

## March 21, 2020 – Did God Do This?

Whenever disasters occur – natural, civil unrest, wars, pandemics, financial – many have the tendency to blame God or ask the questions, “Why did God do this?” or “Why didn’t God stop this?” To address these questions, we must remember that...

*God has given man dominion over the Earth. That is, God does not have that dominion; therefore, not everything that happens is orchestrated or can be prevented by God. Satan is the god of this world and he is behind and orchestrates the calamities and disasters, and some things that take place are a result of iniquity and sin. The good news is that it takes prayers and intercession to avert danger and calamity. God will Help us, but He has put the responsibility on us to pray and ask Him to get involved.*

*If we say that God will intervene without prayer, it is not scripturally correct and would negate the necessity for prayer, a watchman, intercessions, and the Spirit of Prophecy (which is Jesus Christ coming to redeem and restore us to the first dominion.) The Earth was not created for God to rule – it was created for men to have rulership.*

*We have to say, as uncomfortable as it is, that when we do not invite God to be a part of the solution through our prayers, God is not obligated to intervene. It is not because He will not, but because we have not asked Him to get involved and it is our responsibility to engage God in the affairs and governance of the Earth. God cannot violate the will of man because He gave man free will to use for or against Him because He didn’t create man as robots. That’s why, in the Gardens of Eden, Adam and Eve were able to sin – because God gave them free will and the absence of free will violates the very essence of God’s nature, which is love.*

*Intercessors are the most powerful people on the Earth today and they are appointed for the purpose of bringing God into the affairs of men. God will not intervene, unless someone prays and only the Church in the Earth has this authority. It is the prayers of the saints that opens Heaven and produces a response from God. In Luke 18:1, Jesus says, “... men ought to always pray, and not to faint.” We must not get weary in prayer and must keep praying until our prayers are answered. God exercises His authority and ability to do the impossible through the prayers of His people.<sup>i</sup>*

2 Chronicles 7:14 says, “If my people, who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land” (NKJV).

During this Cononavirus Pandemic, God’s people have a wonderful opportunity to “pray” and I believe that if we pray, God will be moved off His throne and He will hear His children. Yes, the President, governors, mayors, medical authorities, first-responders, politicians, and other staff have a tremendous responsibility and a job to do. But the saints of God; the pastors, mothers, deacons, praise leaders, mothers, ushers, choir members, brothers, sisters – we too have a responsibility – and that is, as the title of the book by my good friend and colleague, Bishop Johnny Young, *Shut Up and Pray!*<sup>ii</sup>

God has not forsaken us, and God is not punishing us. I always say, “God would not do anything to hurt us.” Why? Because He loves us.

Be encouraged.



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<sup>i</sup> “Prayer Moves God”, Archbishop Nicholas Duncan Williams

<sup>ii</sup> “Shut Up and Pray”, Bishop Johnny Young