

A Study of
Whether One May Flee From a Deadly Plague
by Martin Luther
Part 4 of 5

Review of Part Three

- When we are tempted to run from the plague, to the detriment of our neighbor, Martin Luther said we should oppose the devil with “two heavy blows”:
 - We must go on the offensive against the fear created by the devil and our sinful flesh. We should boldly do what God wants us to do, knowing it is good and pleasing to him for just that reason: because it is pleasing to God.
 - We must entrust ourselves to God’s care. While there are many dangers in the plague, we should trust that God will take care of us—according to his wisdom and love.

130 ¶2

True or False: “If it were Christ or his mother who were laid low by illness, everybody... would gladly become a servant or helper.”

If True, why are some so willing to help certain people?

131 ¶2

Have you heard of or experienced examples of this sort of behavior? Share.

131 ¶3-4 (and onto 132)

These paragraphs are similar to ¶2.

In Luther’s words, what is God’s judgment on people who are “brave” to the point of recklessness?

132 ¶2-3 (and onto 133)

What are the worst examples of scoundrels in the time of a plague?

How does this resonate with our own time?

133 ¶2

In summary, what are the two Christian responses to this disease, 1) on the part of the sick and 2) on the part of the healthy?

“The devil enjoys himself at the terror and flight which he causes among us.” What Bible passages or support the idea of the devil’s joy over chaos among us?