

Death Penalty for Child-Sex Trafficking

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Unfortunately, the mainstream media does not provide adequate coverage of real problems that are facing our society today, and one of these is the scourge of human trafficking. According to "Save The Children", child trafficking affects every country in the world including the United States. Children make up 27% of all human trafficking victims worldwide, and two out of every three identified victims are girls (<https://www.savethechildren.org/us/charity-stories/child-trafficking-myths-vs-facts>).

There are many schemes used to kidnap these victims; such as coercion, abduction, and other fraudulent actions including payments, or other benefits to a person in control of the victim. Once secured, the victim is exploited for prostitution, various forms of servitude, and even the removal of organs. Sadly, a majority of the time, victims are trafficked by someone they know; such as a "so-called" friend, family member, or romantic partner.

Boys and men are also victims of human trafficking, but they are less likely to be identified and reported. They may be trafficked for forced labor or recruitment into armed groups.

Human trafficking is not the same as smuggling. Trafficking does not require movement across borders. In fact, in some cases, a child could be trafficked and exploited from their own home. In the U.S., trafficking most frequently occurs at hotels, motels, truck stops and online.

Victims of trafficking can be controlled and manipulated through drug addiction, violent relationships, lack of financial independence, isolation from family or friends, and even

physical restraint or threats of harm. The United States is one of the most active sex trafficking countries in the world, where exploitation of victims occurs in cities, suburban and rural areas. Labor trafficking occurs in the U.S. as well, but at lower rates than most developing countries.

According to an article in Business Insider, 300,000 young people in the U.S. are considered "at risk" of sexual exploitation. Children raised in foster care have a greater chance of becoming victims. In 2013, 60% of child victims the FBI recovered were from foster care. In 2017, 14% of children reported missing were likely victims of sex trafficking, and 88% of those had been in child welfare, as reported by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (<https://www.businessinsider.com/human-trafficking-in-the-us>).

So there is a direct link between the family unit breaking down, and child-sex trafficking. This is one of the reasons that the law of God discourages divorce, which is a form of violence against the children affected by it.

*He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but **from the beginning it was not so.**"⁹And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery" (Mt. 19:8-9; emphasis added).*

In the case of kidnapping, victims have their lives stolen and in many cases destroyed. This is why Almighty God instituted a severe penalty for this serious offense.

*He who kidnaps (steals by any means) a man (or child, or woman) and sells them, or if they are found in his hand, **shall surely be put to death** (Ex. 21:16; Ed. notes in parenthesis;*

emphasis added; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted).

*If a man is found kidnapping any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and mistreats or sells them, then **that kidnapper shall die**; and you shall put away the evil person from among you (Dt. 24:7; emphasis added).*

Any kidnapper is guilty of breaking God's commandment regarding theft, because the perpetrator is stealing the life of another person, which is a sin punishable by death.

You shall not steal (Ex. 20:15; emphasis added).

For **the wages of sin is death**. (Rom. 6:23a; emphasis added).

Because mankind ignores or marginalizes God's law and commandments, crimes like kidnapping go unpunished and the scourge continues with many lives being destroyed as a result.

Because the 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 (Eccl. 8:11; emphasis added).

One of God's servants had his life dramatically altered by his own brothers who sold him into slavery.

So Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?"²⁷ (Instead) come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother and our flesh." And his brothers listened.²⁸ Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels

of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt (Gen. 37:28; Ed. note in parenthesis).

Joseph's brothers knew their action was punishable by death, but they did it anyway, despite Joseph's pleas for mercy.

*They then said to one another, "We are truly guilty concerning our brother (Joseph), for **we saw the anguish of his soul when he pleaded with us, and we would not hear**; therefore this distress has come upon us" (Gen. 42:21; Ed. note in parenthesis; emphasis added).*

Joseph was subsequently sold as a slave to an officer of Pharaoh (Gen. 39:1). This story only had a positive ending because God intervened to help Joseph. Otherwise, his life could have been one of abject misery as is the case with most victims of kidnapping today.

In order to stamp out the abuses associated with kidnapping, including child-trafficking, the death penalty needs to apply to everyone involved with this practice. It is a sin worthy of death according to God's word.

Sadly, this world is influenced more by Satan's value system than Almighty God's, which explains why this criminal act will continue without any hope of eradication in sight. The only permanent solution is the return of Jesus Christ who will immediately begin enforcing his Father's law and commandments worldwide, including the death penalty for anyone guilty of kidnapping that often leads to child-sex trafficking.

*Now it shall come to pass **in the latter days** that the mountain (symbol of a governing authority) of the Lord's house shall be established on the top of the mountains (previous governing authorities under Satan's influence), and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it.³ Many people*

*shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; **He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.**" For out of Zion (location of God's throne) shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴**He shall judge between the nations, and shall rebuke many people;** they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore (Isa. 2:2-4; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).*

Without applying the death penalty for kidnapping, every other method of eliminating this scourge will ultimately fail. Unfortunately, our ruling class does not have proper respect for God's word, including His law and commandments, which is the reason this serious problem will continue.

*O My people! **Those who lead you cause you to err, and destroy the way of your paths** (Isa. 3:12b; emphasis added).*

There has been no time in American history when this prophecy is so fitting. May Almighty God speed the return of his faithful and obedient son, Jesus Christ, to restrain mankind's Adversary and begin the process of re-educating everyone on this planet over a period of one thousand years (Rev. 20:1-3).

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