

# WHY DOESN'T GOD DO SOMETHING?!

**(HE HAS! HE IS!)**

**TEXT:** *Psalm 14:1-3* **The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.**

**THESIS:** To show from Scripture that God has, does & will intervene in history.

**INTRO.:** A. Have you ever looked at the mess the world is in & asked, “**WHY DOESN'T GOD DO SOMETHING?!**” You hear of wars, conflicts, disease, death, horrors, famine & unspeakable crimes & reason: “*If God is all powerful, and if He is a God of love, WHY DOESN'T HE DO SOMETHING?!*”

B. Perhaps your children are breaking your heart, your husband is abusive, your wife has left you, your mother is sick & unsaved, your father is on his death bed & you cry out to heaven & ask “**WHY DOESN'T GOD DO SOMETHING?!**”

**ILLUS.:** My sister called on Friday morning & the Dr. was pushing to put my father on a feeding tube. He hasn't eaten anything for 2 weeks. She said as she sat alone in the hospital room, she wept & asked the Lord to just stop his breathing. She said for a moment, he did...& then resumed. Sadly she asked: “**WHY DOESN'T THE LORD JUST TAKE HIM HOME?!**”

**TRANS.:** Everyone here has felt the frustration of some heart wrenching dilemma & asked: “**WHY DOESN'T GOD DO SOMETHING?!**” The simple answer is “**HE HAS!**”

## **I. THE LORD LOOKED DOWN:**

A. With Concern: Ps.14:1-3

**ILLUS.:** Our God is not some dispassionate, unconcerned, unfeeling automaton who sits in the heavens & doesn't care what happens to His creation! He is totally concerned & consumed with the welfare of humans that He has devised a plan of salvation which will lift them to heaven w/Him & totally free them from the pains & problems of human misery. His concern caused Him to *look down* - not around...at the plight of humans. He did not do this for angels!

1. He looks down & sees our sinfulness & selfishness.

**ILLUS.:** What He saw when He looked down was not encouraging. v.2,3 “*...They are ALL gone aside, they are ALL together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*”

**Proverbs 15:3** *The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.*

2. He looks down & sees our predicaments & problems.

B. With Compassion:

1. He didn't just express concern (text) but decided to do something about our plight.
2. His compassion (sympathy & sorrow for the distress or misfortune of another with a desire to help - Webster) moved Him to alleviate the situation.

**ILLUS.:** Fourteen times in the Gospels alone it is said of our Savior that He had compassion on those in distress & moved to alleviate their suffering. But the strongest statements about His compassion have to do w/His awareness of spiritual needs, not physical.

**Matthew 9:2** *And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.*

**ILLUS.:** This is where we err! He sees our spiritual needs; we only see the physical! Yes, my father is suffering physically, but He saw his spiritual need & took care of it! He took him home to Heaven, AMEN!

The Lord LOOKED DOWN & saw the spiritual plight of mankind, then...

**TRANS.:** *Oh, yes, the LORD HAS DONE SOMETHING! HE LOOKED DOWN w/concern & com-compassion - and saw our greatest need.*

## **II. THE LORD CAME DOWN:**

A. As Savior:

**John.3:13** *And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.*

**Luke 19:10** *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

1. The good news is that because the Lord came down, we can go up!
2. If He only came down as Healer, He would have to perform a perpetual healing on all of us, but because He came down as Savior, His one act solved our greatest need for eternity!

B. As Comforter:

**John.16:7** *Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.*

1. Jesus is gone, but He sent the Holy Spirit to replace Him!
2. He is so concerned & compassionate that He couldn't bear to leave us alone, even though He had to return to heaven to get it ready for us!

**ILLUS.:** D.L. Moody used to tell the story of a son & his mother in the Civil War. The mother received a message that her son was severely wounded & she decided to go to him & comfort him. He was behind enemy lines, but she was determined. She was stopped by a guard w/orders to shoot anyone who would cross the line. She said "You will just have to shoot." She went across & the guard raised his rifle & took aim, but when he thought of his own mother he couldn't do it. She came to the hospital & insisted on seeing her son. They gave in & led her to his bedside. She knelt down, reached out her hands & took his tenderly. His eyes opened & his lips parted & he said "Mama! Mama! I knew you would come!"

What a story of human love & tenderness, of love that knows no boundaries, no fears! But what greater love & tenderness our Savior showed by coming down & then sending His "alter ego" the dear Holy Ghost of God, as our Comforter! If you really know God, you know He had to come!

**TRANS.:** *Oh yes, the LORD HAS DONE SOMETHING! He not only LOOKED DOWN but He CAME DOWN! Then...*

## **III. THE LORD LAID DOWN (HIS LIFE):**

**John.10:18** *No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.*

A. Voluntarily:

**ILLUS.:** The few survivors in the life boat were becoming more & more fearful as the raft continued to take on water. Somebody had to go overboard. Lots were cast. 2 brothers were in that lifeboat, one married & the other single. The lot fell upon the married brother. But before he could slip over the side, his single brother jumped overboard & said: "Your wife & children need you. I'm taking your place!"

When Jesus laid His life down on Calvary, no one could take His place. They said: "**He saved others; himself he cannot save.**" He was bound by His love & God's perfect plan on that cross. No one else qualified!

B. Victoriously:

1. The Scriptures declare that even though He was in a weakened & emaciated physical condition, He cried with a LOUD VOICE: "**It is Finished!**"
2. Had He been just a good man or a godly man or a mere man - His death would have been a defeat instead of a victory! But He was the God-man!

**TRANS.:** *Oh yes, the LORD HAS DONE SOMETHING! He not only LOOKED DOWN, & CAME DOWN, but HE LAID DOWN His life to pay our sin debt! Then...*

#### **IV. THE LORD SAT DOWN:**

**Hebrews 1:3** *Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;*

**Hebrews 10:11-12** *And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;*

**ILLUS.:** This passage takes us back into the Old Testament. The High Priest, in his vestments with the pomegranates & golden bells all the way around, once each year, lifted up the big heavy veil, went into the Holy of Holies & sprinkled the blood seven times on the mercy seat & the bells kept ringing. The people outside hoped they wouldn't stop. "Oh may he live until he sprinkles the precious blood on the mercy seat, until the atonement is complete."

There was no chair in the Tabernacle or Temple & he couldn't sit down, because his work was never finished. When Jesus sprinkled His blood on the mercy seat for us, **HE SAT DOWN!**

**CONCL.:** The next time you are tempted to think or say: "**WHY DOESN'T THE LORD DO SOMETHING?!**" Remember **HE HAS!!!** He **LOOKED DOWN, CAME DOWN, LAID DOWN (HIS LIFE) & THEN SAT DOWN!**

And even that is not all! **THE LORD IS GOING TO COME DOWN AGAIN** so we can be caught UP with Him forever!! He is looking down right now & He sees that mother with a broken heart, that one with empty arms, that husband with an empty chair at the table & an empty place beside him in the bed, the little child with no mother or father in the home, the one with the loved one dying, the one in pain, or in the nursing home or hospital... **HE IS NOT ONLY LOOKING DOWN, HE IS COMING DOWN - SOON** - to make it all right!

**ARE YOU READY?!**