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Where is God When Natural Disasters Strike?

Tsunami waves resulting from an earthquake in Southeast Asia devastate the lives of millions. A powerful tornado wipes out a small Kansas town. A deadly hurricane sweeps through Florida, causing billions of dollars of damage. An island volcano erupts, killing thousands. These are all horrific natural disasters, and the question usually asked by survivors is “Why did this happen to them, God? Why didn’t you protect them? If there is a God, then where was he when this happened?”

When Jesus was confronted with a similar type of question, he provided what may at first seem to be a cold-hearted and inadequate answer. Some people came to him asking why God allowed Pilate to mix the blood of a group of Galileans who were killed with animal sacrifices. Note his response:

Luk 13:2 He answered them, “Do you think these Galileans were **worse sinners** than all the other Galileans, because they suffered these things?

Luk 13:3 No, I tell you! But unless you repent, **you will all perish as well!**

Jesus then provided another example of disaster, where the victims just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time:

Luk 13:4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower in Siloam fell on them, do you think they were **worse offenders** than all the others who live in Jerusalem?

Luk 13:5 No, I tell you! But unless you repent **you will all perish as well!**”

According to Jesus, there was a tower that fell in the city of Siloam in that day, claiming 18 lives. One could insert any other group of people that have been killed in chance accidents, such as the Southeast Asia tsunami or the September 11, 2001 World Trade Center victims, in the place of the Galileans or the Siloam tower victims. He stated that these people were not being punished for being worse sinners than anyone else.

But his answer to these two situations did not address their question about injustice or grief over their loss. Instead, Jesus emphasized that everyone is going to eventually die, meaning eternally, if they did not repent. He de-emphasized temporal, present-life loss and difficulty, and emphasized the inevitable eternal consequences of those still living if they did not repent. According to Solomon in Ecclesiastes, no one knows their appointed time of death, and it can ensnare anyone like a fish caught in a net:

Ecc 9:11 . . .for **time and chance may overcome them** all.

Ecc 9:12 Surely, no one knows his appointed time! Like **fish that are caught in a deadly net**, and like **birds that are caught in a snare**—just like them, **all people are ensnared at an unfortunate time that falls upon them suddenly.**

God does not allow natural disasters to punish people for not believing in him. The physical structure of the earth is in a fractured state due to Noah’s flood, and Jesus prophesied in Matthew chapter 24 and Luke chapter 21 that earthquakes and other natural disasters would take place. The content of this book has dealt with a time of catastrophe and disaster coming upon the earth that has not been seen since the days of Noah’s Flood. As in past disasters, the important question when these things happen will not be “Why, God?”, but rather, “Have I repented, asked for forgiveness, and prepared myself if this were to happen to me?”

That is the key question. Will you be prepared before this horrific time comes? Forget about trying to survive it. This preparation is not of the physical body, but of the spiritual. Neither surplus canned goods, nor hoarded silver dollars, stored bottled water, or stockpiled weapons will be able to deliver on that day. The only way to prepare for that future day is to ready your eternal soul and spirit on this present day.

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