

# The Big 5 Questions Of Sept 11

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A Day Of Infamy

## The Big Five Questions

1. Why did this happen?
2. Where is God in all this?
3. How should we feel about it?
4. What can we learn from it?
5. What can we do about it?

### 1. Why did this happen?

**Answer: Demons!**

**Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.** (Ephesians 6:10-12, KJV).

**The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.** (John 10:10, KJV).

There are four classes of demons, fallen angels, from highest to lowest:

- a. There are wicked spirits in high places that strategize and plot on a large scale.
- b. There are ruling demons over nations, world religions, regions, cities, and every strata of society.
- c. There are powers that overcome individuals.
- d. There are pawn demons or principalities that attack individuals in their places of weakness.

In any case demons desire to enter and possess people in order that they wreak the maximum havoc on them and through them. In the Bible, Jesus cast out principalities and powers such as deaf and dumb demons. He also cast out a ruler demon named "Legion" out of the mad man of Gadara who had terrorized an entire region. At the same time he cast out the pawn demons (at least a thousand) who were in the man and operating underneath the stronger demon named Legion.

Understand that BEHIND and ABOVE and AROUND and IN the men and organizations that plotted this terrible act of terrorism, there were unseen demonic forces at work plotting to terrorize our nation, delay the spreading of the Gospel, kill and maim human beings made in the image of God, steal peace, joy, money, and destroy the nation in which the church is the strongest.

Satan has always hated the Church and the nation of Israel.

The Arab nations are descendants of Ishmael. They have always hated Israel and any nation that is a friend to Israel. In Genesis 16:11,12 God told the mother of Ishmael, Hagar, that **"This son of yours will be a wild one--free and untamed as a wild donkey! he will be against everyone, and everyone will be against him. Yes, he will live at odds with the rest of his brothers."** Because of his hatred towards Israel and the Church, Satan introduced the false world religion of Islam into the descendants of Ishmael in order to inflame them further towards Israel and the Church, and in order to isolate the Ishmaelites from the Good News of Jesus Christ. But God will have his way! One way or another, many people from the Arab nations will come to know Christ! Psalm 68:31 says, **"Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God."** The Bible teaches in Isaiah chapter 19 that God will first judge the Arab nations, then He will reveal the Saviour to them, and finally He will have a people from the Arab nations. In the Book of Revelation believers are seen in heaven singing, **"Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals**

**thereof: for thou wast slain, hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of EVERY kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation...** So the Arab nations will hear the Gospel after all, even though it is presently outlawed by Muslim clerics and governments. Many Ishmaelites, like other cultures of Gentiles such as Europeans, Africans, and Americans will find their Saviour Jesus Christ. Perhaps the West's retaliation against the Taliban of Afghanistan and the terrorists networks will serve to tear down the barriers of isolation between the West (where the Gospel is flourishing) and the Arab nations (whose doors have heretofore been closed from the truth of Jesus Christ)!

## **2. Where is God in all this?**

**God is on the throne of heaven working on planet earth through the intimate person of the Holy Spirit, but BY INVITATION ONLY. And He is PRESENT IN TIME OF TROUBLE.**

**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.** (Ps 46:1, KJV).

**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.** (Romans 8:35-39, KJV).

Martin Luther said, "It seems as if God will do nothing on the earth except by invitation only in answer to prayer."

New Living translation: **Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or are hungry or cold or in danger or threatened by death?... No despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels can't, and the demons can't. Our fears for today, or worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can't keep God's love away. Whether we are high above the sky or in the deepest ocean, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

This terrible tragedy was not God's fault! It is clear from the many testimonies that God has been at work trying to prevent the tragedy and saving lives. However, it is the nature of man in his fallen state to make mistakes and to sin.

But DID GOD ALLOW THIS TRAGEDY?

Does God allow people to start bars and night clubs? Does God allow people to take drugs? Does God allow people to sin? Does God allow YOU to sin? Does God allow YOU to do what is right? The answer to all these questions is YES! God has made mankind in His own image and in His own likeness with FREEDOM TO CHOOSE, with a will of his or her own, a free moral agent. So the question, "Why did God allow this to happen" is really a bogus question. MEN CAUSED THIS TO HAPPEN and MEN ALLOWED THIS TO HAPPEN.

