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## **(#167) The Proverbs of Solomon 24:11-12- What Baby's Blood Is On Your Hands?**

Since God Created humans, only God can provide specific understanding of human behavior. God gave Solomon Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**) to explain what and why behavior is as it is, and **Proverbs 10:1 - 24:34** are randomly written, as if they were Judgments Solomon made about individual cases brought to him for Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**), or simply God-given explanations about life. New Testament passages may help see the continuation of Wisdom offered through Jesus Christ.

### **Proverbs 24:11-12:**

Deliver those who are drawn toward death, and hold back those stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, 'Surely we did not know this,' does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does he not know it? And will he not render to each man according to his deeds?

This proverb does not contradict "capital punishment," for God has decreed to all mankind that murderers should die:

Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God He made man. (**Genesis 9:6**)

Those who bear false witness in a court of law, once discovered, should receive the penalty they thought would go to the one they witnessed against (**Deuteronomy 19:16-20**), that "those who remain shall hear and fear, and hereafter they shall not again commit such evil among you." Today, since "the authorities that exist are appointed by God," then they "should not bear the sword in vain," rather "he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil" (**Romans 13:1-4**).

When this "sword" is used against those who are doing "good," the rest of us must "deliver" them! When government justifies the slaughter of innocent babies with "abortion," it is against God!

Thus, when someone is unjustly accused and condemned to death, our spirits should be stirred and actions aroused to "deliver" them from the hands of those who are about to kill the innocent. We cannot justify ourselves by saying, "Surely, we did not know this," for God knows whether or not we knew, and He will hold



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everyone accountable for what they knew but did not do. We cannot pull the blanket of "ignorance" over our heart and hide from God, for:

"I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings." ([Jeremiah 17:10](#); [Revelation 2:23](#))

No one knows about tomorrow, but God, so we must act today.

Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit;' whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.' But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin. ([James 4:13-17](#))

God will hold accountable every Supreme Court Justice, President, Congressman/ woman, and citizen who has mandated, supported, encouraged, advised, and consented to this slaughter of innocents. They, like King Herod ([Matthew 2:16-21](#)), will face their Maker with babies' blood on their souls, unless they turn to the blood of the baby of Bethlehem whom God spared ([Acts 2:38](#))! Christians cannot let those who govern think "they did not know this," but by teaching, voting, discussing, and praying, try to bring moral sense back into their decision(s).

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