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The Blessing of a Catastrophe

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And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

ROMANS 8:28

If a trumpet is blown in a city, will not the people be afraid? If there is calamity in a city, will not the Lord have done it? Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets. AMOS 3:6-7, New King James Version

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. MATTHEW 24:7

The scripture teaches us that God is sovereign even in a time of crisis. Our text also teaches us that in times of catastrophes, God will make all things work together for good *if* we are aligned with His purpose and will. There are many examples of catastrophes in the Bible. In all of them, the Lord was in control and used them to fulfill His word and plan. Many were epochal as were the flood in Genesis and the Exodus from Egypt. Each resulted in a new beginning for the people of God. Jesus predicted in Mathew 24 that the crisis of our day would happen, and that it was the beginning of sorrows ushering in a new age.



Application

It's difficult to find purpose in a catastrophe. It's easy to be blinded by all the negative things that are happening in the moment. The Lord teaches us that catastrophes can turn into blessing when we understand what God is doing and align with His purpose. Perhaps the Lord has driven us all into our homes and paused life as we know it to cause us to reflect on our priorities and what is really important. Perhaps He wants us to reflect on the true purpose and mission of the church in the last days before His return.

Discussion

1. How has the current situation been a blessing in your life?
2. What do you think the Lord is doing in this current crisis?
3. How are you aligning your priorities with the plan and purpose of God?

Prayer Focus

Pray that God's will be done in the earth.

Pray that God's people align with the plan and purpose of God in this hour.

Pray that the body of Christ receives a fresh revelation that they are the church and that the Lord desires to manifest His presence through them to a lost world.