

Wisdom Not Worry
Tuesday, April 28, 2020
Psalm 91:8

"You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked."

Thank God for symptoms! There's nothing pleasant about discovering a lump on your body but identifying this early could mean the difference between life and death. Symptoms are a gracious warning of what's ahead and an urgent call to take immediate action.

Have you wondered what God's purpose is in the coronavirus? While we dare not presume to know the mind of God, scripture does provide some insight. Having described a scene similar to the one in which we now live – "thousands may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand" – the Psalmist declares the reason for such calamity is "the punishment of the wicked." While there is nothing pleasant about the devastation of Covid-19, it serves as a warning of what lies ahead and as an urgent call to action.

In the scriptures, pestilence was often a sign of God's judgment upon sin (Deut. 32:24, 1 Chron. 21:12, Ez. 7:14-15). Jesus warned of pestilence as a sign of his immanent return when he comes to judge the living and the dead. On that day, pestilence is promised as part of God's final judgement on sin (Revelation 18:8). The present pandemic is God's gracious warning of future judgment.

Almost quarter of a million people have died from the coronavirus. Don't ignore the signs. Find immediate shelter under His wings. Jesus suffered the punishment for sin on behalf of all who put their trust in Him. When He comes again some will come under judgment, but those who find shelter in Him will peek out from under the shelter of his battered wings only to witness the punishment of the wicked.

Grateful,
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