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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:

Amidst the stream of souls that succumb to natural deaths, fall victim to sickness, or are casualties of war which steadily find themselves at the judgment seat of their King, the Lord sees fit to occasionally charge a sudden toll in precipitous events. One of these events occurred this week as a magnitude 7.7 earthquake struck Myanmar and Thailand on Friday, March 28, with the death toll confirmed to be over 1,700 souls, with another 3,400 injured and nearly 200 still missing. Rescue efforts began with workers and volunteers digging through the rubble searching for survivors. However, aid has been stunted due to the earthquake crippling the nearby airports and damaging road infrastructure.

God is the potter to the clay of mankind. You can't argue with His absolute sovereignty over His creation to do what He wills. **“What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?”** (Romans 9:14-21)

It is appointed unto man to die (Hebrews 9:23-28). Therefore, why do you continue in your sins when no man knows the day or the time that they will be called to make account before their King? (Romans 14) The Lord has created you and all the structures of your body, and like the stars in the sky, He has set them in their courses to function and deliver what we call life. He created you; He can destroy you (Deuteronomy 32:39). He can call you to account for the talents that you were provided in your life at any moment (Matthew 25:14-30). He doesn't need to wait for you to live out a lifetime, however long or short (Psalm 90:10). It doesn't need to be in a spectacularly eventful circumstance such as this earthquake. He can simply cause your life to end and in that moment, you will not draw one more breath on this earth if He so wills (Acts 5:1-11).

“And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.” (Matthew 24:3-8)

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