

The Newtown Shooting, And the Foolish Response

By now the world knows of the tragic shooting and senseless murder of 28 people at the Newtown Elementary school in Connecticut. I have watched in sorrow the reporting from the major networks. I grieve for the deaths of the twenty children and seven innocent school personnel. I also grieve for the foolish response I see. That response is foolish in a number of ways.

First: reporters, psychologists, politicians and people all search for the motive behind these murders. That seems to be the major quest now. Why did the twenty year old gunman kill these innocents? The foolishness of this is that man has ruled out the only answer we can be assured of—the answer given us in the Word of God. Jeremiah 17:9 says, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” Why did this man kill? Because he was wicked! The world says he had “mental problems’. One network interviewed the school bus driver who drove this man to school years ago. They asked her what she knew about the man when he was a child. They interviewed neighbors, friends—even his brother. Why? Why did he do it? The answer is one our police, politicians, psychologists, and psychiatrists will never give—the man was wicked! Jesus said “for from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts . . . murders” (Mark 7:21). This man did his dastardly deed because he was evil.

Secondly: We saw Barack Obama, President of the United States wipe away tears from his eyes as he spoke about the killing of innocent children. This is the same Barack Obama who voted five times as an Illinois State Senator to have children (“innocents”) who survived an attempted abortion put to death by the doctor! What a hypocrite!

Thirdly: There is now a loud call to ban guns. You have heard the saying, “guns don’t kill people; people kill people.” If the liberals really wanted to curb (you will never completely do away with) murders they would re-instate the death penalty. After all, this is God’s way of dealing with the killer (Gen. 9:6). Furthermore, they would do away with waiting for decades before the murderer is put to death. Ecclesiastes 8:11: “Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.”

Fourthly: the liberals would recognize they are the cause of these senseless murders. I will be 64 next month. I remember when I was in the seventh grade in public school in Maryland. We began everyday reciting the pledge of allegiance, the Lord’s Prayer and a reading from the Bible. I was often given the privilege to do the Bible Reading. On occasions I read the Ten Commandments. The class heard “Thou shalt not kill.” Shortly after that, the Supreme Court removed the Bibles and Commandments from the schools. The killings soon followed. Hollywood was unleashed to spill every manner of

filth and violence into the living rooms of America, but the Bible was considered taboo in our schools. America's children know little to nothing about the Bible, but plenty about how to kill.

Finally: America needs to realize that these killings are a result of her sin in turning against God and His Word. The President, politicians, and the people have rejected the truth of the Bible. There are consequences for such an action. God told Israel in Hosea 4:6 "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou has rejected knowledge [God is speaking of His Word], I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou has forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children."

America, "Prepare to meet thy God."