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God Controls The Weather!



Is God in complete control of the weather? If so, what are the different kinds of weather that God sends upon the world and why? What is His purpose and what is the lesson to be learnt?

Firstly, the Bible says that the Supreme God created the heavens and the earth, the sky and sea, and all that is in them. He is in complete control of the universe at all times. He displays His omnipotence and sovereignty - supreme power, rule and authority through miraculous signs and wonders, including weather. His mighty power is without limit, and there is nothing too hard for Him! **Job 9:10** - *He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted.*

God uses different kinds of weather: Including earthquakes, tsunamis, fiery coals and burning sulfur, scorching heat, drought, devouring fires, snow, cold, frost, rain and floods, bolts of lightning, storms like hailstorms and thunderstorms, scorching winds and destructive windstorms, such as hurricanes and tornadoes (in modern terminology) etc.

Thunder, earthquake and devouring fires: *the LORD Almighty will come with thunder and earthquake and great noise, with windstorm and tempest and flames of a devouring fire. (Isaiah 29:6) & (Luke 21:11).*

Sends and withholds rain and floods: *“ If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands, I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees of the field their fruit. (Leviticus 26:3-4)*

but with an overwhelming flood he will make an end of Nineveh; he will pursue his foes into darkness. (Nahum 1:8)

Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them. Then the LORD's anger will burn against you, and he will shut the heavens so that it will not rain and the ground will yield no produce, and you will soon perish from the good land the LORD is giving you. (Deuteronomy 11:16-17)

Snow, cold, rain and frost: *He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,' and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty downpour.' (Job 37:6)*

The tempest comes out from its chamber, the cold from the driving winds. (Job 37:9)

He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes. (Psalm 147:16)

Hailstones, thunder and lightning: *Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a great hailstorm. (Revelation 11:19)*

Whirlwind: *See, the storm of the LORD will burst out in wrath, a whirlwind swirling down on the heads of the wicked. (Jeremiah 23:19)*

Why does God send all kinds of weather upon this world?

To:

- 1) Display His **omnipotence** (supreme and unlimited, mighty power) (Psalm 77:14)
- 2) Warn to **repent** (Luke 13:1-5)
- 3) **Instill** the fear of God, so that people will never turn away from Him (1 Samuel 12:12-25 & Psalm 83:13-18)
- 4) **Punish and destroy** the wicked, as happened with the two corrupt cities of Sodom & Gomorrah that were destroyed with burning sulfur (Genesis 19:24-25 & Psalm 11:4-7)
- 5) **Rebuke, condemn and punish** (Ezekiel 13:1-23 & Ezekiel 14:1-23 & Amos 4:6-13)
- 6) **Humble, discipline and test** (Deuteronomy 8:1-20)
- 7) **Bless and curse** (Deuteronomy 28)
- 8) **Bring low** the **pride** of man (Isaiah 2:6-22)

At times, God uses a band of destroying angels to achieve His will, plan and purpose; or He Himself may send devouring or consuming fires to melt and destroy all His foes.

Through the weather, God punishes sins such as sexual immorality and idolatry, because these sins are an abomination in God's eyes and carry the heaviest of penalties. The Lord will take vengeance in anger and wrath upon the nations that have disobeyed Him. He will punish those who have forgotten Him—the true God; and trust instead in false gods. They will be put to total confusion, frustration, and everlasting shame and disgrace. God promises that the idols will totally disappear and witchcraft will be destroyed (Isaiah 42:17 & Jeremiah 50:38 & Micah 5). (Please read tract 'No Idols!').

The Lord helps, rescues and responds to His people's plea for deliverance from destruction in the midst of weather disasters, unless He tests us, in which case He will also provide an escape out of every situation.

God responds to His people's pleas for deliverance from destruction:

1) In Famine: *But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love, to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine. (Psalm 33:18-19)*

The days of the blameless are known to the LORD, and their inheritance will endure forever. In times of disaster they will not wither; in days of famine they will enjoy plenty. (Psalm 37:18-19)

2) In Drought: *“But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.” (Jeremiah 17:7-8)*

3) In Floods: *Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. (Psalm 32:6)*

4) In Storms: *You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat. For the breath of the ruthless is like a storm driving against a wall. (Isaiah 25:4)*

The Lord says that His fierce wrath and anger will not turn back, until He fully accomplishes the purposes of His heart. God Almighty will continuously send weather disasters until people humble themselves before Him, and confess and renounce all their evil deeds, and rip their hearts (not their garments), in National and International repentance. They must begin to obey God's commandments, and openly acknowledge and confess with their mouths, and believe in their hearts that Jesus Christ is Lord!

Everyone must give God the glory and honor that is due Him alone:

Philippians 2:9-11 - *Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

God says that He will not send a worldwide flood upon the earth as in the days of Noah. But on the day of the Lord, which is coming with such speed and is at the appointed time, He will destroy the present heavens and the earth with fire, in which all evil will be completely destroyed (Please read tract 'Hell and Unquenchable Fire!'). The wicked, including the false prophets and teachers who are bringing swift destruction on themselves by their false preaching, will face judgment and punishment. and there will be no escape for them, as God promises in His word. (2 Peter 2 & 3:5-13)

It is impossible to alert everyone regarding many weather disasters, as they happen quickly and unexpectedly, and will take everyone by surprise. For example, tornadoes move in any direction, change direction, speed and intensity - very quickly and unexpectedly, strike at any time - day or night. Therefore, the only way you can escape the coming judgment and punishment that is coming upon this world is to humble yourself before Almighty God, with true heartfelt repentance and live in obedience to God's commandments. We are to fear the Lord and live in reverence, faithfulness and submission to God, with uprightness, holiness and godliness in this present age. Pray that you may be able to escape all these things that will come to pass, because these disasters will happen with greater speed, intensity and frequency, such as your eyes have never seen before. Nations will be perplexed, and in distress and anguish. People will faint and suffer heart failure, and many will be shocked when they see calamity after calamity coming upon this earth, as God has already begun to shake all nations!

Weather “experts” have been trying to explain how these different tornadoes happen. Scripture mentions that God will turn their worldly wisdom into foolishness and their learning into nonsense.

Isaiah 44:25-26 - *who foils the signs of false prophets and makes fools of diviners, who overthrows the learning of the wise and turns it into nonsense, who carries out the words of his servants and fulfills the predictions of his messengers, ...*

1 Corinthians 1:19-20 - *For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.” Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?*

In the last days, God will increasingly use weather to achieve His purpose here on the earth!