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COMFORT vs. GOD'S RULE

In the last article we looked at the idea of "What is God doing?" And "What is the devil doing?" Today I have another question. First, I just did a search for a list of disasters and casualties in the past century. The list was astounding. I figured I would find a good amount, but nothing like the actual numbers showed. You can look up that phrase, and it will go to the list. Floods, earthquakes, cyclones, tsunami, famines and much more plus all the death tolls hundreds or thousands up to 4,000,000. I looked at this and said someone isn't catching on. And today this pandemic of a disease fits right into the whole picture. So I ask the next question: "Does God Rule in this world, or "Does this glorify God?" We as humans are always asking the "why" question: "Why is this happening to me or us?" "Why is God doing this or allowing this to happen?" Friends that's the wrong question. God isn't as much concerned about our comforts as he is about his rule and glory. So in this present pandemic we must ask – "Are we letting God have full rule and glory in all our lives?"

You see, His glory was really the problem from the start when Lucifer, the devil, now wanted to rise up to be equal to God. He wanted the glory, which lead to the world we now have with all the trouble. The same problem is within humanity ...us. And because that problem of pride is so dynamic, God has to allow disasters, casualties, trauma, physical sickness and disease to happen. He does not do so to destroy us, but to draw us back to him. Surely the evil one puts the problem there, but God takes that casualty, disaster and trauma, (the "virus") and uses it to humble us that we may rely on Him.

We may need to apply the simple, but profound truth, of <u>James 4:6</u>: "God opposes the proud and shows favor to the humble." And again <u>verse 10</u> – "Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will lift you up."

I hope this helps you through the testing. I invite any discussion or questions. Or give me a call at 361-331-0284.

Thanks Again,

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