



**What Has Covid 19
Taught Us?
(If Nothing Else)
Exodus 11:4-8**



#1 God Is Still On the Throne

“Plague went before Him, pestilence follows His steps.

He stood and shook the earth;

He looked and made the nations tremble.” Habakkuk 3:5-6


- This is not God’s first event of allowing disease to invade the world—and may or may not be His last
- The Holy Spirit says that God says to disease, “Go, and it Goes,” or “Come, and it Comes!”
- God can allow some things to happen to us that can strike fear in our hearts (shake up the earth)





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Ezekiel 14:21-23

“For this is what the Sovereign Lord says; How much worse will it be when I send against Jerusalem my four dreadful judgements... sword and famine and wild beast and plague... to kill its men and their animals! Yet there will be some survivors....sons and daughters who will be brought out of it. They will come to you, and when you see their conduct and their actions, you will be consoled regarding the disaster I have brought on Jerusalem....every disaster I have brought on it.





“.....You will be consoled when you see their conduct and their actions, for you will know that I have done nothing in it without cause, declares the Sovereign Lord.”



**OUR OBEDIENCE TO GOD, WHEN
ALLOWED TO SUFFER, CONFIRMS
HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS!**

Hebrews 5:8-9; Isaiah 53:10-11

*When Afflictions Accomplish the Work for Which
They are Sent, They Confirm the Goodness of
God in Sending Them*

*“Behold therefore the goodness and severity of
God; on them which fell, severity; but toward
thee, goodness, if you continue in his goodness;
otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.”*

Romans 11:22

Do Not Ignore What God Has Already Revealed to Mankind!

- In Exodus chapter 11, Moses is having a conversation with Pharaoh
- God is planning the final or tenth plague in the country of Egypt, in an effort to get Pharaoh to let His people leave the territory
- He tells Pharaoh that God is going to destroy all of the firstborn children, from Pharaoh's child all the way down the hierarchy to the slave girl's child (even the firstborn of the cattle)
- Moses leaves Pharaoh's Palace and the conversation in anger
- But in chapter 12 God gives His children the prescription (Rx) that will release them from His anger

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- In Exodus chapter 12, God through Moses told the Israelites to take a male lamb or goat, one year old, and sacrifice him to God as a memorial.
- Then take the blood of the animal, and sprinkle it on the side posts of each of your homes
- On the same night that you do what I have revealed for you to do, to protect yourselves, I will pass over Egypt, and if the blood is sprinkled on your side posts, I will not permit the destroyer to destroy the first born in your homes



What If the Children Of Israel Didn't Follow God's Instructions?

What if the Children of Israel's Didn't Do the Basics?

- Notice that the instructions to avoid God's wrath didn't *qualify* their Godliness (everybody included)
- The instructions, however, did challenge their usual schedule. They would have to give up some things
- Their daily needs would still be supplied, but they would need to be flexible and adaptable

#2 The Pandemic Has Caused Us to Take Death More Seriously

- As I stand before you today, much of our entertainment and “normalcy” has been taken away
- Many football and basketball games, both college and professional, have been cancelled; Jobs have been lost, education has suffered
- Restaurants have closed and stock markets have fallen ...

But From the Spiritual Perspective:

- People have taken a more serious look at their own mortality and the finality of their family members
- Maybe some people will stop relying so much on their bank accounts for their security (the rich man in Luke 12)

What are the Possible Benefits of a Pandemic?

“God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks to us in our conscience, but shouts to us in our pain. It is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.”

C.S. Lewis; The Problem of Pain

- Sometimes we need God to shout at us too
- Sometimes we need God to bring us to our knees to remind us that we are sinners and need His grace and protection; Jeremiah 10:23
- Suffering can make you appreciate when you have no pain
- Suffering can motivate us to pray more (Jonah 2)

How About This Pandemic Response?

