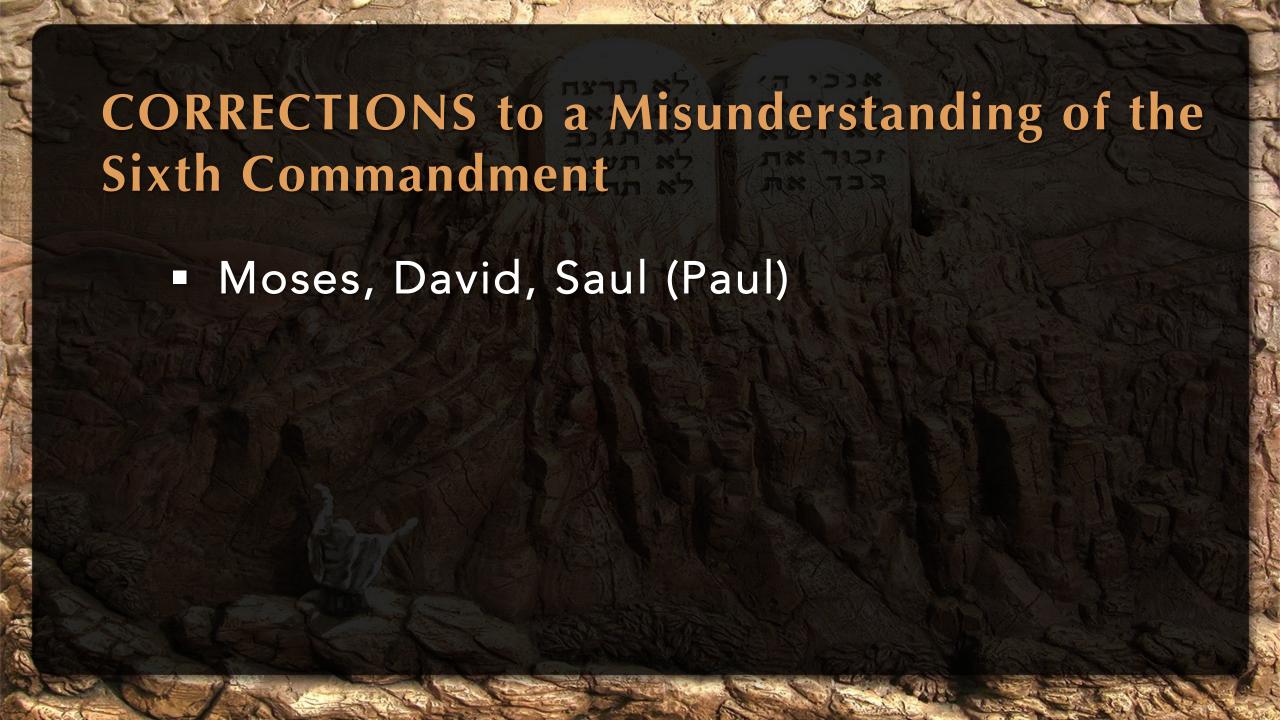


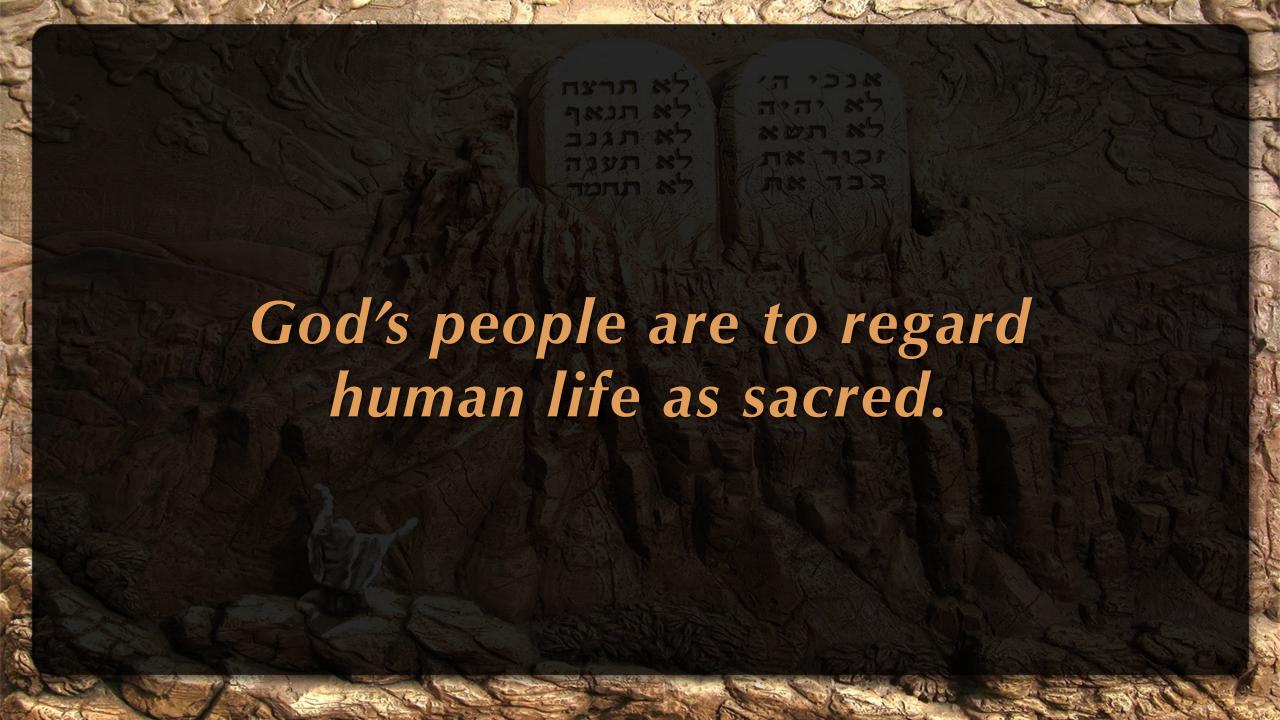


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- What about the death penalty today?







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- Jesus is our City of Refuge. Upon his death, the guilty are released

