

WHY DID GOD LET THIS HAPPEN?

On December 14, 2012, a gunman walked into an elementary school and shot twenty plus people in which the majority of the killed were little children under 10 years old. How horrifying. Why? **Why would God allow this to happen?**

First, let me say that God clearly told us that the devil's mission is to steal, to kill, and to destroy. This means, the devil has every intention of ripping your little babies out of your arms without any concern for your feelings. For him, murdering your little children so boldly is no different than pulling them out of your womb through abortion; therefore, I am not sure why those who support abortion are shedding tears over this massacre in Connecticut. It is no different. Either way their lives are taken without any concern for what they think.

Let's put the blame exactly where it belongs: not on God but on the devil. The devil will use whoever yields to him to carry out his mission. Notice, that he also is perfectly fine having those who yield to him take their own lives in the process. We saw this with this young man who did this shooting, and we see this in other religions of the world who strap bombs on themselves to kill themselves and those around them.

You see, this disturbed young man that performed this atrocious crime gives us an example of how one family's sin can affect 20+ families who had nothing to do with the problem. Similarly, when Adam and Eve sinned, their family's sin of disobedience infected the whole human race, and since then, sin has corroded our world.

Have you wondered yet, why this young man, after shooting his dad and then his mom at their residences, would now make his way to his mom's school, where she taught, to kill those little children in her class? I have a thought to propose. Perhaps, he had a problem with his mother who taught these sweet little children. She may have referred to these children in her class as her precious little babies, and

just perhaps, this young man, who may have felt neglected and unloved by his parents, may have said in his mind, "Oh, you love these kids more than you love me, I'll show you, and I show them."

My friends, there are people hurting out there for various reasons. Perhaps, you yourself are one of those. You are worried, scared, and troubled. What are you going to do? You see, **Jesus predicted that our world was going to get worse instead of better.** Many want to make this world into a better place, but it will never happen. The one who created it told us ahead of time that it will get worse instead of better, and His predictions are being fulfilled before our very eyes. Why is this so? Sin.

When we put away sin from among us, then God will help us. He has no obligation to stop a massacre from occurring or stop the twin towers from falling. Why should He get involved? Our world does not want to have anything to do with Him. They kick Him out of the schools, they kick Him out of the grocery stores, they kick Him out of the government. . . They do not even want to mention His name except in a curse word, of course.

Should God just show up to help us out when things are going bad for us? Should we summon Him at our beckoning? Is that the kind of God we want? How would you like it if your neighbors only called you when they have a problem—they need money, or their car breaks down, or their grass needs mowing? Wouldn't you do everything you know how to do to avoid them? Wouldn't you much rather have a relationship with your neighbor instead of having a moocher who only looks for you when they have a problem?

God owes us nothing. But, even though He owes us nothing, He still reaches out to us. Some think that this young man that shot his parents and these precious little children should burn in hell. People who think this way fail to realize that they themselves should burn in hell. Their sins are just as heinous in

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the sight of God. They want the justice of God for those who do wrong, but they themselves don't want to live by God.

God knew that after Adam and Eve sinned that this world was in big trouble, and we needed help. He also knew that we couldn't put away sin in our own strength. For this very reason, God sent His Son, Jesus, to come into this wicked world not to make this world a better place so we can live here forever. Instead, He came to bring peace. This Christmas season remember that when God sent His Son into this world, He wanted to give us a hope of being rescued from our sins and to have peace with Him.

The devil has one purpose and that is to destroy our lives. He is the only one laughing right now. Why? His purposes have been accomplished. But, remember, God did not create hell for people. He created it for the devil. Unfortunately, however, the devil is going to take with him as many people as he can.

Are you ready to confront the Maker and tell Him you want a way out of this sin you have been born into and currently practice? This Christmas, remember God's act of love toward us by sending His One and Only Son so that we can believe on Him and be saved. Let's let the devil go to hell alone.