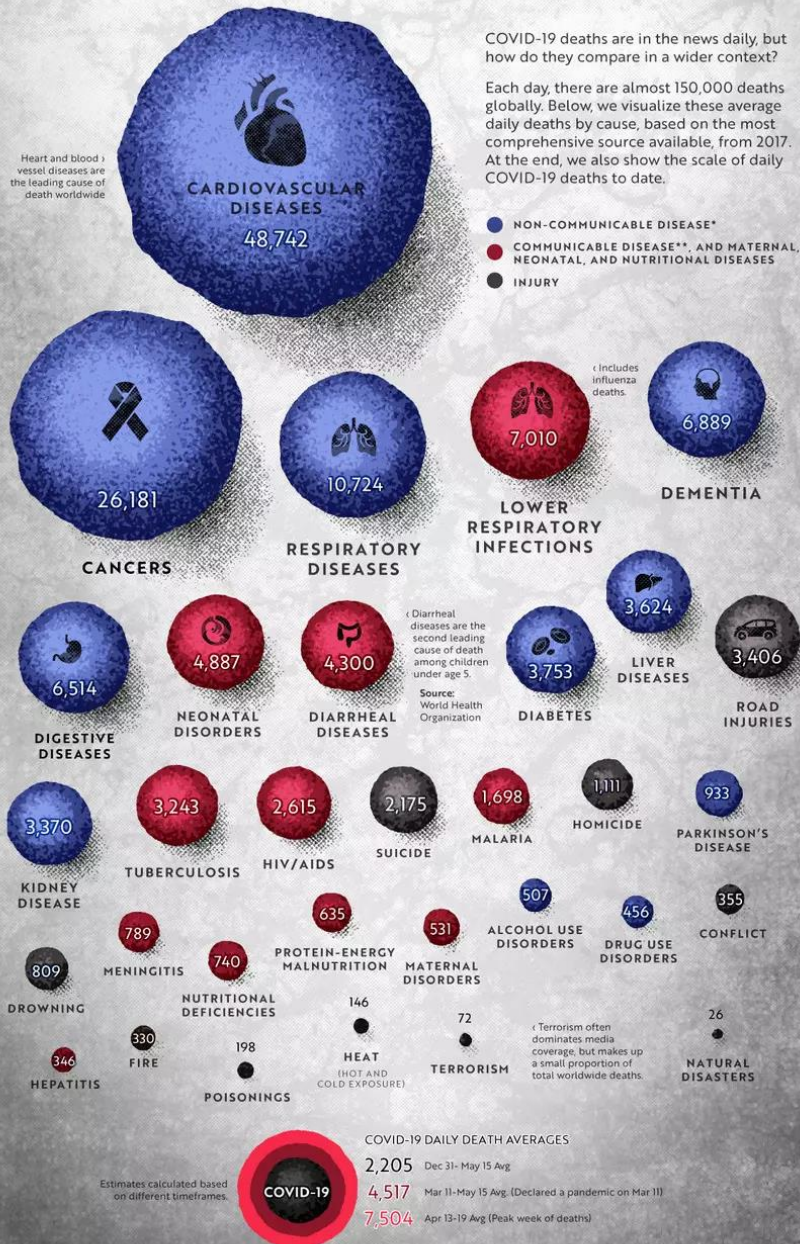
- What if as I pray, I try to live right?
- What if as I try to live right, I take the proper precautions that have been providentially revealed and don't tempt (make demands on) God? Matthew 4
 - Wash my hands
 - Wear my masks
 - Practice social distancing (some of us don't like it)
 - Take the Vaccine if indicated for me

What if I get the virus after prayer and taking the necessary precautions?

IT WAS GOD'S WILL!



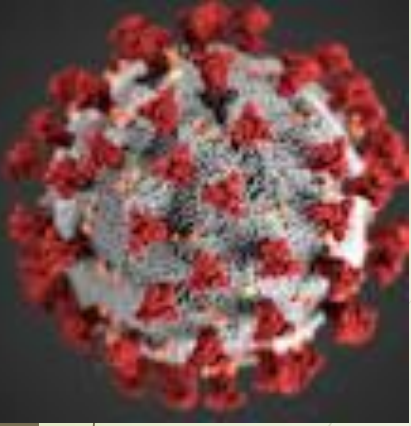
HOW MANY PEOPLE DIE EACH DAY?



COVID-10,000 deaths/day

Abortion-125,000 deaths/day!

Murder in the womb whom God has knit together!



#3 Technology Will Not Save Us

We have been warned by our experts that the crisis is far from over

The winter months will be brutal, and massive logistical challenges for vaccine mobilization will need to be overcome

God has blessed man to understand that making the body produce antibodies will mitigate the spread of the virus

You have an army already inside of you that just needs to be stimulated that can attack the virus (How vaccines work)



But Man Historically is “Preferential” in Technology and Sometimes Dangerous!

- **Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment**

Hundreds of AA men with Syphilis were followed for 40 years and not treated, though they were told they were, to “observe the natural history of untreated Syphilis” 1932-1972

- **“The Mississippi Appendectomy”**

Involuntary sterilization of AA women in the 1960’s to keep the population lower in Mississippi

- **Monoclonal antibody cocktail**

Novel treatment for COVID 19 not available to everyone (who decides who gets it and who doesn’t)



It Boils Down to Your Relationship With God, Psalms 91:1-4

*“He that dwelleth in the secret place
of the most High, Shall abide under the
shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the
Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress;
My God; in Him will I trust.*

*Surely he shall deliver me from the snare
of the fowler, And from the noisome
pestilence.*

*He shall cover thee with His feathers,
And under His wings shalt thou trust;
His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.”*



The Plan Of Salvation

Hear the Gospel	Acts 15:7
Believe the Gospel	Acts 15:7
Repent of Sins	Acts 17:30
Confess Christ	Acts 8:37
Be Baptized	Acts 8:38