No doubt, the church at large has been remiss in their intercessory prayer life. No doubt, mistakes have been made by governing authorities. And no doubt, demons planned this to create immediate, near-term, and far-reaching havoc. BUT GOD DID NOT SEND THIS TRAGEDY TO PUNISH AMERICA! Satan is the oppressor. God is the deliverer! The Bible teaches, "**God is for me.**" The Bible teaches that "**Every GOOD gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father...**"

## **3. How should I feel about this?**

**Answer: You will most likely experience a whole gamut of emotions at periods of times ranging from indifference, to grief, to fear, to tears, to anger, to laughter, to courage, to shock, to hope and faith, and everything in between.**

The good news is that you are made in God's image and you have emotions and feelings. You should not REPRESS them but rather EXPRESS them. There is no escape from being a part of the American family, and the human family, and of course, God's family.... so you will experience grief and anger to varying degrees, as well as hope and God's love and presence.

The important thing is to realize God doesn't condemn you for any of your emotions. You are authorized to be emotional because you have a heart, an inner man. You may FEEL emotional, but ACT rationally.

**There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.** (Romans 8:1, KJV).

**And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the**

**earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.** (Luke 21:25-28, KJV).

#### **4. What can I learn from all this?**

##### **Answers:**

- a. Let the reality sink in of living with insecurity like 2/3rds of the rest of the world does daily.
- b. Ask God to forgive our nation for our own sin of terrorizing and murdering millions of our own unborn.
- c. Realize that **WHAT ONE BELIEVES** is the root of all one's behavior. ( i.g. the hijackers who believed the wrong things.)
- d. Understand, as the Peterson translation of a verse in Galatians says, **"All sin is a major disruption of God's order."** SIN has always been the human race's numero uno problem!
- e. The roots of this act of terrorism are the world religion of Muslim, or Islam, and the Koran. Not all people trapped eternally by the error of Islam are murderers or terrorists. But the Koran is a counterfeit book. Error and ignorance always breeds violence, poverty, and all other evils imaginable. Contrary to the media's ignorance, Allah is not just another name for God. Jesus taught that the only way to God was through Him.

**Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.** (John 14:6, KJV).

If one is not worshipping the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, he is not worshipping God, but a demon posing as God.

**Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.** (1 John 4:1-6, KJV).

**He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.** (1 John 5:12, KJV).

**But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.** (1 Co 10:20-21 , KJV).

**Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils...**(1 Tim 4:1, KJV).

f. On the one hand, man is made in God's image, so we see the compassion of God being expressed through mankind even in their fallen state of being sinners (i.g. the firemen in New York, blood donors, etc.). On the other hand, we see that the heart of man in his fallen state is extremely evil and deceitful (i.g. the terrorists).

g. As national unity forms (which is good) we also see signs of people who are advocating a one world religion (which is evil), encouraging Muslims, Jews, Hindus, and Christians not only to tolerate one another but to agree with one another and worship together. This is wrong but is prophetic of end-time events foreseen in the Bible.

h. And finally, we can remember that **NO ONE IS GETTING AWAY WITH ANYTHING!** God is the judge! The terrorists who suicidally committed these atrocities are **RIGHT NOW BURNING IN HELL, IN ETERNAL UNENDING TORMENT UNIMAGINABLE.**

#### **5. What can I do about this crisis?**

##### **Answers:**

- a. Intercede daily in prayer for the victims' families and our national leaders, law enforcement, and military.

**I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings,**

**and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.** (1 Timothy 2:1-4, KJV).

b. Allow yourself to be emotional but act rationally. (Jesus wept for Lazarus but acted rationally by using his faith in God and raising him from the dead.)

c. **Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.** (Romans 12:15, KJV).

d. Renew your patriotism to America.

e. Ask for God's mercy, favor, and blessing.

f. Listen to your children. Answer their questions. Validate their feelings.

g. Don't hold in your own emotions. Express yourself to others.

h. Renew (and if necessary repent first) your devotion to Christ and your local church. The only ark of safety during the floodwaters of evil is the local church. The only real security on the planet is your relationship with the Lord Jesus.

i. If necessary, repent of your lack of obedience to pray regularly and intercede for our leaders as commanded in 1 Timothy 2:1-4

j. GIVE of yourself to others! Give blood. Or give time to someone. Or visit someone and bless them.

k. Reach out in Christian love and kindness to all foreigners in our communities, especially those of Arab origin. Leviticus 19:34 says, **"But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God."** The Muslim religion is wrong, but Muslim people have been captured by Islam. God loves them and they need to feel the love of Christ expressed through Christians in order to be attracted to Jesus.