

## Theology Simply Explained — CC93 “Why the 6th Commandment Is 6th”

**Pastor walks his children through Children’s Catechism question 93—especially explaining how the sixth commandment connects loving God with loving those whom He created in His own image.**

Q93. What is the sixth commandment? ***The sixth commandment is, Thou shalt not kill.***

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All right, Sophia Your catechism question. This week is, what is the sixth commandment? And the answer is the sixth commandment is, Thou shalt not kill. Now, next week we'll be asking you What does the sixth commandment teach us? But for this week, we'll focus on why The sixth commandment would be the sixth commandment.

And the big answer to that is that man is made in the image of God. And so the fifth commandment was kind of a transition from loving the Lord. Our God, with all our heart soul, mind and strength, to loving our neighbor as ourself. Because there are particular people in their Authority.

Who are agents for God or Servants of God. To govern and direct. In a way that is under God, governing and directing. And as a means of God's governing, and directing. So, the fifth commandment is still very closely related. because of the way Authority. it is very closely related to interacting with God himself.

Which is part of the wisdom of God that One of the first things that you discover that you Must interact with and that you have in the whole world. is your parents? And so even in how you are interacting with your parents, you are learning how to interact with God.

almost even from the womb. But now in the sixth commandment, we must realize. That every person is made in God's image. And that if we despise them, if we treat them as not having much value, we're treating God. As having not much, not having much value. And if we are hostile to people hateful towards them, in our hearts.

Bitter against them. Then we are being hostile and hateful and bitter. Against that image of God that he has placed in them. And against God himself. When I was your age. I used to see sometimes on the news. big groups of angry people in a country called Iran.

And at that time, our president's name was Ronald Reagan. And many people in Iran wished that they could destroy Ronald Reagan. But of course they couldn't because They were weak and America was strong. And so they would get great, big pictures of Ronald Reagan and Shout, angrily and set them on fire.

They were attacking his image. Which was an act of hatred towards him. If we are hateful. Towards people. Then we are attacking his image. Which is hateful towards God. and so that is one of the great reasons that the sixth commandment is the sixth commandment the place that it has in its relation to the first four Commandments.

and The place that it has in its relation to the Commandments that come after it. Of course the opposite of what it commands is also or what it forbids is also required that we would love them. And we'll learn more about how to love people. in commandment 7 through 10.

So what is the sixth commandment? The sixth commandment is Thou shalt not kill.