

Why Terror? Why Troubles? God Tells!

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*Why Does God Almighty Let Terrorists Attack Us?
Why Does God Let "Mother Earth" Tragedies Happen to Us -
Earthquakes, Tsunamis, Hurricanes, Floods, Fires?*

*What on Earth is God Doing Today?
What Can You and I Do?*

Well, know this: The LORD God Almighty has all the real and right answers to these questions - and far more - yes He does! It is really no mystery at all. God tells us exactly why. He put it in the Bible. You and I will see it in these pages - together.

People today mostly ignore God and His high, holy Word - the Bible - feel they are "stronger, smarter than God." Big Mistake! So, how about it? Will the terrors and nature troubles we cannot control - bring us to Him?

In this study you and I will not seek man's answers - at all. Pusillanimous man can't start an earthquake or hurricane - and he certainly can't stop them. Man in his ignorance is helpless. When God releases the nature-powers in His creation - the best man can do is - run and hide - then try to explain it away.

But we will look to God for answers. So, please, open up with me - God's Book - **The Bible** - the One and Only Book with God's - **Triple A - All Absolute Answers** - the loving, living, eternal-life-giving, power-filled, peace-giving, promise-keeping, problem-solving, people-saving - **Word of God!**

"The Word of God is living and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing, dividing soul and spirit, the discerner of thoughts and intents of the heart. Nor is any creature hidden from His sight, all is naked and open to the eyes of Him to who we must give account."

Now, you do have your Bible open, don't you, to Psalm 91.

“Why Terrorists? Why nature troubles, tragedies - earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, floods, fires? Well, it’s no mystery at all. God tells - loud and clear - for all on planet earth to hear. Question: Is anyone listening? We have giant radio antennae - listening for messages from outer space. But not from God.

Terrorists kills thousands - in and beyond America. Wars kill thousands more. Earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, fires, all of “mother earth’s” nature disasters - destroy lives and property. The tsunami of 2004 killed hundreds of thousands of people, made homeless many more. And no one could stop it.

All these things and more, are causing hearts to fail in fear, anxiety, panic, many are stressed, depressed.

Friends, God has answers to all our terrors and troubles - His right, all absolute answers, power positive answers. He is available - to the world - a nation - to us in person.

God Loves to Bless

First - know this - God loves to bless and benefit people. And He promises His blessings - to provide and protect any and all nations and peoples who choose to trust, love, obey Him

That brings us to Psalm 91

The Psalmist shows us all why and whom God blesses -

- 1 - He who **dwells** in the secret place of the **Most High**
- 2 - in **Him** I will **trust** “In God we Trust” But do we?
- 3 - under **His** wings you will **trust**
- 4 - you made the **LORD Most High** your **dwelling** place
- 5 - God says - he (believer) has **set his love on Me**
- 6 - he (believer) has **known My name** (no false god)
- 7 - he will **call on Me**. and I will answer him

Now - read Psalm 91 - watch the many ways God blesses.

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD - my refuge, my fortress, my God - in Him I will trust.

Surely He will deliver you from the fowler's snare, from perilous pestilence. He will cover you, and under His wings you shall trust; His truth will be your shield and buckler.

*You will **not** fear the terror by night; **nor** the arrow that flies by day; **nor** the pestilence (anthrax) that walks in darkness; **nor** for the destruction that wastes at noonday.*

*A thousand will fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand; but it will **not** come near you. Only with your eyes you will behold and see the (judgment) reward of the wicked.*

*Because you have made the LORD - who is my **refuge** - the Most High, your habitation; there will **no** evil befall you, **nor** any plague come near your dwelling.*

*For He will give His angels charge over you, to **keep** you in all your ways. They will bear (lift) you up in their hands, that you not dash your foot against a stone.*

Because he (the believer) set his love on Me, I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name.

He will call on Me, and I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him, and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation.

Count God's blessings - I see 27. God gives, guards His own.

The Almighty - the LORD - my refuge - my fort - my God. He delivers from the snare, pestilence - covers you - under His wings - His truth - your shield - buckler. No fear - of terror(ist) - nor arrow(plane) that flies - nor pestilence (anthrax) - no wasting destruction (hurricane). 1000 - 10,000 fall - but not you - you will see wicked repaid. The LORD - my refuge - the Most High - your dwelling - no evil - no plague will come near you. His angels keep you - in all - lift you up. God says: I will deliver - I will set him on high - I will answer him - I will be with him in trouble - I will deliver him - honor him. With long life - I will satisfy him - save him.

God promises His - protection blessings - to any nation that chooses to trust, love, live to please, honor, obey Him. But if we ignore, deny, defy Him long enough - He stops protecting.

*Blessings and Cursings
We Choose*

This study looks at God's dual facts - Blessing - or - Cursing. God gives His own - positive power promises - His blessings - to all who hear and obey Him - His Word. God also gives - negative power promises - judgment-curses - to all who insist - persist - in resisting Him and His Word. Count on it.

*“In the Beginning God Created
the Heavens and the Earth”*

First - we all need to know God - who He is - what He is like.

- Fact One - God IS. He never tries to prove it - He just IS.
- Fact Two - God is who the Bible says He is - the Only God.
- Fact Three - God is known - Only in Messiah-Savior Jesus.
- Fact Four - God created all things - space, time, matter, life.
- Fact Five - God is omniscient - knows all things - always.
- Fact Six - God is omnipresent - everywhere at once.
- Fact Seven - God is omnipotent - has all power.
- Fact Eight - God is immutable - unchangeable - forever.
- Fact Nine - God is good - gracious, loving, kind.
- Fact Ten - God is right - holy, just, righteous, true.
- Fact Eleven - God is merciful - caring, forgiving, comforts.
- Fact Twelve - God is absolute - perfect in nature, in Person.

