

The Fellowship Room

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*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

11-28-2016 Why Do Good People Suffer?

Many a self-professed "atheist," in a fit of inflated ego, will ask, "If there is a god, why does he let good people suffer?" Job, however, amidst his heap of personal losses, asked,

"Why do the wicked live and become old, Yes, become mighty in power?" (**Job 21:7**).

Job then lists how the "wicked" seem to live with life's blessings (**Job 21:8-13**) without God:

Yet they say to God, 'Depart from us, For we do not desire the knowledge of Your ways. Who is the Almighty, that we should serve Him? And what profit do we have if we pray to Him?' (**Job 21:14-15**).

Job answers with:

For the wicked are reserved for the day of doom; they shall be brought out on the day of wrath (**Job 21:30**).

Good people suffering or wicked people prospering are not settled in life, but God's Judgment will!

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11-29-2016 Religion of the Lost

In the religion of the lost, Jesus said,

"Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'" (**Matthew 7:22-23**).

What could be wrong with prophesying, casting out demons, or doing wonders in the name of Christ? Those miracles listed by Jesus for believers were to last only until the New Testament was written:

And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen. (**Mark 16:17-20**).

Since then, the faith "was once for all delivered to the saints" (**Jude 3**), and in the Bible. Anyone claiming to do those miracles, is without Jesus' authority!

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11-30-2016 God Never Fails

As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him (**Psalms 18:30**).

God's Word has been proven true every time He has spoken. The written Word of God, correctly understood, has never been wrong.

The words of the LORD are pure words, Like silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times (**Psalms 12:6**).

People who think God has let them down or broken His Word, need to re-study the Bible.

Thus says the LORD: 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the LORD' (**Jeremiah 17:5**).

People may repeatedly let us down, but God never has, and never will; and yet we'll continue to vote for and trust those same people, and disbelieve in the God of Truth!

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12-01-2016 Smoky Mountain Wildfires

We also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope (**Romans 5:3-4**).

This seems to be a formula for facing disasters. "Tribulations" are events that squeeze our lives; "perseverance" is pacing ourselves for the long-term; "character" shows our inner strength; and "hope" looks ahead to better things. Smoky Mountain wildfires destroyed bodies, buildings and businesses, yet, surprisingly:

- 1) People thanked God only "things" were ruined, their lives were spared;
- 2) People planned to re-build their lives and buildings;
- 3) There was no looting and stealing, though thousands of volunteers came to fight the fires, repair the damage, and help the victims;
- 4) Determination to make it better than before. God has said:

"Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me" (**Psalm 50:15**).

It has brought out the best in us.

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12-02-2016 Wildfire Helpers Thanked

Wildfire, beginning November 23, continued to spread, raging over the mountains, fanned at last by hurricane-velocity wind, engulfed Gatlinburg and extended all the way into Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Thousands of people were forced to evacuate their premises, both personal dwellings and businesses. before the buildings burned up. With deep respect, many thanks were given to the police, firefighters, emergency personnel, and volunteers who had alerted, saved and protected them. Who brought volunteers together with a common desire to help their fellowman? God!

For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another (**1 John 3:11**).

Who brought the rains that reduced the damaging fires? It is God "Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who prepares rain for the earth" (**Psalm 147:8**) and "sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (**Matthew 5:45**). Thank God for His help!

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