

[The Fields are white for harvest](#)

Another year has started minus the usual fun and frolic and with a sense of uncertainty. The reason is obvious and there are so many unanswered big WHY questions. Before looking at these questions let me wish you all a very blessed year where the Lord Himself will walk before you. Always remember, "The eternal God is our refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms." Dueteronomy 33.27.

Let me remind you of a verse in Psalm 139, where David says in awe, and "All the days ordained for me are written in your book before one of them came to be." Our life and days are safe in God's hands and so firstly we do not have to fear death i.e. you will die only when your time has come never before or late. Make sure that your hope is on the solid rock of Christ for because He overcame death and so we need not fear death. (Hebrews2,14-15)

The second question is why should such a great disaster happen? We read in Job that it is God who keeps the waves in check and so it must be only with His permission that the waves crossed the line. I would suggest you to give a quick reading of Job. Job suffered such pain for no fault of his. When he literally fights with God to reveal the cause of his pain, God's reply is totally unexpected. He starts to question Job. Job becomes speechless, he could only moan, I am unworthy how can I reply to you? I put my hand over my mouth. (40,4) When we are confronted with the raw magnificence, unbridled power and matchless glory of God we could only close our mouths. The reason is God knows everything, beginning and the end and we can never comprehend His ways. We do not have enough brain storage to understand God just as you cannot fill one litre bottle with five litres of water, we are just not created with a mind to understand God. Ask Paul(Romans11,33)

These disasters are God's way of shaking us out of complacency and to remind us once again of Matt 24, where Jesus says earthquakes are signs for last days when He will return as the King of Kings to judge the earth.

My heart goes out for the people who had to face the fury of the sea, but will not our Lord also grieve for them? He is the One who heals and He cares, we may not know how but He will do it. Whenever you remember the tragedy just ask the Lord to comfort them and one

day in heaven you will be surprised to see the one comforted personally by Jesus 'coz you prayed for her/him! We can help in many ways but nothing beats prayer.

I personally believe this year will be a year of harvest and so it is time we wrestle with God in prayer for more labourers to reap the harvest. Wake up, time is short people need to know Jesus. We need to carry the Cross. We need to carry Jesus. Let us not forget that we are labourers in God's vineyard. Pray for revival. Psalm 77 says the waters saw you and writhed. Who knows, the sea must have seen the Lord descending on our Land and started shaking. I really believe that there will be a mighty revival in all these lands for the Lord Himself has set foot in our nations. Pray daily for revival. You will be astounded to see the things which are going to happen in the coming days.

Dear Lord we are assured that you are in control no matter what. Lord help us to run and reap the harvest, let us not sink into the trappings of this world. Remind us that this world is not our home and that our mansions are high up there. Help us to reap in joy what has been sown in tears, in Jesus name. Amen.