There is infinitely more to know about God. All people - in Heaven or Hell - will forever learn new things about Him.

But right now - we can know God in His Laws. Not His “suggestions.” His absolute Laws tell us what He says is - right and wrong, good and evil, true and false, helping and hurting.

And, if we trust and obey Him - He will bless us. Yes He will. But, if we don't, He won't. Simple.

God is loving and patient with us all - forgiving our many sins. But if we keep on sinning - with no remorse or repentance - God will stop His blessings - and the curses come. Sometimes not till we face Him in death's judgment - but the curses come.

God Loves - So God Warns

God's love cares. So He warns us of danger in doing wrong. Example: His Ten Commandments: God gives us all His "*Thou shalt not's*" for our good. Commandment One is - "*Have no other gods.*" Why not? Because no "other gods" exist - so all who choose "other gods" follow a lie - go to Hell. So God says: "*Have no other gods!*"

In love - God gave His Laws for our good. He wants the best for us. His Laws are meant, sent to bring His best blessings. When we believe and obey God - He blesses us - He gives and He guards us - in person - and as a nation. Yes He does. When we won't - don't - we lose His blessings. And the curses come.

May I pause here - to ask you this very personal question:
Are you trusting, loving, living for the One and Only true
God and Savior-Lord Jesus Christ? If not, do it now.

God is in Control - Man is Not

Man is ego-centric - over-stuffed - high on silly self esteem. But God pops man's ego - asks us questions we can't answer: "*Can you create the world? Can you control the weather?*"

God created and controls all that is. All that is - in and beyond this dark little universe - each tiny atom - is His to command. He has absolute power over all - men - and nations - and nature. Whether or not man believes it - God orders all creation.

Example - think about this. 3000 years before man figured out earth's water cycle - evaporation, rising vapor, distilling into clouds, falling as rain to earth - God told it to Job - in the Bible.

Behold, God is great. He draws up small drops of water, they distill, pour down rain from the mist, the clouds drop (rain) on man abundantly. Also spreading clouds, the thunder of His (sky) canopy. He scatters His light on it, covers the depths of the sea. By it He judges, and He gives abundant food.

He says to the snow, "Fall on the earth", and to gentle rain, and heavy rain. He seals up the hand of man, so all men may know His work. From the south comes the whirlwind (hurricane, tornado), from the north the snow.

By God - ice - is given, and broad waters frozen (north, south poles). By water He saturates thick clouds, He scatters His bright clouds, they swirl around, turn as He guides, do as He commands - on the face of the whole earth. He causes (storms) to come - for correction, for His land, or for mercy.

God's Absolute Power

The LORD answered Job, out of the whirlwind (storm), "Who is it who darkens counsel by ignorant words? Gird up your loins like a man. I will ask you, and you answer Me.

"Where were you - when I laid the foundations of earth? Declare, if you understand. Who laid out its measurements, if you know? Who stretched the (measuring) line on it?

"On what are earth's foundations fixed? Who laid its cornerstone. Who shut in the sea, when I set My limits on it, said to the sea, 'Here you will come, here your waves stop'?"

"Have you commanded the morning (daylight), caused the dawn to know its place, so it may cover the ends of the earth - to shake out the wicked? Have you entered the springs of the sea? Have you walked the recesses of its depths (like the Mariana trench - 7 miles deep - men went down there in a deep-sea vessel - but no one got out and walked around).

"Have the gates of death been opened to you? Have you seen the doors of the shadow of death? Have you known the

(inner) expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know it all.

“Have you entered the treasury of snow, or of hail, which I reserved for time of distress, for the day of battle? (Napoleon lost at Waterloo - Hitler lost Russia - in snow storms).

“By what way is light diffused? Or the east wind scattered on earth? Who divided a flood channel, or a path for the thunderbolt - to bring rain to satisfy the desolate waste?

“Can you bind the Pleiades, or loose Orion? Can you bring out constellations, guide the Bear (Ursa Major)? Do you know the heavens’ order, can you fix their domain over earth?

“Can you speak to clouds so abundant water covers you? Can you send out lightnings - so they go - and say to you, “Here we are”? Who has put wisdom into the innermost being, or has given understanding to the mind?

Then the Lord said to Job, “Will the faultfinder contend with the Almighty? Let him who rebukes God - answer.

You get the picture, don’t you. Job did too. God listed His nature-forces - man cannot create or control them - at all - has no say in them whatsoever. All man can do when nature’s disasters happen - is try to run and hide.

“Why Did God Allow It?”

Terrors, troubles strike, people say, “Why did God allow it?” Job said that too. God answered him. And Job repented.

Then Job answered the LORD, “Behold, I am vile; what can I answer You? I lay my hand on my mouth. Once I spoke, but I will not answer. Yes, twice, but I will say no more.”

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind (storm again): “Would you annul My judgment (decisions)? Would you condemn Me (for troubles) - so you may be justified?

Many people blame God for allowing our terrors and troubles. But most do not confess their sins - that ignore, deny, defy God’s Laws - and deserve all of His just judgment-curses. Our own “God Blessed America” has become a rebel nation.

