

God's World Relief

What is God doing about all the misery and suffering in our world, including the toll of natural disasters?

First, God actively promotes world relief. “The God who made both earth and heaven...gives justice to the poor and oppressed, and food to the hungry...He protects the immigrants, and cares for the orphans and widows.” Psalm 146.6-9 (Living Bible)

Second, how does He bring relief? Well, evil spirits don't inspire Amnesty International, Red Cross, the World Health Organisation, Church charities etc. Surely it is God who promotes such care and concern.

“He is the God who ...frees the prisoner, and opens the eyes of the blind; He lifts the burdens from those bent down beneath their loads...He turns topsy-turvy the plans of the wicked.” Psalm 146.6-9 (Living Bible)

Third, God has given humanity the means to cooperate with Him (See especially Matthew 7.7).

Fourth, when nations spend billions of dollars annually on war, or corruptly misuse humanitarian aid, or steal donations to the needy, they actually block God's global relief.

So what does God do? He showers us with His blessings anyway?

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“Speak up for people who cannot speak for themselves – Protect the rights of all who are helpless...the poor and needy.” Proverbs 31.8 (Good news Bible)

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