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Ecclesiastes 7:9 **Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools.**

FOOLISH ANGER

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Before I get started on this months spiritual message, may we all give thanks and praise to our loving, forgiving, caring, patient, merciful, and graceful God. For without His love, grace, and mercy, we would all be like sheep without a shepherd, just sheep awaiting the slaughter house. So Father I thank You, praise You ,and bless You always, in Jesus name..... Amen. This months inspired message is one of a disturbing nature. It has to do with last months execution style shooting/ killing, of 10 innocent Amish children from the West Nickle Mines Amish School in Lancaster County.

The feelings that overwhelmed the Amish community, were one of deep sorrow and uncertain unbelief. The perpetrator John Roberts who did the killings, seem to be no different then any other normal person. In fact, after interviewing several people who knew him personally, they all seemed to say the same thing, that he was just a regular guy, a family man. After that tragic incident, the police tried to make some real sense about this sudden mystery. They tried to find a reason, why a person could do something so horrible. According to State Police Commissioner Jeffrey B. Miller, Roberts 32, had left separate notes for his wife and for each of his three children. In the notes, Roberts said He was “filled with so much hate”, deep inside. Hate towards himself, hate towards God and unimaginable emptiness. Roberts also said he was haunted by the death of his prematurely born daughter in 1997. His baby daughter Elise, died 20 minutes after being delivered. Roberts wrote, Elise’s death changed my life forever. State Police Commissioner Miller also said, that Roberts was certainly very psychologically troubled deep down inside. After the fact, it was real evident that he had a lot of deep seated issues he never really dealt with.

When we look at this tragedy from a worldly view, it seems to be nothing more then a tragic mystery. But when you look at it from a spiritual perspective, it is tragic, but not a mystery. When you are into the Lords word, it becomes crystal clear why it happened. The beginning of all his trouble, was when he started hating God. When a person chooses to hate the Lord for any foolish reason, it gives the devil an open door to do whatever he wants to do with us. At that point, we have no spiritual insulation from his destructive demonic forces. It is like being thrown into a cage with a dozen hungry lions, it’s only a matter of time before we are eaten up. Once you give up on God, you give up your only real hope for any survival in this evil world, we then become open game for Satan, the Prince of darkness !

The Lord teaches us all in Ephesians 6:11-17 to **Put on the full armor of God so that you can take a stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day comes, you may stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.**

Just think how different the outcome what have been, if only Mr Roberts, would have not hated God and had surrendered his troubles to the Lord.

If he would have only given God a chance to work in his life when he first lost his daughter, things would have been different. It would have been absolutely impossible for this heinous crime to ever take place!

Evil and hateful behavior, is happening all over the world. After man's fall from grace in the beginning, sin has infected this world from day one.

There is no cure for this never ending disease, except through Jesus Christ.

You see in John 3:16 **For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's only Son.**

To summarize, we all have different perspectives, opinions, and suspicions, why this tragedy ever happened? But for me, I am standing strong on what the Spirit has enlightened my heart with. That enlightening is to be always on guard against the devil. Also, to put on the full armor of God's righteousness around me, and be fully equipped for battle, with the word of the Lord.

Let us pray, Father we pray at this time, for all the victims of this horrendous tragedy. Also, for all the families and friends of the deceased. Father may Your healing be upon that community. And may this horrific event, serve as a reminder to all of us for the constant need of prayers and forgiveness from our daily trespasses. Also may Your words of Divine Wisdom, be apart of our daily walk with You Lord. I ask this in the name of our Healer and our Peace in this dark world, our Savior Christ Jesus " hallelujah ".....Amen.

NOVEMBERS EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING

THE BIBLE IS TRUE *By Billy Graham*

Psalms 119:89 **Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.**

As we survey the world scene with Bible in hand, we know we do not worship an absentee God. He is standing in the shadow of history, still working to bring His plans to completion.

Therefore we are not disturbed by the pictures of chaos, violence, bloodshed, and war that fill our television screens and flood our newspapers. We know these are the consequences of humanity's evil and sin, caused by our rebellion against God. Every headline, every news report confirms what the prophet Jeremiah said centuries ago: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9)

But never forget: God will speak history's final word. Every day the world moves closer to the time when Christ will return, Satan will be defeated, and God's perfect plan will be fulfilled.

No matter how foreboding the future, the Christian knows the end of the story—and it is glorious! Don't loose heart. The best is yet to be!

SPIRITUAL PROVERBIAL THOUGHTS

Proverbs 10:13 **Wisdom is found on the lips of the discerning, but a rod is for the back of him who lacks judgement.**

Proverbs 12:12 **The wicked desire the plunder of evil men, but the root of the righteous flourishes.**

SPECIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK & THE LOST

Jerry Owens Sal Talamo Vince Moschello Janet Neil Vince Philipelli
Tony Scarengelli Joe Hinley Michael Morales Jennifer Smit Janet Young
Also, a special prayer in general for all the sick, the poor, the homeless, the persecuted, the broken hearted, the lost, the addicted, etc. people of this world. A prayer for all the governments around the world, for peace.
Father, I asked this in the name of Christ Jesus.....Amen.

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