

# **Fear not, the World is in Labor and a New Birth is Coming**

## **Romans 8:18-25**

### **1. Glory is Coming (vvs. 18-21)**

- a. Suffering first, then Glory (vs. 18)**
- b. Waiting for What is to Come (vs. 19)**
- c. To God's Word, we look (vs. 20)**
  - i. God's word tells us that the frustration of the world is a result of divine judgement for sin as a whole**  
**Luke 13:1-5**
  - ii. God's word tells us that the frustrations of the world are an invitation and opportunity for our repentance**

*John Piper explains that the second law of thermal dynamics, sometimes called "entropy" – that the universe is running down, that it has a built-in tendency now to disorder – is not a natural quirk or accident. It is part of God's decree. Since the fall, futility is built into the universe.*

The world is broken. Times like this shine a big spotlight on the brokenness of the world and it can be frustrating, maybe even a little depressing. But we don't need to be afraid. The Lord wants us to know that there is hope! The whole earth will one day be set free from its brokenness. The whole earth will one day be free! In fact, that hope is the reason that the Father has frustrated the world so!

### **2. A New Birth and New Life Are Coming (vvs. 22-25)**

- a. The world is in labor**
- b. The world is waiting to meet our Father (vs. 23)**

There is a beautiful promise after this text that the Holy Spirit Himself prays for us when we are simply speechless or don't know what to pray (**Romans 8:26**)