

## WORLD EVENTS -- ARE THESE MAKING YOU NERVOUS?

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The world can move in a trend and direction that can make us feel relatively safe and comfortable. Then suddenly “wham”, something on the global or domestic scene arises that makes us feel insecure.

It could be the result of a natural disaster such as an earthquake or hurricane, an economic or financial occurrence, a geopolitical event, a widespread health situation such as an epidemic, or some other type of crisis.

Our employment becomes jeopardized. The future of our children including their access to education becomes questionable. Our ability to satisfy everyday needs is no longer there.

When we find ourselves in these situations, we begin to realize that government and its agencies, no matter how benevolent these aim to be, have limited abilities and resources. These will not be able to restore anything and everything we lose completely and sufficiently.

Jesus Christ gave us assurances of safety and care when events around us make us worried and anxious. Jesus said God will look after us provided we seek the kingdom of God and its righteousness (Matthew 6:25-33, Luke 12:22-30). Specifically, Jesus stated: *Luke 12:29 (NKJV) And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. 30 For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. 31 But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.* This is a promise and an assurance from God provided we are also moving towards Him as well.

It doesn't mean that we don't make our own efforts to look after ourselves and our families for we do have that obligation (1 Timothy 5:8, 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12), but after we do our best, God will do the rest.

Our world is a volatile place. History shows that nations rise and fall, economies move up and down. Sometimes very serious consequences arise that may not be solved without incurring pain in the process -- if they can be resolved at all.

It is wonderful to know that we have an anchor in the Creator God. You should not wait until trouble arises to develop that deeper relationship with God, for there are more benefits involved than just addressing your worries and concerns. But it is good to know that God has made promises to look after us when we have done our part.

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