

Here is a prayer you can use:

"O God, I admit I have sinned, I am willing to turn from my sin. I take Jesus Christ to be my personal Saviour and Lord. Amen"

Signed.....

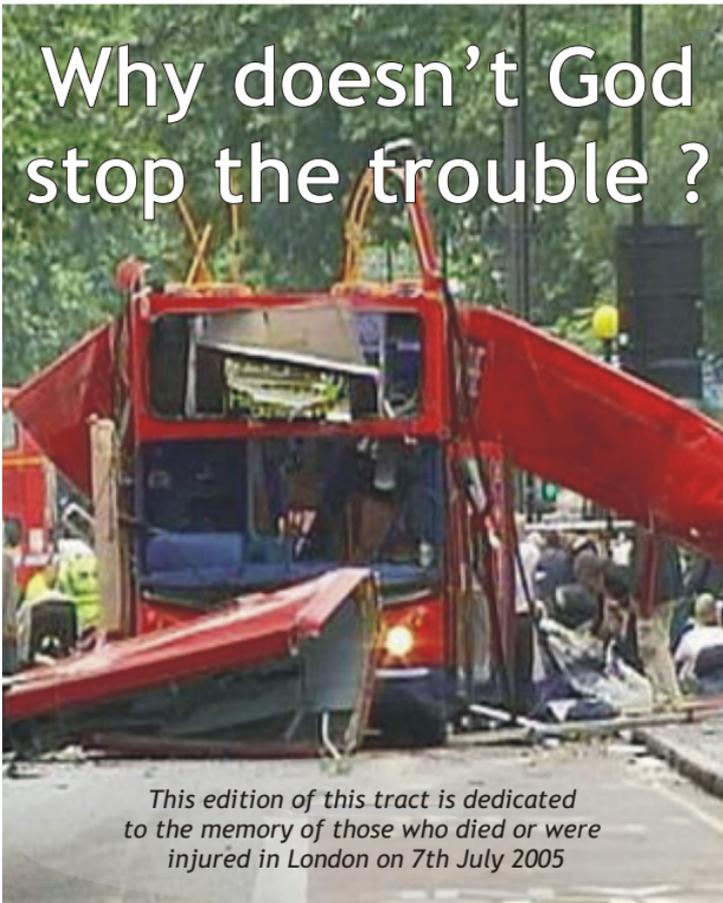
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Bible References

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Why doesn't GOD stop the trouble?

More and more people are asking this question. The problem of the innocent who suffer for the guilty. The apparent hopeless confusion of world affairs. The collapse of any standard of right or wrong. These all cause a great number of people to doubt God. It seems clear that when people ask

“Why doesn't God stop the trouble ?”

It is not His ability that they are questioning, but the fact He seems to do nothing.

So then, why does God apparently do nothing about it all? Think a minute. What is it that He has to stop? It's people. It's hatred, violence, lust, selfishness, dishonesty and a whole host of other things.

Very well then the question is

“Are you prepared to let God stop them in you?”

Yes, that is where the rub comes – the whole issue is essentially a personal one.

What about your selfishness, your jealousy, your sin? To be brutally frank, if you are not prepared for God to start there, you can never again ask the question,

“Why doesn't God stop the trouble ?”

One thing is certain – that God will stop it all, that He will break into world affairs in the person of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to destroy all that is evil in the world.(1)

If we refuse to be separated from that which God must judge, namely the sin in our lives, then inevitably we become involved in its judgement. If God appears to be silent now, it is because He longs to be able to deal with men in mercy instead of judgement.(2)

When you ask

“Why doesn't God stop the trouble?”

have you ever thought about the Cross? Why didn't He stop it there? Why didn't God deliver His Son from murder at the hands of wicked men?

There is only one answer to that, ***“He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities.”***(3)

God allowed it in order that the judgement of human sin should be borne at the Cross. He is therefore now able to deal with you and me in mercy because judgement has been met. Yes, all will be judged. The only difference is this, that all who put their faith in Christ, Crucified and Risen, are able to say that judgement for them is not future but past.

The wonderful thing is that in response to repentance, (which means a change of attitude towards the thing that is rotten) and faith,(which means you trust Christ who died for you), in response to this, God can give you the power to stop the trouble in your own life. He Himself will impart His life and power to you.(4)