America is in deep sin. We need to stop our giant ego-trip - our perpetual “pat on the back - mutual admiration society”, and get God’s message - humble ourselves before Almighty God - as Job did. Hear his remorse and repentance:

Then Job answered the LORD, “I know that You can do all things, and no purpose of Yours can be stopped. Who is it who hides counsel without knowledge? I spoke what I did not understand - too wonderful for me - things I did not know.

“Hear, I beg You, and I will speak. I will ask from You, and You instruct me. I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; but now my eye sees You (in the forces of nature). Therefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

God Looks for Broken and Contrite Hearts

Where is America’s broken heart before God? David said it:

The LORD is near to those who are of a broken heart, and saves those with a contrite spirit (Psalm 34:18).

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise (Psalm 51:17).

Thus says the high and lofty One, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

“I dwell in the high, holy place with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, revive the heart of the contrite” Thus says the LORD,

“Heaven is My throne, earth is My footstool - all My hand made. To this one I look - he who is of poor and contrite spirit, and trembles at My Word” (Isaiah 57:15; 66:1,2).

God Rejects the Proud

But - America is not contrite - has no humble heart - no broken spirit over our sins. So God says it to us too -

They have not become contrite - nor feared, nor walked in My Law, which I set before you and your fathers. So, thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will set My face against you for woe.

James and Peter told it like God says it is - put it this way -

God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.

Cleanse your hands, you sinners, purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be afflicted, mourn, weep, let your laughter be turned to grieving, and your joy to heaviness. Humble "self" in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up (James 4:6-10).

Be clothed with humility. For God resists the proud, gives grace to the humble. So, humble "self" under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time - casting all your care upon Him; for He cares for you (I Peter 5:5,6).

Today man's "wisdom" touts "self-esteem", ignores "self-denial." We are told to be "proud", but not to be "humble." Few call for hand-cleansing, heart-purifying, genuine sorrow for our sins. God calls us all to humble "self" before Him.

Jesus said it. In America - we all need to read - and heed:

His disciples asked, "Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?" Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in their midst, and said, "Amen, I say to you, unless you be converted, and become as little children, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. So, whoever will humble himself as this little child is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. For whoever will exalt 'self' shall be abased. And he who will humble 'self' shall be exalted" (Matthew 18:4; 23:12).

America's woes are because our sins are great. Jesus calls us to come to Him - with broken, contrite hearts - and He will bless us again. But if not - His judgments will go on, grow on.

God is Power Positive!

In Psalm 91 - we saw God's blessing-protections - to all who trust and love Him. We'll see more of His blessing promises in other Bible promises. Especially - Deuteronomy 28.

Deuteronomy 28
Shows God's Blessings

We will see God's absolute-power promise to bless and build any nation and people on planet earth - who will trust and love and live for Him - by His high, holy, happy Word. Yes He will.

When the nation Israel was about to enter the land God gave them - God told Moses - the conditions for His blessings.

God opened to Israel His promised land, offered them all His best blessings - **if** - they would simply hear and believe and obey Him - His Word - His Laws.

You see, God chose Israel - a tiny "nobody nation" to be His "witness-nation", to point all other nations and peoples on the planet - near and far - to the One and Only true and living LORD God Almighty - so they could learn of Him - see His blessings - and come to know, trust, love Him too.

God Tells It Like It Is

God tells the whole story. Simple story. God says He blesses - gives His good - to all who trust in Him. And - He tells us about us the bad - He allows - on all who won't trust in Him.

All real, right, rich blessings to all people on planet earth come from the Creator God of the Bible - the God of all grace and good. And He loves to bless. Yes He does.

Yet, multiplied millions of people in "third-world" nations - live in poverty. Why is that? Where is God's blessing on them?

Well, actually, factually, God does bless them, even in poverty. He gives them life. Every heartbeat, life-breath, muscle-movement, good mind-tho't - is His love-gift blessing. And - He opens to all - His Gospel - Good News of great joy to all

people on this sad, mad, bad news planet - that Jesus Christ - God the Savior-Son - died for their sins too, rose from the dead to save them too, calls them too, to trust in Him for eternal life.

God Loves to Bless - Deuteronomy 28

Count the blessings - name them one by one - over 24 basic blessings God offered Israel, and any nation - **IF** - they believe and obey Him. Jehovah-God Himself - gave to Israel His own positive-power-promise. Deuteronomy 28:1-14:

*It shall be -- **if** you diligently hear the voice of the LORD your God - to do all His commandments - that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. All these **blessings** will come on you -- **if** you hear the LORD your God.*

***Blessed** will you be in the city, **blessed** in the field. **Blessed** the fruit of your body (children), the fruit of your ground (crops), your cattle, cows, sheep (wealth). **Blessed** will be your basket and store (sure food supply). **Blessed** will you be coming in, and **blessed** will you be going out (travel).*

*The LORD will strike your enemies. The LORD will **bless** all you set your hand to do, **bless** you in the land the LORD your God gives you. The LORD will set you as a holy people to Himself - **if** you keep the commandments of the LORD your God, walk in all His ways. All people on earth will see you, called by the name of the LORD, and will fear you.*

*The LORD will open to you His good treasures, rain to your land in season, will **bless** all the work of your hand. You will lend to many, you will not borrow. The LORD will make you the head, not the tail, only above, not beneath –*

***If** you hear the commandments of the LORD your God to do them, not go aside from any of the Words I command you -- not right, not left - to go after and serve other gods.*

God blessed Israel - made them the top nation on the planet. He *provided good* - gave to them lands, houses, health, wealth, power, prosperity. He *protected* - *guarded* - them from all bad - disease, poverty, terrorist nations - and nature-disasters.

