

A Study of  
***Whether One May Flee From a Deadly Plague***

by Martin Luther

Part 5 of 5

**134 ¶3**

Pages 134-138 are a later addition by Martin Luther. 134-135 are quite valuable, 136-138 are less useful. We will skip 136-138.

On pages 134-135 Luther gives “some brief instructions on how one should care and provide for the soul in time of death.”

**134 ¶4**

First, people should “attend church and listen to the sermon so that they learn through God’s word how to \_\_\_\_\_ (*fill in the blank*).” How comfortable is our culture with that sort of talk?

Do we need to talk about the subject? How?

**134 ¶5**

In order to be prepared for death, what are some things he proposes Christians should do? Are these any different from what we should all be doing?

**135 ¶2-3**

What is the final thing he suggests a sick person should do? Who will be responsible to carry this out?

**Summary of Entire Book, *Whether One May Flee from a Deadly Plague***

The Christians at Breslau asked Martin Luther which of these two possible reactions was the right one in the face of a deadly plague:

- 1) To stay put, no matter what. This is under the thought of “trusting God.”
- 2) To flee if one has no obligations.

What was Martin Luther’s answer?

What are some principles that have come up repeatedly through our study of *Whether One May Flee a Deadly Plague?*

Where, or in what circumstances of our lives (21<sup>st</sup> century America), could we apply these principles?

What would be the result of us living these principles out?

Example: The Plague of Cyprian  
The events of the plague

The upshot of that plague

1 Peter 2:12; 3:15-16