

Coronavirus and Christ Chapters 7 & 8

I. **Answer 2: Sending Specific Divine Judgments**

- a. “Some people will be infected with the coronavirus as a specific judgment from _____ because of their sinful attitudes and actions.” (Gen. 3:1-19; Rom. 5:12)
- b. **Is all “individual suffering” a “specific judgment of personal sins”?** (Job 1:1; 1 Peter 4:17-18)
- c. “Nevertheless, God sometimes uses disease to bring particular _____ upon those who reject him and give themselves over to sin.”

II. **Examples of Specific Judgments on Specific Sins**

- a. **Read Acts 12:21-23 and explain what happened to King Herod Agrippa and Why?** (Rom. 1:18, 27)

III. **Let Every Soul Be Searched**

- a. “The coronavirus is, therefore, _____ a clear and simple punishment on any person.”
- b. **What does Piper mean when he says “it is fitting that every one of us search our own heart to discern if our suffering is God’s judgment on the way we live”?**
- c. **Read John 5:24, Romans 8:1 and Hebrews 12:5-8 and then explain why God might allow a disease or some other form of suffering to affect a Believer.**

IV. Answer 3: Awakening Us for the Second Coming

- a. “The coronavirus is a God-given wake-up _____ to be ready for the second coming of Christ.” (Acts 1:11)
- b. **Read Matthew 25:31-46 and explain why it is important for some people to hear this wake-up call.** (Luke 21:34)

V. Birth Pains

- a. **Read Matthew 24:7-8 and explain what Jesus meant by “birth pains”.**
- b. **Read Romans 8:21-23 and explain what it means that “creation itself will be set free from its bondage”.** (Phil. 3:21)

VI. Stay Awake

- a. **What is Piper’s point in connecting the coronavirus to Jesus’ second coming?** (Matt. 24:44; Mark 13:33-37)
- b. “But, oh, how many people are not awake! For all their frenzied activity, they are sound asleep in regard to the coming of Jesus Christ. The _____ is great.
- c. **Read Luke 12:41-48 and explain why being alert or staying awake is vital for the Believer and for the unbeliever.** (cf. Luke 21:34; Matt. 24:36, 42-44; Mark 13:33-37; 1 Thess. 5:2–4; 2 Peter 3:10; Rev. 3:3; 16:15)