Psalm 103
More of God's Blessing-Benefits

God loves to bless. Yes He does. Look with me at another power-promise passage. King David - the shepherd king - wrote the blessed Psalm 23: "*The LORD is my Shepherd.*" And David wrote Psalm 103 - for you and me - listing two dozen of God's "blessing-benefits" to all who trust in Him.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits, the God of our salvation (Psalm 68:19).

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Who forgives all your iniquities (breaking God's Laws), Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things.

The LORD executes righteous justice. The LORD is merciful, gracious, slow to anger, plentiful in mercy.

He has not dealt with us after our sins; nor repaid us according to our iniquities (breaking His laws). For as the Heaven is high above earth, so great is His mercy to those who fear Him. As far as east is from west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

As a father pities (cares about) his children, so the LORD pities those who fear him. For He knows our frame, He remembers that we are dust.

The mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness is to children's children; to all who keep His covenant, and remember His commandments to do them. The LORD has prepared His throne in the Heavens; His kingdom rules over all.

God is wonderful! How gracious and loving He is - to bless us - give us His good - guard us from evil. Yes He is.

Oh that men would praise the LORD for His goodness, for His wonderful works to the children of men! He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness.

But Israel Lost God's Blessings

Israel had it all. They had all of God's good blessing-benefits. Even tho' they often strayed, betrayed, disobeyed Him - the LORD blessed them. For 700 years. Why? He loved them.

God is by nature - loving - gracious. He loves to give. He delights to bless. And - He will uplift any nation on the planet - that chooses to come in simple faith to Him.

But - in all their long centuries of God's blessing-benefits - Israel descended down, down away, astray from the God who blessed them. They disobeyed and sinned against Him.

So God began to withdraw His blessings - to stop giving good - to stop guarding them from bad. And, mark this fact, folks - when God stops blessing us - we all lose. Big Time.

Israel lost God's blessings for three basic reasons:

- 1 - *religious idolatry* - they followed "other gods"
- 2 - *raw immorality* - they fell into depraved lifestyle
- 3 - *rebel insurrection* - they forgot God and His Laws

God judged Israel for sinning - as He had judged the pagan nations who lived in the land before them. God called His judgments - curses. When God stops blessing - curses come.

God Blessed America Too

We sing it: "God bless America." And He has blessed us - 400 years of unprecedented and unparalleled prosperity and power. But now - we are forgetting why God has blessed our America. He blessed us because our founding fathers began, based, built this nation - believing and obeying the One and Only true, living, loving LORD God Almighty of the Bible - the Savior-Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Yes they did.

As in Israel - so in America too - God judged pagan false-god religions that were here before us. He gave this land of beauty and bounty to people who loved and lived for Him - the God who owns all things. God blessed America - in power and prosperity far above any nation in human history. Yes He did.

But now, America, like Israel, is losing God's blessings - one by one. Like Israel - we are free-falling into - *religious idolatry - raw immorality - rebel insurrection* - against the LORD God Almighty. Yes we are.

We give God empty "lip service"- but ignore - even outlaw - His high, holy Word - the Bible. We think and act as if we are "smarter than God." Jesus said it - to America too -

Hypocrites! This people draws near Me with their mouth, honors Me with their lips; but their heart is far from Me. In vain they worship Me - teaching as truth the commandments of men.

Our coins and our courts say "In God we trust", yet Americans profane God's name, use it in vain, saying: "O my God" when they don't believe and love and honor and obey Him as their God at all.

Our great Savior-Lord Jesus Christ said it -

Why do you call Me "Lord", and do not do what I say? Not everyone who says to Me, "Lord, Lord" will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Many will say to Me in that (judgment) day, "Lord, Lord." And I will declare to them: "Depart away from Me, you who work iniquity (break God's Laws), I never knew you" (Luke 6:48; Matthew 7:21,22).

You see it. Millions of people in God-blessed America take (mooch) His rich blessings every day - yet resent, resist Him - insist, persist in rebel sinning. Then have the absurd gall - the irrational, naive notion - that the holy God won't judge sin. Big, Big Mistake! God sees, hears it all. He will judge sin.

In Deuteronomy 28 - we will see it clearly - God loves to bless. So He offers to all nations - what He offered to Israel - choice. His blessings - or sin's judgment-curse. And we all do choose. We come to Him and are blessed - or we stay in our sins - and lose His blessings. And the curses come. As they are today.

God is loving, gracious, very patient. He wants to forgive our sins, and bless us all. But God also is holy, righteous (just), good, true. So He will - He must - judge sin.

Friends, in recent years and days, our America is seeing some of God's "gentle judgments", to get our attention - call us back to Him. He is lifting His protections - a little - and the judgment-curses come in - like evil terrorists - tragic nature-troubles. There will be more. Believe it.

Think about it - America is losing - basic freedom-blessings - one-by-one. Our prosperity, property, plenty, peace, our security, safety, our health, wealth, wisdom. Our devotion to good, truth, right in God's sight - is slipping away - day by day. His mild judgments - will increase - unless we turn to Jesus.

One Example - Loss of Child Safety

When I was eleven years old we were country folk, lived four miles from school. It was war-time, and I walked those four miles home every day, alone, in a very remote area. Yet, my parents did not worry. Those were safe days - all over America.

