

YOU MUST RESCUE THOSE BEING CARRIED OFF TO DEATH: Proverbs 24:11

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INTRO: Q. What does Jesus command from you as an individual when it comes to the abortion holocaust happening among you—to your neighbors being SLAUGHTERED?

BIG IDEA: “As Christ has rescued you, you must rescue others.”

I. YOU MUST RESCUE THOSE BEING TAKEN AWAY TO DEATH

- **Proverbs 24:11** “Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter.”
- **The wise man in Prov. 24:11 does not say, “Pray for those being carried off to death.” Nor does he say, “Wish for those not to be carried off to death.” He does not say, “Long for the day those would not be carried off to death.” Nor does he say, “Regulate how many of those are carried off to death.” The wise man does not say, “Make it unthinkable for people to carry others off to death.” No! The Lord God, though this wise man, COMMANDS, “RESCUE!”**
- **CHARLES BRIDGES (1794–1869):** “The Hebrew midwives, and Esther in after-ages, thus delivered their own people drawn unto death. Reuben delivered Joseph from the pit. Job was the deliverer of the poor in the extremity, Jonathan saved his friend at imminent risk to himself. Obadiah hid the LORD’s prophets. Ahikam and Ebed-melech saved Jeremiah. Johanan attempted to deliver the unsuspecting Gedaliah. Daniel preserved the wise men of Babylon. The Samaritan rescued his neighbor from death. Paul’s nephew delivered the great Apostle, by informing him of the murderous plot. The rule includes all oppression, which has more or less of the character of murder.”
- **Jesus does not say please! The Lord Jesus Christ gives the orders, we march; He demands, we bend the knee; He commands, we obey.**
- Q. Have you obeyed this command when it comes to 65 million+ of your pre-born neighbors that have been slain in the womb since Roe?**
- Q. Have you simply obeyed the golden rule—Do unto others as you would have them do to you?**
- **A. I suspect the majority of us have not,** as evidenced by the fact that abortion mills are still mutilating by the masses and laws still do not protect our pre-natal neighbors!
- **Babies are still slaughtered each day by the thousands under the cover of law and with few even trying to rescue them.**
- **Close your eyes and see 65 Million slain babies in your mind—** see the forceps breaking their skulls and ripping their limbs off; see the poison pumped in to burn them alive; see the vacuum sucking them out into a container; see the womb made inhabitable through pills that lead to the baby to be discarded in the cycle—
- **...then hear this command in your ears:** “Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter.”
- **The Word of God is a mirror that exposes our sin and also reveals the soap that washes it away!**
- **Oh look into the mirror of Prov. 24:11 & see your sin—** see the filth; see the dirt; see the wretched death that stains the flesh.

Q. What does this mean for you?

- **Simply, this means you need to repent from any participation in this evil and any apathy concerning rescuing those slaughtered.** And if you have before faced this and turned from your wicked participation or apathy, you must, by God’s strengthening grace, “bear fruit in keeping with repentance.”

TRANSITION: Proverbs 24:11 is a mirror that exposes your sin; yet it also points us to soap that washes it away! Look at Proverbs 24:11 and see the Savior—The Lord Jesus Christ! He Himself has rescued those being carried off to death!

II. THIS IS WHAT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST HAS DONE, IS DOING, AND WILL DO FOR YOU, DEAR SAINT *Oh consider Proverbs 24:11 and see the cosmic rescue of Christ!*

- **I) In Christ, you have been rescued from the curse of the Law!**
- “[Jesus] *redeemed* us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse for us—as it is written ‘cursed be everyone that is hanged in a tree.’” (Gal. 3:14)
- **II) In Christ, you have been rescued from this body of death!**
- “Wretched man that I am! Who will *deliver* me from this body of death?” (Romans 7:24)
- **III) In Christ, you have been rescued from this present evil age and the domain of darkness!**
- “[Christ] gave himself for our sins to *deliver* us from the present evil age” (Galatians 1:4)
- “[God] has *delivered* us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.” (Colossians 1:20)
- **IV) In Christ, you have been rescued from the enslaving fear of death!**
- “[Christ delivered] all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.” (Hebrews 2:4)
- **V) In Christ, you are being rescued from trials that would seek to lead you to the swamp of despair!**
- “the Lord knows how to *rescue* the godly from trials.” (2 Peter 2:9)
- **VI) In Christ, you are being rescued from every evil deed that would seek to snatch away your glorification!**
- “The Lord will *rescue* me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom.” (2 Timothy 4:18)
- **VII) In Christ, you will be rescued from the wrath to come!**
- “wait for [God’s] Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who *delivers* us from the wrath to come.” (1 Thessalonians 1:10)

SOME OF YOU need to, for the very first time, truly repent and believe the gospel! You need to be born again! You need to be forgiven of your sin! You need to be converted! You need to see that because of your sin you are in the path of the wrath of God! You need GOD to be reconciled to you!

- **HEAR ME: Your participation or indifference toward those who are being unjustly carried off to the slaughter will lead to God justly carrying you off to the slaughter in hell!**
- **The only answer is the Lord Jesus Christ and His work as THE RESCUER by becoming a substitute sacrifice in place of sinners!** You must turn from your sin and embrace Christ Jesus through faith!
- **Oh look to Christ crucified and live! You need only look and live!**
- **Outside of Christ you are under a curse for your sin!** “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the Law & do them” (Gal.3).
- **But** “Jesus redeemed us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse for us—as it is written ‘cursed be everyone that is hanged in a tree.’” (Gal. 3:14)
- **Was He cursed for you?** Then He has rescued you who were being carried off to death!
- **Oh friend, your biggest problem is not political, relational, physical, or material;** your biggest problem is that you have vehemently offended the thrice holy God! Praise be to God Jesus takes away sin by the blood of His cross for all who believe on Him! “Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

God has fixed a day that He is going to cut your head off or cut your sin out. If you are in Christ, you get the loving scalpel; If you do not repent, you get the vengeful sword. Repent and believe the gospel of Jesus Christ the Righteous!

