

## God's Word In The Flood

Extraordinary floods and the biggest cyclone in living memory have devastated us. Even as we rally to one another's assistance we know that there is more to come. Worldwide, humanity is groaning under similar woes. Something is badly wrong. But what is it? What are these events saying to us? They are words from the living God, our Creator and Judge. He sends them to awaken us to our deepest spiritual reality and need. They declare to us that our sins have plunged us and the creation under the righteous judgment of God. They warn us that He has set the day when his Son, Jesus Christ, shall return to judge the world in most perfect justice. Every disorder and disaster and distress that we experience declares that invisible reality. God is warning us, before that day of judgment arrives, to prepare for the storm. These events also lead us to repentance. The fact that God withholds the final judgment, continuing to give us life and length of days, declares that there is mercy with God. God is giving us time to repent. And He is teaching us our greatest need – the forgiveness of our sins. Incredibly, while we laugh and mock at Him, disregarding his warnings that are all about us and which are growing more intense as the day approaches, God sends the gospel among us. He calls us to turn from our sins and trust in His Son, Jesus Christ; promising that whosoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

God is real. His word is in these events. "He that believes on the Son has everlasting life: and he that believes not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him" (John 3:36).

"Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD" (Lamentations 3:40).

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