But now our nation is a dangerous place. America's children and teens are not safe - at school - or walking home alone - even in good neighborhoods. Our homes, businesses, public places are not safe either.

It is one simple example of America losing her blessings. God lets us go our own way if we choose to - but we lose His blessings - His provision of good - His protection against evil.

God Gave Them Up

The Bible - in Romans chapter 1 - shows us God's view of people who persist in sin - ignore Him. Three times it says, "*God gave them up*" to their sins. And, folks, when God "*gives up on us*" - His blessings stop - judgment-curses come.

We are Losing God's Giving and Guarding

Question: Is God giving America up to our sinning? Maybe. We are a nation of rebels. We want our way - not God's way - and if we pray - we say - "Not Thy will, but Mine be done." So, in effect, God says, "You want your way? Be My guest - do your best - but you lose My best blessings." America is losing God's blessings - Big Time - day after day.

Jesus can fix it. Yes He can. And He will - if we call on Him.

Lost "Blessings" Equal "Cursings"

In Deuteronomy 28 - God used only - 14 verses - to list 24 of His basic blessings - out of which come all His other blessings. You see it. Obeying God - keeps life simple, sweet, secure.

But also - in Deuteronomy 28 - God used 54 verses - to list 70 judgment-curses - on Israel - and any nation and people who ignore, deny, defy Him - and His Word - His Laws.

*But - if you will **not** hear the voice of the LORD your God, do all His commandments, these **curse**s will come on you.*

Why Won't God Bless Pagan Peoples?

Think again, about third-world peoples - in extreme poverty - far below living standards of affluent nations. Why is that? Well, it's no mystery. They miss God's best blessings simply because they choose to ignore Him - and follow false gods.

Some pagan peoples have one false god - some have millions of false gods. But all are false gods - they don't exist. There is One true Creator LORD God Almighty - the God of the Bible - known in the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no god beside Him.

Think about it. When God blesses false-god people - they thank and worship - not to the One and Only God who gave them His good blessings - they worship their own false gods.

Since false gods don't exist, they can save no one from Hell - get no one into Heaven. So, all who choose to refuse Jesus the only Savior-Son of God - miss His Heaven - and Go to Hell.

Jesus Calls All Pagan People to Come to Him

God blesses - reaches out - to false-god peoples - with His *Good News of Great Joy - the Savior - Christ the Lord* - open and offered - to all people on this sad, mad, bad news planet - the One and Only Savior - Jesus.

God's global Gospel Missions bless lost people - help relieve the poverty-curse caused by their belief in false-god religions.

Christians give much money - build hospitals, schools, orphanages, give job-training - and their loving, giving Jesus-witness - so that any, many, can be saved. And millions are coming to Jesus, as we speak. And He blesses them.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the Heavens, in Christ (Ephesians 1:3; I Peter 1:3).

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in His abundant mercy - has birthed us again to a living hope - by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead - to an inheritance - incorruptible, undefiled, that fades not away - reserved in Heaven for you - who are kept by the power of God thru faith - to salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

One example among many is India - with its 1.2 billion people. Multiplied millions are in deep poverty. I saw crippled, outcast lepers cured by Christian doctors. Starving orphans were fed, given a home. I saw pagan jungle tribes-people, their sick cared for, cured, by loving, giving Christian doctors and nurses. I saw former sex-slave prostitutes - saved, forgiven, rescued, job-trained, given a clean, healthy, joyous life - by Christians who loved them, led them to Jesus. All were pagan, false-god people - under sin's curses - now saved - blessed - *in Jesus*.

Jesus Best Blesses Those Who Trust in Him

Deuteronomy 11 - records Israel - ready to go into the promised land God gave them. Moses said to them all:

*Behold, today I set before you - a blessing and a curse. A blessing - **if** you obey the commandments of the LORD your God - and a curse - **if** you will **not** obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside, go away, after other gods.*

Then Joshua led Israel into the land - and the record goes on:

Moses, the servant of the LORD, had commanded to bless the people of Israel. You see it again, God loves to bless.

So, (Joshua) read all the Words of (God's) Law - the blessings and cursings - all written in the Book of the Law. There was no Word of all Moses commanded, that Joshua did not read before all the congregation of Israel - with the women - the little ones - and the strangers (aliens) among them.

God's Word is absolute Law. Obeying it brings His blessings. Curses are reverses of blessings - they are God's blessings lost. When God stops blessing - bad happens. God calls it - "curses."

"The LORD delights in Mercy"

God is always positive - His will is to do us good. Always. But we rebel sinners are negative. We sin against Him. He is patient, longsuffering, not willing that anyone go to Hell. But -

if we keep sinning - sin's curses will come - disease, dangers, disasters, death. So, in His so great love, God keeps saying, *"Thou shalt not! No! No! Don't do that!"*

And - His judgment may be death. King Herod - in his pride - took glory that belonged to God - and his sad record reads -
Immediately the angel of the Lord struck him, because he gave not God the glory, he was eaten of worms, died.

Paul and John the Apostles - wrote of sinning Christians -
For this cause (selfish sin) many among you are weak and sickly, and many sleep (die). There is a sin unto death.

"The LORD Will"

In Deuteronomy 28 - we see this phrase: *"The LORD will."* Again and again, these power-promises say: *"The LORD will."* The Bible says - righteous judgment is *"God's will."* It means that the loving Lord God who so blesses us - will judge us too. Yes He will. We will see that precisely spelled out.