Q. Have you been rescued from death by the precious blood of Christ? A. Then make it your business to rescue those being carried off to death.

Q. Have you been held back from your stumbling to the slaughter by Christ rushing headlong into the slaughter with His death? A. Then make it your business to hold back those stumbling to the slaughter with your life.

III. HOW MUST I RESCUE THOSE BEING CARRIED OFF TO DEATH? At least five ways

I) You must reject the approval of murder!

Pro-Life bills that regulate child sacrifice are an abomination in the sight of God!

All secular Pro-Life Incremental bills do is tell a murderer when they are allowed to dismember their child, burn their baby to death, or suck them out with a vacuum. Which the parents in fact do!

The numbers of abortion procedures in Oklahoma steadily rose from 2015-2018 despite having 30 Pro-Life laws on the books. Why did the numbers rise? Because all Pro-Life laws do is tell a killer when and how they can kill.

Parents eager to sacrifice their children will travel wherever they must to find Molech's altar. You can make it further away and they will rise earlier; make it more expensive, they will save; make it more difficult, they will accept the challenge and overcome your obstacles. Killers are cunning and creative. If you approve of murder, they will take advantage of it and slaughter their children.

Q. What does God say concerning the approval of murder?

Romans 1:29-32 “[Idolaters] are full of. . .murder . . . Though they know God’s righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.”

Those caught up in the secular Pro-Life movement are busy congratulating themselves and celebrating abortion regulations and restrictions while babies are being taken away to death every day.

Image bearers of God are stumbling to the slaughter while Pro-Life leaders are stumbling to the podium to accept their award for how Pro-Life they are.

Little Children are being carried off to death as Pro-Life legislators are being carried on shoulders of congratulation. Abortion must be immediately abolished without exception or compromise.

II) You must demand your governing authorities establish equal justice, therefore making it illegal to kill babies!

The job description of governing authorities is not determined by the majority; it is determined by the LORD!

The LORD makes the marching orders for all legislative representatives and any civil magistrate!

God tells City Councils what to council;

Through the written Word, the Spirit of God commands Governors how to govern;

The Lord Jesus Christ chooses how Sheriff’s sheriff, how Police police, how Presidents preside, how Courts conclude, Cabinets conduct;

Q. What does God say concerning the duties of governing authorities?

Psalm 82:2-4 “How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? (*Selah*) Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

And the LORD’s people must tell their representatives what God demands of them. How will they know and be faithful to obey the King of the Universe when it comes to their duties? Christ has a kingdom of citizens armed with the Sword of the Spirit that are to call the legislators to do what is right—to establish justice in the land!

III) You must reject any medicine that kills babies as well as medicine that was produced by killing babies!

You may say to me, “Well I did not know those medicines did that.” I say, “At one time, I did not either. It was because of my willful ignorance. And God will not let me off the hook for that.”

Q. What does the LORD say concerning excuses like “I did not know” when it comes to rescuing those being carried off to death?

Proverbs 24:12 “If you say, “Behold, we did not know this,” does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it, and will he not repay man according to his work?”

IV) You must go to the Murder Mills, preaching the gospel, pleading with parents not to slaughter their children!

Q. What does the LORD say concerning those who are indifferent toward child-sacrifice?

Leviticus 20:4-5 “. . . If the people of the land do at all close their eyes to that man when he gives one of his children to Molech. . . then I will set my face against that man and against his clan and will cut them off from among their people, him and all who follow him in whoring after Molech.”

V) You must proclaim the horrors of abortion and point everyone to Christ crucified!

Q. What does the LORD say concerning speaking the truth even when it will sting the hearer?

Isaiah 58:1 “Cry aloud; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins.”

2 Timothy 4 “I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: **2** preach the word; . . .reprove, rebuke, and exhort. . .always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist. . .”

1 Peter 2:24 “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.”

CONCLUSION

LOOK: You will stand before God and give an account.

The only way that is going to go well for you is because, if you are in Christ, that means Jesus rescued you who were being carried off to death! He marched to the cross to rescue you as you were stumbling to the slaughter. **He interposed His precious blood!**

Seeing that Christ is our great example of rescuing those being carried off to death, we must not only offer real help to those who come to us, **WE MUST ACTIVELY INTERPOSE ON BEHALF OF OUR PRE-BORN NEIGHBORS &** at the same time offer the real hope of Christ crucified!

Did Christ Jesus ONLY say, “Come to me. . .I will give you rest?” Or did He also say, “The Son of man came to **SEEK** and to **SAVE** the lost”? You know He said both! His rescue of you has left you a model for rescuing others!

Jesus is not only the **GREAT PHYSICIAN** you must come to for help; He is the **HOUND OF HEAVEN** who must track you down & rescue you without permission!

Oh how sweet that the rescued become the rescuers! Proverbs 24:11 is what the Lord Jesus Christ has done for you, dear saint!

Q. Will you not do for others *in your small way* what Christ has done for you *in His infinite way*? **A.** You must.