

EVENING WORSHIP

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Title: "Righteousness delivers from death"

Text: Proverbs 10:4; 11:1-9

(I) RIGHTEOUSNESS TRULY DELIVERS FROM DEATH

Genesis 18

1. Impending judgment on Sodom and Gomorrah
2. Intercession from Abraham
3. Basis of Intercession- For the sake of the righteous

"If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes." **Genesis 18:26**

"...And He said, 'I will not destroy it for the sake of ten.'" **Genesis 18:32**

(II) THE PRINCIPLE OF "DELIVERANCE"

*"Treasures of wickedness profit nothing,
But righteousness delivers from death."* **Proverbs 10:2**

*"Riches do not profit in the day of wrath,
But righteousness delivers from death"* **Proverbs 11:4**

*"The righteousness of the upright will deliver them,
But the unfaithful will be caught by their lust."* **Proverbs 11:6**

*"The righteous is delivered from trouble,
And it comes to the wicked instead."* **Proverbs 11:8**

"...But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered." **Proverbs 11:9**

1. What is "deliverance?"

- a) A way of escape
- b) A way out of trouble

2. How does this deliverance come about?

- a) Through knowledge
- b) Through avoidance of wickedness
- c) Through the grace of God, the righteous are spared

(III) THE CHALLENGE TO PRACTISE RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. He will be guided along the path of life

*"The righteousness of the blameless will direct his way aright,
But the wicked will fall by his own wickedness."* **Proverbs 11:5**

- a) Guidance
- b) Direction

2. He is a blessing to many

*"By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted,
But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked."* **Proverbs 11:11**

- a) Exaltation
- b) Overthrown (by contrast)

3. It brings great reward

"...He who sows righteousness will have a sure reward." **Proverbs 11:18**

*"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,
And he who wins souls is wise."* **Proverbs 11:30**