

From The Pastors Study

COVID-19

“Why did God send this curse upon humanity?” Do you know how many times I have seen this question? Neither do I but it was at least one more than I can stand, I promise if this question comes to me again I will scream my head off. If this question came to me from people who have never opened a Bible and actually read it, I could understand, but I am hearing it from people who have spent time studying scripture and at least a half dozed preachers.

One particular preacher proclaimed that the virus will not go away until people turn to God, even quoted scripture out of context to prove his point. In essence saying if my people repent and turn to me they will prosper. Is that just Christians or all Americans? Or all the Christians in the world? Or includes all the people in the world? What percentage of people need to repent, is that 100%, 75%, 50% or can we get by with 10%? As a pastor this scares me, that some “scare the hell out of them” word monger is blaming a pandemic on God.

Would God send this plague so that it affects all people, not protecting those who are faithful to God? Why would He allow His people to suffer if they are repentant Christians, that makes no sense to me? Has God returned to being the jealous, vindictive God of the Old Testament, destroying all who oppose or disagree with Him? No, I do not believe in a God so cruel.

If God sent the plague, why did He bother sending Jesus as our Savior, why did He allow Jesus to suffer on the cross for the sins of the world. That would seem a complete waste of all Jesus has done, remember, Jesus called for love of all human kind, even enemies. No, it makes no sense for the God of love to send plagues again.

So, if God didn't do it, who did? One theory is that China desired to send this pandemic to the whole world so they could take over the world. Who in their right mind would kill off so many of their own people in order to defeat others? If China could control the virus, control who it affected, that might make sense.

Each political party has supporters who blame the other saying it was allowed to grow in order to eliminate any power from the other. If that is true it only shows how poor our leadership is, if that kind of moronic thought is what occupies the minds of our government officials then we are in even greater trouble than I thought. I mean, if voters are eliminated I don't see where one has an advantage

over the other. Perhaps the thought is that it will eventually get to Trump and he will be too sick to serve. Or the other side of the coin, it will be too dangerous and the presidential election will be suspended for four years and Trump will remain president.

Oh, then there is a politician who believes we should stop the lockdown and go back to our normal operations, that the seniors should be willing to take the bullet for the millennials. He considers the seniors expendable, I am ready to burn my Texas flag. Now, if I contract the virus, fine, I will do what I can to survive, I am not going to make myself some kind of 21st century sacrifice.

The other question that has come my way more times than I can count is, “Why doesn’t God do something?” That is a valid question, one that I have no answer for and I would love to hear from someone who has the answer. I do know this, God hears the cries of His people, and each one breaks His heart. I wish at times I had the mind of God, if only for a few moments so I could understand why things happen and why others don’t. As a servant of God, as someone who teaches and preaches I wish I could answer all the questions and doubts people have.

I don’t know why things happen and God seems oblivious to it all but I trust my God and while there are times I don’t understand, my faith remains in Him. And I beg you/, even during these times, trust God. No matter the pain, God is standing right beside you, and every pain you feel, He does too. What breaks your heart, breaks His.

We will come out of the other side of this thing. We may be better, we maybe worse, but we will never be alone.