

"I Will Carry You"

Isaiah 46:1-13

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Sermon Notes

[sermon notes continued]

Home Study Guide

Monday: Read Isa 46 How does the Lord “carry them?” What hope can you draw from this?

Tuesday: Col 1 What does this chapter support the idea of the Lord sustaining us?

Wednesday: Isa 59 Why was it necessary for the Lord to work salvation by his own arm?

Sunday's Sermon will be “The Annunciation” Luke 1:26-38

Thursday: Luke 1:1-25 How does this serve as a preface to the “Annunciation?” Why is this conception important?

Friday: Luke 1:39-56 What is the importance of this song? How does Mary view this child she is bearing?

Saturday: Gen 49 Why is the blessing of Judah significant? To whom does this blessing refer?

Memory: Luke 1:31-32

You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,

Prayer Items:

Family Catechism Study

[Westminster Shorter Catechism]

Q. 67. Which is the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment is, “Thou shalt not kill.” Ex. 20:13; Deut. 5:17

Q. 68. What is required in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment requireth all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life, and the life of others. Eph. 5:28-29

God is the Father of all life and therefore has an interest in its preservation. A better translation of the term ‘kill’ is murder. We are allowed to kill in certain situations. This is pointed out clearly throughout the rest of the law and the OT in general. God himself requires killing as punishment for some sins, so, if all killing, in all circumstances, were forbidden God would be contradicting himself.

What is required, on the other hand, is that we work to preserve life. This is a natural tendency we have about ourselves; God wants us to exercise it toward others as well. Psalm 82:3 communicates this thought very well, ***“Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed.”*** The positive side of this negative command is, **promote life and protect it.**

The history of the Church is filled with all sorts of endeavors intended to do this: hospitals, orphanages, feeding the poor, and rescuing those abandoned. Sad to say there have been many examples of death and destruction as well. There are many opportunities today to work in our world and our various communities to promote life. Let us look for them, whether near or far, we can find something to do.

Let’s always keep in mind that Jesus Christ is the ultimate Life-giver. He has pledged eternal life to all who trust in him. He has covered our breach of this command with his own life giving blood. Our future prospects of life depend entirely on his performance and not our own.

Let us promote life - out of gratitude - to The Author of Life