Natural disasters - earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, volcano eruptions, floods - insurance companies call "Acts of God." They are right. We saw it in Job. God did it in Egypt - with ten plagues against a false-god worshipping Pharaoh and his people. God did it at the Red Sea - the waters He parted to save Israel - destroyed Pharaoh's army. Judgments are *"God's will."*

In God's judgment-curses on rebel Israel - we can see America. Today, America is into false-god religions God calls "idolatry." We are into raw immorality. We are into rebel insurrection, spiritual anarchy - against the One and Only living, loving Lord God of the Bible - who blesses America.

And - the more we sin, the more we lose God's blessings - the more we see His judgments that our nations deserves. They are increasing all around us - as we speak. Yes they are.

Count the Curses

In Deuteronomy 28 - we counted God's blessings. He is loving, forgiving - He gives us great power-promises - for our good. But if we keep sinning - God will stop blessing - will judge us.

In Deuteronomy 28 - we can count God's judgment-curses. Seventy curses - judgments for sins - are in that power-preview. Seventeen times - these Bible curses say "*The LORD will.*" Sixty times - God says these curses "*will*" happen - absolutely.

Again: God loves to bless all people with His - *power-positive provision* - of good - His - *power protection* - from evil. He gives good, bars the bad. But - if God stops blessing - curses come. He said it:

*But - if you will **not** hear the voice of the LORD your God, do all His commandments, these **curses** will come on you.*

*The LORD will send on you **curses**, confusion, rebuke in all you try to do, till you perish - **because** of your evil deeds - **because** you forsake Me.*

America - God Blessed or Cursed?

God says, "*Know this, in the last days perilous times will come.*" Well, guess what - "last days" perils are here, in high gear, causing fear - in America - judgment-curses increasing daily. If we honestly look into God's Book - the Bible - we can see a match - rebel Israel's lost blessings - and our own rebel America's troubles. It is an amazing parallel.

We saw some of God's judgment-curses - in natural disasters. He permits them - to wake us up to our desperate need of Him. But - we don't seem to learn. Our rebel peoples still cry, clamor, complain to congress for billions of dollars - to make our troubles "go away." But we do not confess our sins - nor repent - nor turn with broken hearts to the Savior-Lord Jesus. So, His "gentle judgments" may get rougher, tougher

America already sees many lost blessings - judgment-curses - in terrorists attacks - far-off wars - nature's tragic disasters.

And in Deuteronomy 28 - God lists more of His judgment-curses. They came to Israel. They can come to America too. In recent decades we have seen many "curses" come. Like these:

Pestilence - Disease - Sickness - Plagues
Mental Madness - Moral Confusion - Sin-Guilty Conscience
Financial Loss - Oppression - Robbery - Deep Debt
Pests - Crop Failure - Food Loss - Famine
Enemies - Gangs - Drug Cartels - Crime - Violence

Look carefully - these are happening in America - as we speak.

America's Judgment-Curses
Pestilence - Disease - Sickness - Plagues
Deuteronomy 28:15-68

If God stops His providing and protecting blessings - bad stuff happens. See how often His Word says, "*The LORD will.*"

The LORD will make pestilence cling to you. The LORD will strike you with consumption, fever, inflammation, fiery heat, the sword, blight and mildew will pursue you - till you perish.

The LORD will strike you with boils, tumors, scab, itch. The LORD will strike your legs with severe boils which cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head.

*If you are **not** careful to obey all the Words of this Law written in this Book - to fear this honored and awesome name - the LORD (Jehovah) your God -*

Then the LORD will bring extraordinary plagues, great, long-lasting plagues, miserable and chronic sicknesses.

*He will bring on you all the diseases you feared, they will cling to you. Every sickness and plague the LORD will bring on you - **because** - you did **not** obey the LORD your God.*

Right now, in our sinning America, God is starting to stop **giving** us His good or **guarding** us from bad - and sin-curses

are increasing. Killer cancers are increasing, deadly viruses, incurable diseases, sickness, plagues - all afflict us, cripple and kill us, and our children - more than ever in our history.

And - a double-trouble judgment-curse comes when many illnesses we cause by our own sins - like sex-sins cause AIDS, Herpes, even cancer. Some have no cure.

We thank God for brilliant and skilled medical scientists and doctors - but they cannot cope or keep pace with our diseases. With each new treatment they discover and develop, new maladies come. God calls them all “curses.”

Can Jesus Fix It? Yes He Can!

What man can't fix - Jesus can. And He will - if we ask Him. But America ignores Jesus Christ. So, in effect, He is saying: “You can ignore, deny, defy Me - but you lose My blessings.”

*America's Judgment-Curses
Pestilence - Disease - Sickness - Plagues*

Next, God warns us of more - *America's Judgment Curses -*

*Mental Madness - Moral Confusion
Sin-Guilty Conscience
Deuteronomy 28:15-68*

The LORD will strike you with madness, (mentally) blind bewildered heart. You will grope at noon, as a blind man in darkness. You will find no rest. The LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes, a despairing soul.

Your life will hang in doubt, dread, night and day, you will have no assurance of life, in your heart-dread - you will be driven mad by the sights your eyes will see.

Half of America's hospitals are filled with so-called mentally ill folk - people gone mad, insane. A major cause is sin-guilt.

God-blessed America is “cursed” with too much - money, time, ease, causing epidemic self-ism, and a sin-guilty conscience.

