Love Growing Cold

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What do we know about the Lindsay Clancy trial?
Hundreds of women marched outside a courtroom, praising a mother on trial for killing her three children—Cora, 5; Dawson, 3; and Callan, 8 months.

- Thousands took to social media, parading the mother, Lindsay Clancy, as a new face for "women's rights," and millions of dollars have been given to support her.

What was the case for acquitting Lindsay Clancy?
Clancy's defense doesn't argue that she took the lives of her children; rather, they insist that she should not be found guilty because her struggles with "postpartum" rendered her legally insane.

- The cocktail of 13 psychiatric medications prescribed to Clancy could have played a legitimate role.

How did the "postpartum" claim turn into a disturbing justification for murder?
This story is about more than a murder trial—it is a spotlight on the inverted morality that has taken hold of a large segment of the culture.

What other examples of inverted morality are there?

- For decades, "women's marches" have justified the murder of children in the womb.
- After Luigi Mangione assassinated United Health Care CEO Brian Thompson, scores of people justified the murder.
- The murderer of Ukrainian refugee Iryna Zarutska had an extensive history of encounters with the criminal-justice system and was subsequently found incompetent to stand trial.
- People justified the murder of Turning Point USA Founder Charlie Kirk, who they insisted deserved to die for his conservative Christian views.
- Mass demonstrations have justified the murder of 1,200 Israelis on October 7th, celebrating the terrorists as "freedom fighters."

Rationalizing the taking of human life is no longer fringe, it is now common.

Is it coincidence that there was a case very similar to the Lindsay Clancy case in Ireland 3 years earlier?

- January 24, 2020 – Mother of three found not guilty by reason of insanity – Deirdre Morley, a nurse and mother of three, killed her children Conor, Darragh and Carla at their family home in Ireland. She later attempted to take her own life.
- January 24, 2023 – Mother of three charged in children's deaths – Lindsay Clancy, a nurse and mother of three, killed her children Cora, Dawson and Callan at their family home in Massachusetts. She later attempted to take her own life.

Different headlines on the same date in The Irish Times and The Boston Globe… two nurses, two mothers of three, two boys and one girl in each family; the children's initials C – D – C.

How can it be possible that there are so many parallels between those two cases?
There are no coincidences. God has allowed these cases to get our attention. The Lindsay Clancy case is no mere indication of the moral degradation of our culture; it is a sign of the times.

Why are we seeing inverted morality in the culture?
When God is removed as the authority for defining good and evil in a society, Satan fills the void, using lies and manipulation to invert morality.

- Soon everything that God loves is scorned, and everything that Satan loves is praised.

What does Satan love more than the destruction of innocent human life?

John 8:44 – *You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him.*

The motives of those who applaud a mother on trial for a "postpartum" driven murder is just a symptom of a selfish world, where children are viewed as a burden, and the "loss of natural affection" reigns.

- The phrase *"without natural affection"* appears in both 2 Timothy 3:3 and Romans 1:31

Jesus also indicated that the "loss of natural affection" would be a sign of the times:

Matthew 24:12 – *And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.*

Why is there a moral inversion in which sympathy moves from the victim to the murderer?

Matthew 24:37 – *But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.*

While this is in context is primarily referring to humanity being oblivious to the coming judgment of God, a secondary reference would be the conditions of the culture:

Genesis 6:5, 13 – *the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually… The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.*

How has the Lindsay Clancy case confused explanation with moral innocence?
A person can have a mental illness and still commit an objectively evil act that deserves justice.

- Compassion for the perpetrator does not require moral confusion about the act they commit.

Mental illness, trauma, or drugs can help explain behavior. But explanation and moral justification are not the same thing.

- Depression does not make murder good.
- Psychosis does not make the victim less valuable.
- Drug addiction does not make violence righteous.
- Trauma does not magically transfer victimhood from the person who was attacked to the person who attacked him.

What is the biblical perspective on how we should regard the victim of crime?
From a biblical worldview, human life possesses unique value because humanity was created in the image of God. After the Flood, God established this principle in the Noahic Covenant:

Genesis 9:6 – *Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God, He made man*

The foundation is not the emotional condition of the murderer. The foundation is the sacred value of life that was taken.

- Scripture does not make an exception declaring innocent life less valuable because the perpetrator was intoxicated, traumatized, depressed, mentally disturbed, or experiencing some other crisis.
- The circumstances may affect how we understand the perpetrator, but they do not change the value of the person who was killed, the moral nature of innocent bloodshed, and justice that must be served.

