

# Where Was God in 2012? Where Will He Be in 2013?

## Introduction:

- A. A common question: "Where was God when...?" But have you considered flipping it on its head?
- B. How can God be a God of justice and allow so much *good* to happen to such undeserving people?

## I. Where was God in 2012? \_\_\_\_\_!

- A. As the One who \_\_\_\_\_ all things according to the counsel of his will (*Psa 115:3; Eph 1:11*).
- B. As the One who has \_\_\_\_\_ so much sin and harm in the past (*Gen 20:6; 2 Thes 2:6*).
- C. As the One who \_\_\_\_\_ countless examples of his goodness and patience (*Acts 14:17*).
- D. As the One who is \_\_\_\_\_ the world to repentance (*Rom 2:4*).

## II. Where will God be in 2013? \_\_\_\_\_! But not in ways we might always be able to see

- A. \_\_\_\_\_, writing from prison (*Phil 1:12-14*).
- B. \_\_\_\_\_, with a thorn given him in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass him (*2 Cor 12:8-9*).
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, with a dead brother that Jesus could have healed (*John 11:4*).
- D. \_\_\_\_\_, sold into slavery, falsely accused of sexual assault, forgotten in prison (*Gen 50:19-20*).
- E. \_\_\_\_\_, reflecting on his former disbelief concerning Jesus of Nazareth (*1 Tim 1:12-15*).
- F. \_\_\_\_\_, rejected, mocked, and killed (*Mark 8:31*).
- G. \_\_\_\_\_, a widow, loser of two sons, left desolate with one foreign daughter-in-law (*Ruth 4:22*).
- H. \_\_\_\_\_, a sexually pure single person, accused of immorality (*Luke 1:35*).
- I. King \_\_\_\_\_, unable to sleep (*Est 6:1-2*).
- J. The tortured, the mocked, the beaten, the afflicted, the killed of *Hebrews 11:35-40*.

## III. Foundation stones of faith for 2013

- A. God's \_\_\_\_\_ (*Psa 119:68*).
- B. God's \_\_\_\_\_ (*Rom 8:31-32; Heb 12:11*).
- C. God's \_\_\_\_\_ to work all things according to the counsel of his will (*Job 42:2*).
- D. God's \_\_\_\_\_ (*Rom 11:33-36*).