

“The time is fulfilled,
and the kingdom of God is at hand:
repent ye, and believe the gospel”
Mark 1:15



Father God, Not Mother Nature

In this issue I am completely amazed at what has taken place in the United States in the months of April and May.

In these two months we witnessed:

- Violent, record breaking storms slamming the East coast from South Carolina to the New England states as well as New York City
- Sixty tornados touching down in six states: Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa and wiping Greensburg, Kansas off the map
- Massive wild fires in California, Georgia and Florida where the smoke is so thick that it drifted as far south as Miami
- And what about the deadliest shooting ever to take place in U.S. history when a lone gunman killed thirty-two students on the campus of Virginia Tech before shooting himself.

To those of us who understand, these disasters do not happen by chance. There is a powerful, intelligent Creator who tells his messenger to go here with a tornado and to go there with a flood and to go there with a wildfire. They are orchestrated by the hand of God. This causes us to ask: “Why is God bringing such destruction on our nation.”

Wake-Up Call

When we look at Ezekiel 8:17-18 and Romans 1:24-28 it is clear that God’s fury—Father God, not Mother Nature—is released because of sin. It is clear that God is the same today as He was in the days of the prophets. Job 37:5-14 is clear that God permits the great weather for one of three purposes: 1) to correct us 2) the land needs it 3) to show His mercy. I don’t think the land needs the violent weather, nor is there mercy in the acts of destruction...apparently God is seeking to correct us of our sin and in His compassion turn us toward Him. This is what Job 37:7 speaks of: He sealeth up the hand of every man; that all men may know his work.” God does not want any one to go to hell. He shows His mighty hand and stops people from conducting business and the daily affairs of living to keep them alert to a power that no man is able to control. His hand is stretched out against us in the same way a parent corrects their children in hope that they will repent of their unacceptable behavior.

I am afraid that Americans do not quite get it and will continue to allow sin and rebellion to rule. Looking over history we see that natural disasters have become more frequent, more intense, and more destructive. What use to be a once in a lifetime happening is now expected almost monthly. If we do not repent, the destructive power of God’s hand will soon be more intense and more destructive.

Time is Short

The Bible is clear that most people—inside and outside the denominations—do not fear God, neither put their trust in Him. You do not have to be part of the *most people*. You can put your trust in Him today and then go and tell everyone you know about the God who created the world, died for their sins, was buried, and rose from the dead. Time is short. Most people in our world need to hear the message that Jesus taught. Do your part to help them to hear. Go and help *return America* to God.

Be so much the more, as ye see the day approaching

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