America is groping morally - blind about right and wrong, good and evil, true and false, helping and hurting. Why is that? Because we ignore Jesus. He the Light all people need.

“I AM the Light of the world, he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the Light of life.

Come to Me, all who labor, heavy-laden - I will rest you. Yoke to Me. Learn from Me - you will find soul-rest.”

Rebel hearts tremble, despair, with no life assurance, only dread, driving folk mad, soul-stressed, depressed, suicidal - no peace. Why? *“There is no peace, says my God, to the wicked.”*

We grieve, groan about terrorists, wars, hurricanes, lives lost, yet we wilfully ignore our crimson-red rebel sins against God.

Consider this. Both New York and New Orleans promote vile porno-sex-sins - that God calls *“abominations.”* We allow, even applaud - adultery, unmarried sex, homosexual, pedophiles. Add our other evils - and we’re back to being like Israel - into religious idolatry, immorality, rebel insurrection against God.

These evils not only bring God’s judgment-curses - but also a frantic, gigantic guilty conscience in our people. It is a root cause of our nation’s anxiety, fear, stress. God calls it all *“madness, blindness, bewildered heart, groping, blind, in darkness, no rest, trembling heart, despairing soul.”*

Can Jesus Fix It? Absolutely!

Jesus Christ offers to us all - His pardoning peace - soul-rest. But today, Americans feel “smarter-than-God.” We seek guilt-relief in alcohol, drugs, sex, or see a shrink - who has no cure - just ignorant psycho-babble, or medicating drugs - to calm, control us. All this too - God calls it all judgment-curses.

America's Judgment-Curses
Financial Loss - Oppression - Robbery - Deep Debt
Deuteronomy 28:15-68

You will not prosper in your ways, but will be only oppressed, robbed continually, no one will save you. A nation you know not will eat all the produce of your land and labor, you will be oppressed, crushed, driven mad by sights you see.

The stranger within will go up above you very high, and you will come down very low. He will lend to you, and you will not lend to him, he will be the head, and you will be the tail.

America is in big financial trouble - much loss. Our national debt is eight billion dollars and counting. Our governments misspend, overspend, on "pork-barrel" projects to feed greed, and unfairly tax us. God said it - to the rebel nation Israel: "*You will not prosper in your ways.*"

We reject God's ways. So our taxes fund abortion clinics - like Planned Parenthood - murdering 4000 of America's unborn babies - every day. Mark it in your memory - Judge Jesus sees it all - and He will judge our sins. Count on it.

Americans are slaves to debt - personal, national. We miss-use our- money. How? We pay police a pittance, but pay sports jocks and immoral movie folk a fortune. We waste resources. Add to these - all the robbery losses, pilfering, cheating, theft - and the growing scourge of gambling. All are judgment curses.

Foreigners buy out our businesses, or own us thru our debts. God said they "*will go above you very high, while you go very low - aliens will lend to you, not you lend to them - they will be the head, you the tail.* And God says - "*No one will save you!*"

Americans make a "Declaration of Independence" from God. Big Mistake! We are paying a big price. It can get worse - God may "*give us up*" to our rebel sins - and we will go down.

Can Jesus Fix It? Sure He Can!

Jesus is God Almighty. In His might He can fix it - overnight. If America's people repent - call on Him - not on false gods. Messiah-Savior Jesus - can bless America again. God says:

Behold, the Lord's hand is not short, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities (breaking God's Laws) have separated between you and God, your sins have hid His face from you, so that He will not hear.

Because you hands are defiled with blood, your fingers with iniquity; your lips speak lies, your tongue, perversion. No one calls for justice, or pleads for truth. They trust in (proud, futile, empty) vanity, and speak lies; they conceive evil, bring forth iniquity (more breaking God's Laws).

You see it, don't you. Today, many Americans follow false gods - or no god at all. They ignore, forget, deny, defy the living, loving Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ - the One and Only God. He alone can save America.

God blessed America these 400 years, because the pilgrims, and our founding fathers, birthed, based, built this great nation on the Bible - the One and Only high, holy, inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of God Almighty, the Savior-Lord Jesus Christ.

Now we are losing God's blessings. We ask: "Why terrorists? Why nature's troubles?" God tells us why. Are we listening?

Jesus is Lord - He can fix America's troubles - if we ask Him. We are a "prodigal nation" away, astray from the God who blessed us and made us a great, prosperous, powerful nation. We've seen in Scripture - these - America's judgment-curses

*Pestilence - Disease - Sickness - Plagues
Mental Madness - Moral Confusion - Sin-Guilty Conscience
Financial Loss - Oppression - Robbery - Deep Debt*

*America's Judgment Curses -
Pests - Crop Failure - Food Loss - Famine
Deuteronomy 28:15-68 Revelation 6:5,6*

You will bring much seed to the field, locusts will eat it. You will plant vineyards, the worm will devour. You will have olive trees, your olives will drop off. Locusts will consume all.

***Because** you did not serve the LORD God with joy and a glad heart, for the abundance of things (He gave), you will serve your enemies, whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger, thirst, nakedness, in lack of all things (poverty).*

Again - Judge Jesus gave John the Apostle a prophecy preview of His coming judgments on this rebel world. Read them -

He (Judge Jesus) opened the third (judgment), I heard the third Living One say, "GO!" And behold, a black horse, and he who sat on him had a pair of scales in hand. A voice said, "A quart of wheat for a denarius (day's pay), three quarts of barley (this will be unparalleled, global famine, folks).

