

# Make Church a Part of Your Life

## WEEKLY SERMONETTE



### "When Disaster Comes

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**Romans 8:19-25 (NLT)**  
 <http://biblehub.com/romans/8-19.htm>19For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. <http://biblehub.com/romans/8-20.htm>20Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, <http://biblehub.com/romans/8-21.htm>21the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. <http://biblehub.com/romans/8-22.htm>22For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. <http://biblehub.com/romans/8-23.htm>23And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. <http://biblehub.com/romans/8-24.htm>24We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don't need to hope for it. <http://biblehub.com/romans/8-25.htm>25But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.)  
 When disaster strikes it is

natural for each of us to ask why bad things can happen to innocent people. We seem to have an inborn sense of justice that allows catastrophe to happen to wicked people, or even the foolish or irresponsible, but when someone suffers tragically through no fault of their own our notion of fairness demands an explanation.  
 After Monday's devastating

tornado in Moore, OK, I saw a report of a person claiming God had spared them from death, and I wondered how this story would feel to a family who wasn't spared the loss of a loved one. Does God capriciously spare some and not others? If I lost someone in my family to an impartial tornado, would I resent God for sparing others but not mine?

The Bible's answer to the problem of unjust suffering is not a capricious God, but a broken world. Our planet is not functioning as it used to. We didn't use to lose people to tornados, earthquakes, hurricanes or lightning. Nor did we die from cancer or even wild animals. In the book of Genesis, chapter 3 we learn that not only did man receive consequences for his sin, but the earth did as well. The apostle Paul refers to this curse in Romans chapter 8 when he writes, "Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse."

Life was fair before the curse, and the good news is that it will be just again. Paul continues, "But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time."

And just as Christians look forward to the time when we will live in Paradise with new and complete bodies and unstained souls, so we can know that God will also restore this earth and remove the curse of death and decay.

This life can be hard-devastatingly so. Let us comfort each other with love, time and provisions, but also with the promise of better things to come.

## Memories

We never know what a day will bring...joy, tragedy, success, or failure. Knowing this, we must be prepared for the best or the worst that life can bring, treasuring all the moments that life holds. We must have the faith to make plans for the future while making memories in the moment. The best way to begin each day is in praise and prayer...praise for what the Lord has given us and prayer for the wisdom to make each moment contribute to the growth of our spirit. Attend your chosen place of worship each week; there you will make memories for today and a plan for eternity with God.



Weekly Scripture Reading						
Acts 2:29-47	Acts 3:1-26	Acts 4:1-22	Acts 4:23-37	Acts 6:1-15	Acts 7:1-22	Acts 7:23-43
Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society						
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9	4	8	3	7	1	2	5	6
7	3	2	8	5	6	4	9	1
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4	8	1	6	3	7	9	2	5
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8	9	7	5	6	3	1	4	2
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1	5	3	2	4	8	7	6	9

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