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Explaining the prophecies and the scriptures to all who desire to hear them. (Mosiah 27:35-36)

Why should God stop coronavirus?

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When I saw what coronavirus would become, I also saw how people

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would react.

Part of that reaction was the inevitable calls for prayer and fasting to ask God to end the pandemic.

Here is something you ought to think about:
Why should he?

One reason you don't get answers to your prayers is because you think God is like a nursing dog who caters to loudest whining puppy. He's not.

God has all power because he knows and submits to the laws that govern reality. These are encoded in his character.

You don't understand that God operates based on principle, and the way you invoke the powers of heaven is by making a case to him that what you are requesting is the fulfillment of his character. Now, you really ought to understand this by now. Even Satan gets it--look at how he interacts with God in the temptation of Job. He invokes God's justice, and he gets what he asks for. Even the angels in heaven understand this--though they do not understand enough to be gods. They constantly get what they ask for through invoking God's mercy and holiness (see Exodus 25 or Revelation 4). Even if you wouldn't learn this from the scriptures, I have told you plainly of how this process works (see the chapter "Leveraging God's Character in Prayer" in "Seek Ye This Jesus").

Now, God's ways are not our ways. His typical response when we pray "in his name," or according to our best understanding of his character, is to show us why what he is doing is actually a better match to his character than what we are asking for.

But sometimes our faith in asking for what is a better match to his character than what is happening otherwise, results in a miracle.

Coronavirus is not one of those cases.

Why are you praying to him to stop the plague? "Because people are suffering." But is suffering always a bad thing? Doesn't a mother suffer when giving birth to her child? And yet, it is a good thing.

"But what good could come of this? People are DYING!" Dying is a part of living. It isn't bad, in and of itself.

What good has already come of coronavirus?

Many people are realizing that they need more tools for dealing with reality. They realize that what they thought they had--happiness, jobs, security, money--was not as permanent as they thought. Now they have more reason than ever to turn to God and receive what only he can give.

- Almost everyone who is dying from

coronavirus has pre-existing conditions.

This doesn't make their lives less valuable, but every one of them would already be dead, sometimes decades ago, in any other time in human history. They have already received a massive blessing of extended life. They have already received more mercy than they were due.

- Countless millions who had been fooled by society to think that working as a bartender or waitress was all they had to do to make it in life. God is assisting them in gaining resilience to deception. Now they can't deny that their previous path in life was insufficient to contend with reality, and they have the opportunity to do something about it in the future. They might suffer a

bit right now, but if they are wise they will retain this lesson learned for the duration of their lives and teach it to their children, and that will be more than worth the price paid.

- Every parent has been given a perfect witness of how they do, in fact, have what it takes to homeschool their children. They have been given stronger evidence than ever that their children are worse off in public school than at home.
- Many people are waking up to the farce of the global economy. They are realizing that the whole system is based on the governments of the world printing funny money. They are also seeing more than ever before how corrupt our system is, and how

much wealth comes from ill-gotten relationships between those in power.

- Many people are realizing that their government has no power to save them. They have a greater reason than ever before to grow in personal responsibility.
- Everyone has been cut off from their churches. Even though they didn't have the honesty or sense to voluntarily stop going, now they have been placed in a position where they can clearly see just how much blindness they were being exposed to just by steeping themselves in the traditions of men for a few hours every Sunday. They are totally free to worship God according to the conscience.

This virus isn't the end. It isn't even the

beginning. It is just the next step in a path that God has ordained from before the foundation of the world to prepare the world for his coming.

Instead of complaining, why not recognize that leaves have to sprout on a fig tree before you get fruit.

False prophets and foolish priests and pastors will tell you to pray for the cessation of this pandemic. They will tell you that if you have faith, you should show it by praying for God to stop it.

I will tell you the opposite:

God told you this would happen. Show your faith by trusting in him. Believe he knows what he is

doing, that it is necessary, and that he only does things that benefit the world.

Instead of praying that he will stop this, pray that and others learn as much as you can from it!



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