Make Church a Part of Your Life WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"When Disaster Comes By Kirk Kasson, Pastor, Almena Congregational Church

Romans 8:19-25 (NLT)

<http://biblehub.com/ creation is waiting eagerly for 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 demands an explanation. 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.)

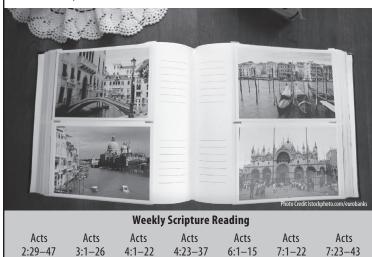
When disaster strikes it is

natural for each of us to ask why tornado in Moore, OK, I saw a bad things can happen to inno- report of a person claiming God romans/8-19.htm>19For all cent people. We seem to have an had spared them from death, and inborn sense of justice that allows I wondered how this story would that future day when God will catastrophe to happen to wicked feel to a family who wasn't spared people, or even the foolish or ir- the loss of a loved one. Does God responsible, but when someone capriciously spare some and not suffers tragically through no fault of their own our notion of fairness

After Monday's devastating others but not mine?

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.



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 others? If I lost someone in my or lightning. Nor did we die from cancer or even wild anifamily to an impartial tornado, would I resent God for sparing mals. 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.



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