

Response to Assassination

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INTRODUCTION – This past week has been tough as we witnessed the senseless murder of Charlie Kirk, a man who loved the Lord and was unashamed to speak the truth. This act of murder exposes the intense hatred that far-left radicals harbor towards the truth. They will go to any lengths to silence anyone who stands for truth and faith.

I. WHERE IS ALL THE HATE AND CHAOS COMING FROM?

- A. Hate and chaos are being fueled by our enemy, Satan. Satan is our arch-enemy. He hates God, the church, and the truth (*John 8:44; 10:10*)
- B. The Bible portrays Satan as being the prince and power of the air of the world, influencing humanity through deception and temptation (*1 Pet. 5:8*)
- C. As we see these horrible things unfold before our eyes, let us remember that we do not fight against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers of darkness.

II. HOW SHOULD BELIEVERS RESPOND TO ALL THIS?

- A. Pray specifically
 - 1) Pray for God's kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, not the way sinful men operate.
 - 2) Pray for peace and safety
 - 3) Pray for justice
 - 4) Pray for leaders
 - 5) Pray for healing and protection
 - 6) Pray for the church
- B. Promoted the gospel and truth everywhere we go
 - 1) We are commanded to speak truth in love
 - 2) We are commanded to share the gospel with everyone
 - 3) We must not wilt under pressure. We must shine the light of the glorious gospel of Christ.
- C. Practice God's Word in *Ephesians 6:10-20*
- D. Persistently trust God's promises and His rule over His creation
 - 1) God's promises are true and will never fail
 - 2) God is in control of all things
 - 3) Read *Psalms 46:1-11*