

Ecclesiastes 8:11 Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil.

INTRO: Where does authority come from?

- **Matthew 28:18** "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me..."
- **Acts 17:26** And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place,
- **Romans 13:1** For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.
- **1 Samuel 10:25** Then Samuel told the people the rights and duties of the kingship,
- **Daniel 2:21** he removes kings and sets up kings;
- **Luke 7:8** For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

I saw some things that made me very angry this week. I saw a lot of anger this week. And not just anger, but righteous anger. I saw a 14-time offender murder an innocent girl because of the color of her skin. I saw a mentally deranged boy murder a man in front of his wife and children because of his faith in Jesus Christ. How did we get here?

Beloved, we need a Christian nation. A nation that will formally acknowledge it's stewardship under Christ and adopt His moral law as standard. And until then, we are going keep seeing the same cycle repeat itself.

Objection. I do not believe a nation can be Christian.

Response. Ok. Do you believe in Christian schools? Christian churches? Christian homes? A Christian home is not a place where every individual is a Christian. A Christian home is a place where the appointed authority has bent his knee to Christ and governs his home according to God's Word.

How did we get here? And what now do we do? There are many ways to answer that question, but I want you to see this morning what Ecclesiastes 8:11 has to say about it.

CONTENT:

- I. God has prescribed the sentence for evil.
- II. God has prescribed when that sentence is to be carried out.
- III. When the sentence for evil is delayed, wickedness abounds.

DOCTRINE: God has prescribed the sentence for evil and when it is to be carried out, and when it is delayed, wickedness will abound.

I have seen some things that made me very angry this week, but I have also seen some things that made me very happy. He sits in the heavens and laughs. He does all that He pleases. He is worthy to have His Word diligently attended to this morning.

I. GOD HAS PRESCRIBED THE SENTENCE FOR EVIL

Ecclesiastes 8:11 Because the sentence against an evil deed...

Consider God's prescription for His various delegations of sovereignty:

I) SELF

Matthew 5:29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.

Colossians 3:5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

II) FATHERS

Proverbs 23:13-14 Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you strike him with a rod, he will not die. If you strike him with the rod, you will save his soul from Sheol.

III) EMPLOYERS

Psalms 101:6 I will look with favor on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he who walks in the way that is blameless shall minister to me.

IV) CHURCHES

Matthew 18:17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

V) MAGISTRATES

Romans 13:4 But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

Genesis 9:6 "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.

VI) GOD

Revelation 21:8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

EXAMINE YOURSELF.

II. GOD HAS PRESCRIBED WHEN THE SENTENCE IS TO BE CARRIED OUT

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The sentence is not carried out speedily when:

I) IT IS NOT CARRIED OUT AT ALL

Isaiah 10:1 Woe to those who decree iniquitous decrees, and the writers who keep writing oppression,

II) IT IS NOT CARRIED OUT COMPLETELY

Judges 1:28 When Israel grew strong, they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but did not drive them out completely.

1 Samuel 15:14 And Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears and the lowing of the oxen that I hear?"

III) IT IS NOT CARRIED OUT TIMELY

Proverbs 18:9 Whoever is slack in his work is a brother to him who destroys.

Approximately 0.4% of convicted murders receive the death penalty.

Of those, fewer than 16% of death sentences are actually executed.

Of those, the average time for a convicted murder to be put to death in the United States is 22 years.

These statistics do not include murder by abortion.

Q. Why is Charlie Kirk dead?

Q. Why is Iryna Zarutskya dead?

Proverbs 12:10 the mercy of the wicked is cruel.

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Objection. Is not he Lord slow to carry out His sentence?

Answer 1. No.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

Answer 2. If it appears slow, it is not for the good of the condemned at the expense of the righteous.

Romans 2:4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

UNBELIEVER. Why does wickedness abound when the sentence for an evil deed is not carried out speedily? Behold the death of Christ.

BELIEVER. Behold the death of Christ. What is your reasonable service?

III. WHEN THE SENTENCE FOR EVIL IS DELAYED, WICKEDNESS ABOUNDS

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I) SELF

Q. Do you know why your lusts still rage within you? **A.** Because you will not gouge out your eyes.

II) FATHERS

Q. Do you know why murders abound? **A.** Because their fathers did not spank them.

III) EMPLOYERS

Q. Do you know why TikTok is filled with murder celebrators? **A.** Because their not afraid of being fired.

IV) CHURCHES

Q. Do you know why abortion is not abolished in Oklahoma? **A.** Because churches refuse to practice discipline.

V) MAGISTRATES

Q. Do you know why this land is drenched in innocent blood? **A.** Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil.

CHILDREN. Dominion belongs to Jesus from sea to sea.

IV. DIRECTIONS

I) REPENT AND TRUST IN CHRIST

II) CRY OUT TO GOD FOR THE DELIVERANCE OF YOUR NATION

III) GET MARRIED AND BUILD A FAMILY

IV) LEARN THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF YOUR OWN SOVEREIGNTY

V) MASTER YOUR VOCATION

VI) STOP CONFUSING JUSTICE WITH MERCY

VII) OPEN YOUR MOUTH WHEN JUSTICE IS DENIED

Proverbs 31:8 Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute.

VIII) MEN, BECOME A THREAT

1 Corinthians 16:13 Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.