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## **Signs of the Times: Shining Bible Light on Current Events**

The Lord has wrought many blessed judgments in the world this week. The Word of the Lord provides an appropriate standard through which we may view them from a proper perspective:

The first Monday in September has been designated “Labor Day” in the United States. It is a federal holiday, signed into law in 1894, to celebrate the achievements of the American worker and all that their labor has profited the nation. Enjoying the pleasant things of this world and the profits of your labor are good when done in moderation and with a thankfulness towards your Creator and God. He has done it. **“So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.” (1 Corinthians 3:5-7)** However, all of it is in the end vanity and folly. Be content with your wages (**Luke 3:14**). Rule righteously (**John 7:24**) and deal appropriately with those who report to you and likewise obey your masters (**1 Peter 2:13-25, Colossians 4:1, and Ephesians 6:5-9**). Seek out good work and put your hands to do it (**Ecclesiastes 9:10**). Consider the ant and be wise (**Proverbs 6:6-11**).

This week also saw at least two more major tragedies impacting school children. A 14-year-old committed murder of four individuals, two children and two teachers, at Apalachee High School in Georgia on Wednesday. Additionally, a fire broke out at Hillside Enderasha Primary School’s dormitory, north of Nairobi, Kenya, killing at least 18 with another 70+ additional children still unaccounted for. Twenty-seven have been hospitalized, 16 of whom were burned so severely they were unrecognizable. These events, and all that happens in this world, are appointed by God in His providence. **“Thou hast forsaken me, saith the LORD, thou art gone backward: therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee; I am weary with repenting. And I will fan them with a fan in the gates of the land; I will bereave them of children, I will destroy my people, since they return not from their ways. Their widows are increased to me above the sand of the seas: I have brought upon them against the mother of the young men a spoiler at noonday: I have caused him to fall upon it suddenly, and terrors upon the city. She that hath borne seven languisheth: she hath given up the ghost; her sun is gone down while it was yet day: she hath been ashamed and confounded: and the residue of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, saith the LORD.” (Jeremiah 15:6-9)**

The Lord punishes the wicked for their sins against Him. **“Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him: But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God.” (Ecclesiastes 8:11-13)** Fear God and give thanks for His mercies and judgments.

**“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.” (Psalm 9:17)**