He (Judge Jesus) opened the fourth (judgment), I heard the voice of the fourth Living One say, "GO!" And behold a pale horse, and on him was Death, and Hades followed him. And power was given them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, hunger, death, wild beasts.

America is not seeing these things yet. But false-god nations live in perpetual poverty, hunger, dangers, deadly diseases. Millions barely survive on a meal a day. Some don't survive.

America still rides the momentum of God's blessings, and the prayers of His people, and His patient, loving, caring grace. But - if we keep on going in our nation's sinning against Him - God will at last step in - He will stop giving - guarding us - and sin-curses will come.

Jesus Can Fix It! Yes He Can!

And He will - if we call on Him. But we're not calling to Him.

America's Judgment-Curses
Evil Enemies - Violent Crime - Drug Cartels
Deuteronomy 28:15-68

One more grace-warning God gave to Israel - fits America too. This one is not so subtle as some we've seen. Our nation is the target of enemy nations and people all over the world. God says it is another of His judgment-curses on us. Here's why.

Because you did not serve the LORD God with joy and a glad heart, for the abundance of things (He gave), you will serve your enemies, whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger, thirst, nakedness, in lack of all things (poverty).

The LORD will bring a nation against you from the end of the earth, as the eagle flies (jet planes), a nation of fierce countenance - until they cause you to perish.

They will besiege your high and fortified walls (borders) in which you trust (homeland security) until they come down.

Moreover, the LORD will scatter you, to serve other gods. The LORD will bring you to offer yourselves for sale to your enemies, as male and female slaves, but no one will buy you.

Why Terror?
Why Nature Tragedies?
God Tells!

Terrorists attacked America - killed 3000 in a day. Could God have stopped it? Of course He could. Absolutely. So, why doesn't He protect us from our enemies?

Better question: Why should He? Why should God protect a people who ignore, deny, defy Him, disobey His holy Word? Why should He? You say, "But, He's a loving, gracious God." Yes He is. He is also holy, righteous, true - and He deserves all our trust, love, honor, obedience. Yes He does.

We saw it in Psalm 91 - the LORD God of the Bible promises to all people who trust and obey Him - no need to fear -

You shall not fear the terror(ists) by night, nor the arrow(plane) that flies by day, nor pestilence (anthrax) in darkness, nor destruction (hurricane) that wastes at noonday. A thousand shall fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you . With your own eyes you will behold and see the wicked repaid (vs 5-8).

God is Positive

God loves to bless always. Yes He does. He is positive always. We sinners are negative. We do bad stuff. Yes we do. So God gave us His Word - to tell us what is positive, good, true, right in His sight. When we believe and obey Him - we are blessed.

But, if our nation chooses to disobey the God of all grace - who gives us all blessings we receive - He will allow it.

Jesus Can Fix It! Yes He Can!

Jesus Christ is Lord. He can bless America - or stop blessing.

Now, friends, I know what you're thinking, America has not seen all the bad judgment-curses listed in Deuteronomy 28. That's true. And, Israel saw far worse sin-curses than we saw.

Read them for yourself - Deuteronomy 28. And those evils came to Israel - because in sin - they forfeited God's blessings. America is in danger of the same. The Bible says to us too:

*The LORD **will** send on you **curse**s, confusion, rebuke, in all you try to do, till you are destroyed, and perish quickly - **because** of your evil deeds - **because** you forsake Me - **because** you will not obey the LORD. **Because** you do not serve the LORD your God with joy, a glad heart for the abundance of all (He gives). Seventy times God says it - curses **will** come.*

So What Do We Do?

God is More Willing to Forgive than We are to Sin

Psalm 107 calls us to the Lord - He waits - is willing to save us.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, His mercy is forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He redeemed from the hand of the enemy. They cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses. He led them forth by His right way.

Oh that men would praise the LORD for His goodness and His wonderful works to the children of men. He satisfies the longing soul, He fills the hungry soul with goodness.

The righteous will see it, and rejoice. Whoso is wise, and will observe these, will know the lovingkindness of the LORD.

Which God? It Matters!

The Bible says it loud and clear for all on planet earth to hear - the One and Only true and living, loving, giving LORD God Almighty - is the Savior-Lord Jesus Christ Himself. All other so-called gods - do not exist - at all.

God's Good News to our sad, mad, bad news world - is this -

*The One and Only Messiah-Savior-Lord Jesus
Died for our sins - Arose from the dead!
So that Repentance and Forgiveness of sins is preached
in His Name to all nations.*

To You Too!

Again, Jesus said it - to all the world - our America too:

*“Believe in God - believe in Me too (Jesus is God).
Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives, give I to you.
Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid.”*

It's a Bible fact: fear is a feeling; faith is a choice. So choose - today - to trust, believe, put faith in - the Sovereign Savior-

Lord Jesus Himself. In every fear - big or little - for His so great salvation - or strength - or security - now and forever - Jesus still says it today - to you too:

*“Come to Me all who labor - heavy-laden - I will rest you.
Yoke to Me! Learn from Me.
For I AM meek and lowly in heart,
And you will find soul-rest.
For My yoke is easy, My burden is light.
All power is given to Me - in Heaven and Earth!
Behold - I AM with you - always - even to the end of the Age.”*

Final Question:

“What will you do with Jesus? What must I do to be saved?”

Final Answer:

*“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.
And your household.”*
