

Indiana State Fair Tragedy!

Does God Care?

YES!

Jesus wept at the death of his friend Lazarus, and our hearts weep at the Saturday night tragedy of the Indiana State Fair when lives were unexpectedly lost and many were injured. When the Grandstand Stage fell due to high winds, many in the crowd responded, rushing forward to lift the stage off the victims. Even as people desire to help and sympathize with others who are suffering, God also cares for us. **YES...God does care and He does notice our tragedies.**

Like the prayers that were cried to God when Israel was afflicted in Egypt, God did hear their prayers and sent them a deliverer. "And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians...." Exodus 3:7,8

Lives suddenly lost this weekend will not be forgotten by God, Who promised that "All that are in their graves shall come forth." John 5:28,29

In the Bible, Jesus was asked about a similar incident when the tower of Siloam fell and killed eighteen people. (Luke 13:4) He assured his disciples that those who died were not sinners more than others, and that sooner or later all men would die whether it be in tragic accidents, illnesses, or of old age.

GOD IS THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT.

When the Apostle Paul was tried above measure so that he even despaired of life, he realized that God was the God of all comfort.

Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. — 2 Cor. 1:3,4

In giving His own Son, the joy of His heart, to rescue mankind from death, sin and trouble, God showed that He truly does love mankind. God's comfort is shown now in His promises of Jesus' return to bring life to man and restore Earth as his paradise home. Most will realize the fullness of God's comfort when their loved ones return from the dead, as God promised and Jesus' gift of his own life guarantees.

Although we do not know personally any of those who died in this tragedy, we sympathize with the pain and loss of all. In God's due time their life will be restored and they will be filled with joy for Christ "must reign till he has put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." 1 Cor. 15:25,26

God Is Faithful to His Promises

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning."
Psa. 30:5

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Rev. 21:4

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