



PRAY FOR LAS VEGAS

A RESPONSE TO EVIL AND TRAGEDY



WHEN I AM AFRAID...

PSALM 56:3-4



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3. WHY DIDN'T HE STOP IT?



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“Evil is a fact, too. And evil is a theological category. The secular (unbelieving worldview) cannot use the word with coherence or sense. The acknowledgement of evil requires the affirmation of a moral judgment and a moral reality above human judgment. If we are just accidental beings in an accidental universe, nothing can really be evil.”



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“Evil points to a necessary moral judgment made by a moral authority greater than we are—a transcendent and supernatural moral authority: God.”

ALBERT MOHLER



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“The first thing we must do in the aftermath of this sort of horror is to make sure that we do not take the name of God in vain. After a natural disaster or an act of terror, one will always find someone, often claiming the mantle of Christianity, opining about how this moment was God’s judgment on an individual(s) or a city or a nation for some specified sin.”



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“Jesus told us specifically not to do this, after his disciples asked whether a man’s blindness was a result of his or his parent’s sin. Jesus said no to both (John 9:1-12). Those self-appointed prophets who blame the victims for what befalls them are just that, self-appointed. We should listen to Jesus and to his apostles, not to them.”



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“Those killed in a terror attack or in a tsunami or in an epidemic are not more sinful than all of the rest of us.”

RUSSELL MOORE



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1 SAMUEL 21:10-15

And David rose and fled that day from Saul and went to Achish the king of Gath. And the servants of Achish said to him, "Is not this David the king of the land? Did they not sing to one another of him in dances, 'Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands'?"



1 SAMUEL 21:10-15 (cont.)

And David took these words to heart and was much afraid of Achish the king of Gath. So he changed his behavior before them and pretended to be insane in their hands and made marks on the doors of the gate and let his spittle run down his beard.



1 SAMUEL 21:10-15 (cont.)

Then Achish said to his servants, "Behold, you see the man is mad. Why then have you brought him to me? Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this fellow to behave as a madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?"



PSALM 56:1-4

Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me; all day long an attacker oppresses me; my enemies trample on me all day long, for many attack me proudly. When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?



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11. They can gun down and kill





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PSALM 56:3

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“Fearfulness and faith in God can coexist in us even as trust slowly wins out. Faith is not a vague sense that ‘God will work it out.’ It comes from a prayerful immersion in the Scripture, the Word of God (vv. 3-4).”

TIM KELLER



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WHERE IS MY
TRUST?



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PSALM 56:3

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APPROACH, MY SOUL, THE MERCY SEAT

*Approach, my soul, the mercy-seat,
Where Jesus answers prayer;
There humbly fall before his feat,
For none can perish there.*



APPROACH, MY SOUL, THE MERCY SEAT

*Thy promise is my only plea,
With this I venture nigh;
Thou tallest burdened souls to thee,
And such, O Lord, am I.*



APPROACH, MY SOUL, THE MERCY SEAT

*Bowed down beneath a load of sin,
By Satan sorely pressed,
By wars without, and fears within,
I come to thee for rest.*



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APPROACH, MY SOUL, THE MERCY SEAT

Be thou my shield and hiding place!

That, sheltered near thy side,

I may my fierce accuser face,

And tell him, "thou hast died."



APPROACH, MY SOUL, THE MERCY SEAT

*O wondrous love! to bleed and die,
To bear the cross and shame;
That guilty sinners such as I,
Might plead thy gracious name.*



APPROACH, MY SOUL, THE MERCY SEAT

*"Poor tempest-tossed soul be still,
My promised grace receive;"
'Tis Jesus speaks, I must, I will,
I can, I do believe.*



PSALM 56:4a

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“We need to be people of the cross, a people whose God is not distant and blank but a God who instead loved the world enough to send his Son to bear in his own body the full measure of the curse of evil. In the cross, we see evil and horror. We also see that God is there. And in the empty tomb, we see that death does not get the last word!”

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