

## **NATURAL DISASTERS**

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As I write this, there are millions of people being affected by Hurricane Harvey. Harvey packed 130 mph winds whenever it made landfall. Over 50 inches of rain has fallen in some places. Millions of people have been flooded out of their homes, businesses and churches. 30+ people have lost their lives. Whenever things like this happen, many people look for someone to blame. Some blame the President, some blame the Governor, some blame the Mayor, and some blame God. Why blame God? Why not blame the devil if you need someone to blame? God is good. The devil is evil. The Bible lets us know that God wants us to have abundant life. The Bible also lets us know that the devil wants to steal, kill and destroy. God is not the only force at work in our world. Satan is also busy, doing everything that he can to cause people to be lost. He loves it whenever people blame God for things that he himself is responsible for. The Bible also lets us know that Satan is the prince of the power of the air. If the rain flooded your house or a tree fell on your car or something else bad happened to you, I don't think it would be wise to blame God for doing it. From the moment that Satan was kicked out of heaven, the earth became a battlefield and as we all know, on battlefields, terrible things happen. In such a situation, everything becomes a potential weapon and every person a potential victim. The entire world is actually in a state of chaos. There will never be perfect peace in this world as long as the devil is loose and at work. I don't have all the answers as to why bad things happen to good people but I do know that it's never wise to blame a good God for bad things.