



“Rescue those being led away to death, hold back those staggering toward slaughter.

...does not he who guards your life know it?

Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?”

Proverbs 24:11-12

DEAR FRIENDS OF NER YAAKOV

“The Lord loves those who pursue righteousness.” Prov. 15:9b

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„The Righteous amongst the Nations.“ What would I do? What would you do?

Lately we have talked many times about the „Righteous amongst the Nations“, Gentiles who saved Jews during the Holocaust, even under threat of losing their own lives! Now in this time where „Unrighteousness increases, and the love is growing cold in many,“ Matth. 24:12, their lights still shine brightly in the present dark world. The love can only grow cold in the ones who had love in the first place, and surely it is a warning for us!

We enjoy Julia, Michael Grimberg and others, and are more aware, that it is because of God's grace and „righteous gentiles“, that they survived. They are a testimony to history and the horrors of the Holocaust, but also a living testimony of the other side, „righteous men and women“ who, often unconsciously, portray God's character and His word, which says: „Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends!“ Joh. 15:13

It really touched me deeply, as I learned more, that these men and women, for me —true heroes— mostly did not see themselves as „heroes“ at all: „We did only what we had to do!“ was their response. The daughter of the Chinese diplomat, who saved many Jewish people wrote years later: „My father never talked much about it, he was just so used to helping people!“

Let's not forget: One thing many had in common. They had to pay a high price: They lost their positions, were jailed, or even died! What would I do? What would you do?

But our God „loves those who pursue righteousness“, Prov. 15:9b and in Matth. 5:10 it says: „Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.“

May the Lord give us this „hunger and thirst for righteousness“, Matth 5:6, which pleases him, and also the grace that our love will not grow cold in a world where unrighteousness increases, as we ask ourselves: What would I do?

With blessings, a big thank you and Shalom,

Yours, *Inge Buhs*



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Righteous amongst the Nations