How did abortion cause us to move the moral center?
Since 1973, Americans have been conditioned to sympathize with the circumstances of the mother who murders her baby with no thought of the baby...

- How old is she? Does this hinder her education or career? Is she scared? Can she afford the baby? Where is the father? Does she feel capable of raising a baby? Was the pregnancy planned?

So, the woman who committed the fornication is now the victim, and the baby is an afterthought.

- Abortion culture taught generations of Americans to shift the moral center of the story from the baby being murdered to the person experiencing a crisis.

What governs biblical compassion?
Biblical compassion is always governed by truth; truth establishes the boundaries within which compassion operates.

- Cultural compassion can reach the point where the killing of an innocent child is considered an act of compassion toward the mother.

How has today's "cultural compassion" gone beyond abortion?
Once unbridled compassion becomes a cultural reflex, it does not remain confined to abortion. It begins spreading into other moral issues, which is exactly what we are witnessing today.

- The same logic recurs: begin with the perpetrator's suffering, magnify the circumstances surrounding the perpetrator, redefine accountability as cruelty, and, eventually, the actual victim becomes a secondary character in the story.

Why are people identifying with the perpetrator?
Truth is increasingly determined by identity, tribe, grievance, and emotional identification rather than by an objective moral standard.

- Justice stops asking, "What happened, who did it, and what is right?" and begins asking, "Which person represents the group with whom I sympathize?"

How has woke ideology conditioned people to see human behavior through oppression & victimhood?
Modern therapeutic culture and education have increasingly taught people to understand human behavior primarily through trauma, diagnosis, oppression, systems, and victimhood.

- The culture has reinforced identity-based frameworks in which identity is more important than individual moral responsibility.
- People are rewarded for the "right" emotional identification, tribal solidarity, and public demonstrations of compassion.
- Compassion, detached from truth itself, can become a badge of WOKE moral superiority.

How has unbiblical compassion become important virtue signaling in our culture?
The question is no longer whether someone deserves compassion. The question becomes whether I can demonstrate that I am more compassionate than you.

- The easiest way to demonstrate compassion is to identify with the person that truth considers guilty.
- The more shocking the offender is, the more radical the demonstration of empathy appears.

What is the spiritual dimension in this cultural trend?
Inverted morality reveals the sickness of the culture…

> Isaiah 5:20 – *Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness*

The end of the Age will have people who would be "*lovers of themselves*," "*without self-control*," "*brutal*," and "*despisers of good*" (2 Timothy 3:1–5).

Is "the days of Noah" sign from Jesus only referring to the existence of violence?
Violence has existed throughout human history. The deeper parallel is a civilization becoming saturated with corruption while losing its ability to recognize the seriousness of that corruption.

- Violence becomes normalized.
- Human life becomes cheap.
- Evil becomes explainable, excusable, entertaining, political, or even heroic.
- Society does not merely tolerate violence; it begins sympathizing with, funding, romanticizing, or celebrating those responsible for it.

How do we know our culture is in the final stage of rebellion against God?
Romans 1 describes the final stage of this rebellion in frightening terms. Paul does not merely describe people practicing evil. He describes people who *"approve of those who practice them"* (Romans 1:32).

- A civilization reaches another level of moral decay when it moves from sinning to celebrating, defending, and applauding it.

What is the current cultural significance of the final words of the Old Testament?

> Malachi 4:5-6 – *Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.*

The coming of Elijah will foreshadow the return of Jesus to rule during the Millennial Kingdom. He is certainly one of the two witnesses in Revelation 11.

- The fact that the hearts of the parents need to be turned to their children reveals the condition of the culture at the end of the Age.

What is the prophetic significance of dismissing murder as a serious offense?
Murder is one of the 7 sins of the Tribulation (Revelation 9:20-21).

What should be the response of Christians as we see the degradation of our culture?
Recognize that we are close to God pouring out His wrath on earth in the Tribulation…

> Luke 21:28 – *Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.*

Recognize that we have limited time to get on with what God has called us to do…

> John 9:4 **–** *I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.*

We expose darkness, defend innocent life, proclaim truth, call evil what God calls evil, extend genuine compassion to suffering people, and preach the Gospel.

What applications do we see from our discussion today?
The moral condition of our culture reveals that we are at the end of the Age.