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Jesus said in John 5, "I only do that which I see my Father do." In other words, "I only follow the Father's plan." "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." (1 John 3:8) The life of the Son of God, the Son of man, had one purpose. God's plan. To destroy what Satan had done to humanity through sin in Adam's fall.

These days many people are wondering what is happening and what will happen in the new year of 2005. This especially in the light of that unspeakably terrible disaster in Southeast Asia. All our hearts and prayers go out to those that have lost loved ones and are in desperate need. I know that **our prayers bring the very presence of God upon men in any part of the world.**

I also have a word from the Lord for all of us: "God is still at His throne and He still has a plan."

That plan can be found in His Word. It includes our natural and social existence here in this world. This, of course, is very important. But the most important part of that plan is the salvation of our eternal souls. "For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

We also read in John 7:37-39 where Jesus said, "If any man thirst (for God), let him come to Me, and drink. He that believes on Me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living waters." But this spake He of the Spirit...

It is amazing and heart warming to see how people all over the world are responding and wanting to help those that are destitute and suffering. This is how we, as Christians, should respond, not only to people hit by natural disaster, but also to people that have been hit by the spiritual disaster of sin. Respond by giving them the word of God's love and forgiveness.

Men and women of God have seen and prophesied that natural disasters like these would happen in these last days; yet, even greater and more devastating disasters are stated in the Word of God, where not only hundred's-of-thousands, but millions would get killed. This is too terrible and too hard to comprehend although it is true. **BUT** God has also said that great moves of His Spirit will take place in the last days. "And it shall come to pass in the last days," says God, "that I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh..." (Acts 2:17)

Today we must seek and commit to God's plan 100 percent while there is yet time.

Words to study: John 5, I John 3:8, John 3:16, John 7:37-38, Acts 2

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