

*"Ye who turn Judgment to wormwood, and leave off Righteousness in the earth, Seek Him That Maketh the seven stars and Orion, and Turneth the Shadow of Death into the morning, and Maketh the day dark with night: That Calleth for the waters of the sea, and Poureth them out upon the face of the earth: **The LORD Is His Name:**" Amos 5:7-8 KJV*



The power of a hurricane stymies the most robust efforts of man to resist it. It goes where it wills and men can only flee before it, and repair after it. The sea is gathered up and thrown upon the land in one of the most destructive acts of all nature. The sky turns to night by reason of the thick clouds that veil the sunlight.

The sky remains gray for days afterward. As if it wasn't enough, that the sea is thrust upon the land, the very heavens open, and pour out a deluge not unlike the Great Flood. Tornadoes gleefully dance around the edges, smashing and destroying everything they touch. In spite of all the power that is unleashed in this single event, men still curse God during and afterwards still refuse to repent. New Orleans proudly announced that the bars were "open for business" just days after Katrina. There were no homes repaired, no hospitals open, nor levies repaired, but they demonstrated how reprobate they were by how fast they got back to doing evil continually! Even ungodly men refer to hurricanes as "an Act of God." God Is Infinitely More Powerful than a single natural event could ever demonstrate! The history of mankind is littered with "natural disasters." Yet, rebellious foolish men still defy their Creator. I shudder to think of the destiny of those who choose the temporal over the Eternal. It is JUST, that those who resist a loving and merciful Creator by refusing to repent should perish in the Day of His Wrath! We have continued by God's Grace for millennia without the Full Measure of His Wrath, but the Day is not too distant when the Cup of Wrath Will Be Poured Out With Vengeance upon the ungodly. Many would protest, "I'm not ungodly! I live a good life, and I treat everyone with kindness." God says, *"There is none Righteous, NO, NOT ONE! There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the Way of Peace have they not known: There is no Fear of God before their eyes."* Are men so foolish as to think that a few "good deeds" could repay the "Father of Lights" for His Son's death? Trusting your own righteousnesses will find both you and them writhing in the Lake of Fire, forever!

The sea poured out upon the land,
Gives glimpse to God's almighty Hand,
But wicked men will not repent,
E'en though God's wrath is heaven sent! –CGP

God is not interested in any offering we could possibly bring. Provision Is Already Made! Any offering we bring only blasphemous the Cross of Calvary! Our "filthy rags" of good deeds are not fit for Heaven. We must humbly plead the Gracious Offer of the Heavenly Garb of Christ's Righteousness, if we are ever to gain an audience at the Throne of God!

"Thus Saith the LORD, 'The heaven Is My Throne, and the earth Is My Footstool: where is the house that ye build unto Me? And where is the place of My Rest? For all those things Hath Mine Hand Made, and all those things have been,' Saith the LORD: 'but to this man Will I Look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at My Word.'" Isaiah 66:1-2 KJV