

us stronger (Jas. 1:2-3; Heb. 12:5-11). How many Christians will God test through all this? How many will have their faith strengthened as a result?

Life is short. This can well remind us of the brevity, uncertainty, and frailty of our existence (Jas. 4:14; 1 Pet. 1:24). We are never guaranteed another day of earthly life.

This is an incredible opportunity to spread the good news about Jesus Christ. Through relief efforts, and through reminders of things like this, we can and should spread the gospel (2 Cor. 5:11; Gal. 6:10). Unfortunate incidents are often an open door for us to evangelize.

The Judgment will be much worse than this for some. Yes, many have lost their lives, but come Judgment Day many more will lose their souls (Matt. 7:21-23; 25:41-46; Rom. 1:18). Viewing the earth's tragedies should motivate us to make our lives right before our Maker.

Through times like these don't question God, but determine to find a greater quest in God and in working His will!

Those Privileged to Serve

02/28/2021

Sunday AM Worship

Announcements.....Peter Ray Cole
Song Leader.....James Toothman
Opening Prayer.....Toby Heaney
Charge of the Table.....Peter Ray Cole
Help Serve.....Kerry Moore
Sermon.....Collin Matheny
Closing Prayer.....Peter Ray Cole

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Sunday PM Worship

Announcements.....Peter Ray Cole
Song Leader.....James Toothman
Opening Prayer.....Bill Frank
Devotional Lesson.....Peter Ray Cole
Closing Prayer.....Peter Ray Cole

03/03/2021

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Peter Ray Cole
Song Leader.....James Toothman
Opening Prayer.....Collin Matheny
Closing Prayer.....Peter Ray Cole

UPDATES

Please remember to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Memory Verse of the Week:

Romans 10:17

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Remember to check in on the ones who have not been with us for a while due to the pandemic or other issues in their life.

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Calamities?

—Edd Sterchi

Webster's dictionary defines calamity as: “a disastrous event marked by great loss and lasting distress and suffering.” Without a doubt 2020 could be deemed the year of calamities. When pandemics, hurricanes, or wildfires hit, the question is asked by some: “Why did God allow it to happen?” I don't claim to have

all the answers, but this and all catastrophes can serve to remind us of several important biblical principles:

God is an incredible

God. He is all-powerful and not to be trifled with. He created the world and has control over it (Gen. 1; Psa. 148:1-5). When we observe the damage the powerful forces of the earth can do, we should stand in awe of a God whose powers are infinitely greater.

Man (not God) brought calamity and death into the world. After Adam and Eve sinned, disease, death, and destruction came into being (Gen. 3:16-19; 1 Cor. 15:21a). Without a doubt calamities wreak incredible damage, and that should remind us of how devastating sin is.

Our faith will be tested from time to time. We are told in the Scriptures that the storms and quakes of life are meant to make



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