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Last week there was the fifth largest earthquake recorded since 1900 under the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Japan. It was so powerful that the Earth was moved on its axis. Soon afterwards, a tsunami with 23 foot waves moving at nearly 600 miles per hour crashed into the coast of Japan, moving the coast of Japan 8 feet.



I could not help but notice during much of the footage how people quickly and instantly changed what they were doing that morning. They left behind businesses, homes, and automobiles, and in most cases, these items left the people behind as the material things were literally swept away.

Many perished in this event and no doubt many were swept back out to sea to never be found.

There are many spiritual lessons which can be learned from this event.

1. **Life is fragile and death can come quickly.** No one had any

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idea what was about to happen to them. They knew they were going to die— someday. They just didn't expect it to be last week.

2. **Material things are unimportant.** Within moments, houses and possessions were washed away. There were reports of entire villages being destroyed. People work hard, and often will go to extreme measures, to build up material possessions, but in a moment, they can be literally swept away.
3. **We are richly blessed.** Some of the most needed things of the people in the hardest hit areas are some of the things we take for granted. They have no electricity, no clean water, and extremely unsanitary conditions. We can go to the kitchen sink and get a virtually endless supply of what many of them need most, but do not have.
4. **It's easy to overlook impending danger.** There was no warning of the earthquake and little or no warning of the tsunami. Even ships on the ocean would not have noticed it because the force is underneath the surface of the water until it hits the shore.

So many things in life are like that. There are situations, associates, things we do, places we visit, that are filled with hidden spiritual dangers. If we are not watchful and vigilant, they will overwhelm us like flood waters.

5. **People do not heed warnings.** Many often complain when there are natural events such as this that the government did not do more to warn them. Even if the technology had been there to give advance warning, most people would not have evacuated thinking it would not affect them or it would not be as bad as they said it would be.

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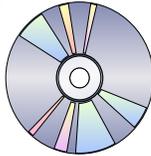
—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, Vicki McDaniel** and **Alroy McDaniel**.

—Tonight our service time will return to 6:00 p.m. for the duration of Daylight

Saving Time.

—Next Sunday morning after services the entire congregation will be going to Pizza Hut for lunch. We hope everyone can join us.

—Just a reminder that we continue to record the audio of each service. If anyone wants a recording of a service I can burn a compact disk or make you an mp3 or other file for your computer or phone.



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Consider all those who perish from drinking and driving or other substance abuse. The warnings have been issued for decades, yet people continue to ignore them, thinking it cannot happen to them.

The Lord warns us over and over in the pages of the Bible of spiritual dangers, yet most do not heed those warnings.

The loss of life in the earthquake and tsunami is indeed staggering and tragic, but the real tragedy is knowing how many died out of the Lord. We are reminded how important it is that we take the gospel to the world before even more perish in the overwhelming flood waters of sin.

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, March 6, 2011		
Classes	13	Mark 11:11-18
Preaching	19	Baptism
Contribution	\$336.00	
Evening	18	Singing
Wednesday, March 9, 2011		
Classes	16	Numbers 8:1-26

Bible Quiz

At what age did a man cease waiting upon the service of the tabernacle?

Last Week's Answer— Lion (Daniel 6:22)



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—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)