

Capital Punishment

Ex 20:13 "Thou shalt not kill" (KJV)?

"You shall not murder" NASB, NKJV, ESV

~~Political issue?~~

What does the Bible teach?

Patriarchal Dispensation

Gen 9:5,6

This is NOT murder

Why?

"FOR in the image of God he made man"

Jewish Dispensation

Ex 21:15,17; 21:16; 22:18; 22:20; 35:2;

Lv 20:10-16; 24:16 *Theocracy - capital offenses*

Ex 21:12-14; Lv 24:17-23; Nm 35:6-34;

Dt 19; Josh 20 *Murder*

Nm 35:15-34

**"eye for eye" - judicial
Lev 24:17f; Dt 19:21**

- *Accidental vs Premeditated*
- *Lawful executioners not guilty*
- *Witnesses not guilty*
- *Not optional*

Christian Dispensation

(no theocracy)

Rom 13:3,4 *"min. of God" to "bear the sword"*

Unchanged...

- *Basis for it (image of God)*
- *Authority for it ("minister of God")*
- *Need for it*

Lk 23:40,41; Ac 25:11