

OVERCOMING THE FEAR OF DISASTER

IF GOD IS OMNISCIENT, THEN HE MUST KNOW ALL ABOUT THE DIFFICULTIES AND TRAGEDIES OF HIS PEOPLE. SO WHY DO I STILL STRUGGLE WITH FEAR? HOW DID THE SAINTS OF OLD COPE WITH THE ATROCITIES THAT THEY WENT THROUGH?

I. Introduction:

Ravi Zachariah: [Ravi Zachariah: July 4th publication on The Stream.org](#)

...if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14 (ESV)

Randy Alcorn: [Pro Life Answers for Pro Choice questions](#)

Disaster: *is a serious disruption of the functioning of a community or a society involving widespread human, natural, economic or environmental losses or impacts, which exceeds the ability of the affected community or society to cope using its own resources³*

- A. Natural Disaster: Interruption to earth's regular processes Romans 8:19-21
- B. Man Made/Technological Disaster: preventable
- C. Terrorists Attacks: An act of crime or violence directed towards a certain group or belief system

II. Honest questions without sufficient answers

- A. If God is truly good, how could He allow so many people to die as the result of something under His control? James 5:17-18
- B. How many storms and natural disasters have been averted due to prayers of Godly people? Colossians 1:16-17, Mark 4:35-41
- C. If God can prevent natural disasters, why doesn't He?
 - a. Judgment on sin
 - i. Biblical Examples
 - Earthquakes: 1 Kings 19:11, Isaiah 29:6, Acts 16:26
 - Prophecy: Amos 1:1, Zech 15:5, Matthew 24:7, 27:54, Rev.6:12, 8:5, 11:13, 16:18
 - Tornado (whirlwind): 2Kings 2:1, Psalm 58:9, Proverbs 1:27, Jeremiah 4:13, Hosea 8:7 Job 1:19
 - Fire: Job 1:16, Genesis 19:24, Luke 17:29, Revelation 13:13
 - Sink Hole: Numbers 16:30-34
 - ii. Modern Day Examples: Disasters in America⁴
 - b. Bring about a greater good
 - i. Classic Biblical Examples
 - Early Persecuted Christians: James 1:1
 - Noah: Genesis 6
 - Joseph: Genesis 45:7, 50:20
 - ii. Modern Day Examples
 - Brandi and Mike
 - Wang MingDao⁴

². <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/>

³. EYETO EYE, Koenig, William, About Him, 2004