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A flood of judgement!



This weekend has seen some very sad events in Wales, Scotland and England with many hundreds of home and business premises flooded under deep water and damage sustained from very high winds as the storm, 'Dennis' swept in.

We here in Northern Ireland have been greatly spared to a very great degree.

Christians are reminded of a solemn truth by the words of the Saviour in Luke 13:1-5.

"There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose

ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Those that drew the Saviour's attention to the tragedy in Galilee, doubtless suggesting that the fate that overtook them indicated that they were guilty of some great wrong that they should be subjected to such suffering and horror.

The Saviour pointed out a solemn truth as He replied to their relating of the incident, adding His comments on a similar tragedy at the tower of Siloam. What He said clearly indicates that those who were not the subjects of such tragedies were nevertheless just as worthy of such a visitation, being sinners equal with those who died in such dreadful circumstances!

All unrepentant sinners are worthy of such a visitation and if they, by the mercy and longsuffering of God, escape then they are not to think of themselves as being more 'righteous'. All are equally deserving of a visitation of divine wrath!

We must bear this truth in mind as we briefly comment on the tragic events in Great Britain at this time.

Such troubles as have overtaken many poor souls are not to be ignored and an answer, as to why it should be so, is to be sought.

What the Saviour tells us is that the whole unrepentant, Bible-rejecting population of Israel was deserving of the fate that overtook just a few. In like manner we can say the same of the events of recent days in the United Kingdom.

Those who have suffered loss in the floods and storms of late are like 'the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices' and 'those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell.' They were no more deserving of such a fate than was the rest of the unrepentant populace!

The United Kingdom has departed far from God. Gone are the days of humble, solemn gatherings of saints who loved the Word of God. Gone are the days of sending out a faithful, God-honouring English version of the Holy Scriptures to all the world. Past is the sending out of faithful missionaries to the far corners of the world. Gone too are the national days of seeking God in prayer when faced by certain destruction at the hands of the enemy, such as took place following the miraculous rescuing of the remnants of the British Army and its allies from the beaches of Dunkirk!



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No, today every form of sin rules supreme in church and state. We have 'churchmen' who glory in wicked perversions and who teach the people that God is pleased with the embracing of such depravity. We have politicians who are openly wicked and utterly abandoned in their lifestyles, flaunting their libertarianism for all to see. The Prime Minister is a 'prime' example of this. No one can challenge the truth that he is an immoral man, openly living in what used to be called 'sin'!

The nation is stained with the blood of millions of unborn babies, slaughtered by government decree. Mothers-to-be in very large numbers have seized eagerly at the 'legal' right to murder their unborn, rather than let them live. Murder is preferred before the 'inconvenience' of an unwanted child.

How this all must offend the God of heaven!

It is no wonder that nations, as sinful as ours, are visited with fires, storms, plagues and, as the case in East Africa, a plague of locusts and famine!

Most today are so ignorant of the Word of God that they are unaware that God has revealed events that will take place before the return of Christ to judge His enemies. Amongst those events are the happenings prophesied in Revelation chapters 15-16.

Consider these words: "And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God," 15:1. "And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth," 16:1.

The reader may study these portions of Holy Scripture for himself and see what is going to fall upon the earth, particularly that territory called the 'Roman Earth', that area ruled over of old by the Roman Empire.

Men and nations may think that they can defy God and His truth with impunity. That is what the devil and his agents would have men believe, but it is not so. The day when men shall learn this in a most terrible way is drawing near for "the great day of his wrath is" drawing on, "and who shall be able to stand?" Revelation 6:17.

The storms which have caused so much suffering amongst our fellow citizens are but a warning, a foretaste of that which will befall ALL who reject the gospel and remain defiant of God and unrepentant of their wickedness.

The suffering of these poor folks ought to stir hearts and drive all to seek the Lord, lest a greater calamity befall us.

Let me close by directing the scoffers and disbelieving that such a thing could happen to the words of the Saviour.

"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish," Luke 13.

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