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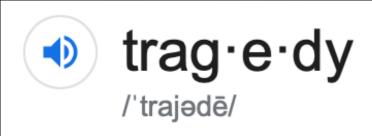




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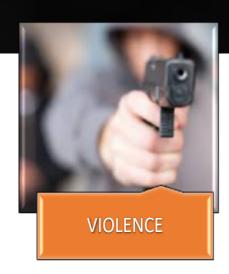
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noun

plural noun: tragedies









 an event causing great suffering, destruction, and distress, such as a serious accident, crime, or natural catastrophe.

"a tragedy that killed 95 people"

Similar:

disaster

calamity

catastrophe

cataclysm

devastation





HELICOPTER CRASH VICTIMS



KOBE BRYANT



GIANNA BRYANT



JOHN ALTOBELLI



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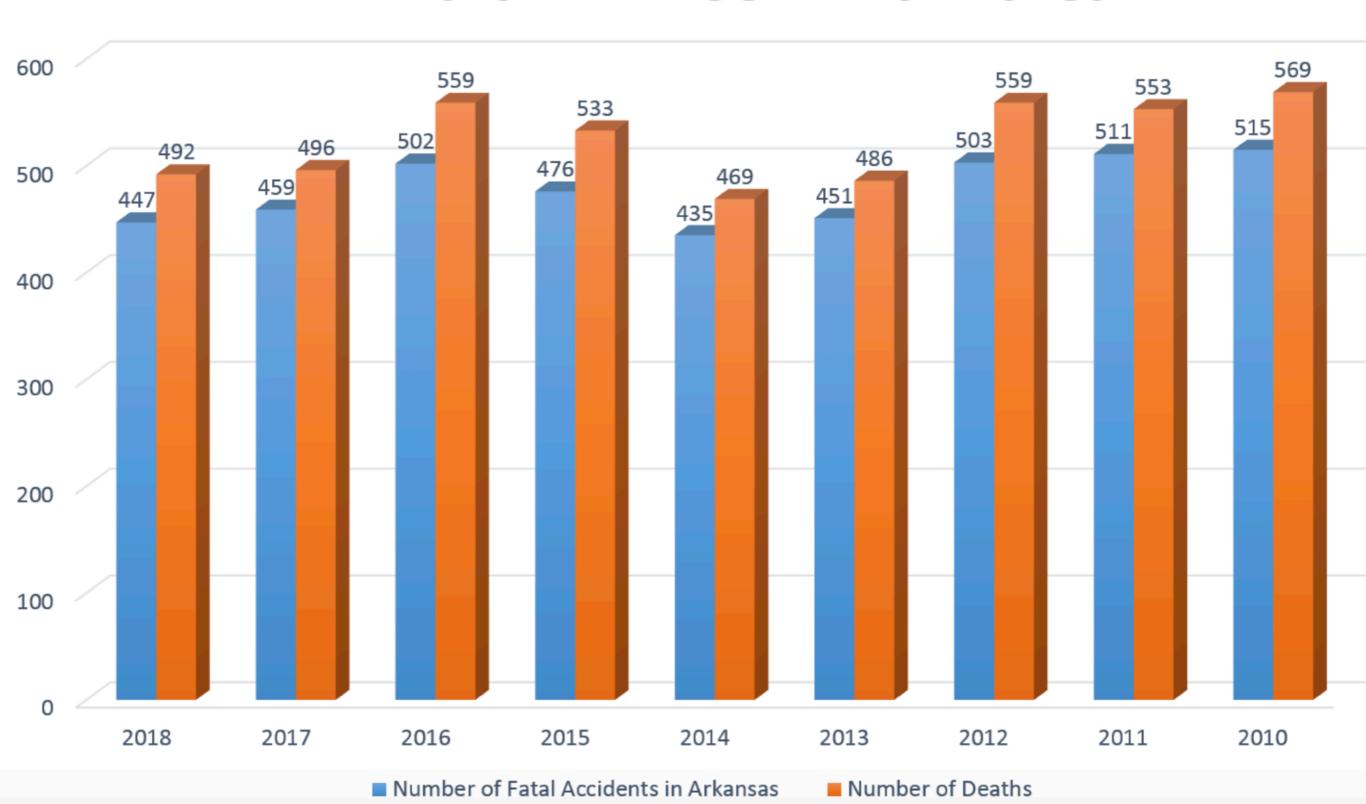


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ARKANSAS FATAL ACCIDENT STATISTICS







Arkansas State Police

Preliminary Fatal Crash Summary

https://asp.arkansas.gov/fatal/index.php?do=reportsLinks&year=2019

Fatal #: 499 Operator #: 3842

Accident #: 463 Station Sending SPTI #(1) Deceased #(0) Injured

Date of Crash: 12/31/2019 Time of Crash: 3:25pm Location: SH 21 SOUTH BOXLEY

City: _ County: NEWTON

Deceased

'	_	City of Residence	M/F	Driver	Passenger	Pedestrian
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1.36 people per day (499) left home for the last time in the state of Arkansas in 2019.



New Zealand volcano killed 19 people in December HURRICANES
17 Fatalities
per year in US
TYPHOONS
worldwide
Total deaths:
388

TORNADOES - 80 deaths per year in US FLOODS - 70 deaths per year in US LIGHTNING 55 deaths per year in US STORMS 31 deaths per year in US

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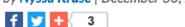
April 20, 1999, two high school seniors barraged into their high school, Columbine High, and killed 13 people. The shooters, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, both died by suicide.



HALL BED

Police: Boy, 13, shot in chest in parking lot of midtown Little Rock Target





Arkansas Democrat To Gazette

2 women killed, toddler shot at Little Rock home, police say

by Tony Holt, Josh Snyder | January 25, 2020 at 8:06 p.m.









LOCAL NEWS

Posted: Jan 2, 2020 / 04:33 PM CST / Updated: Jan 2, 2020 / 05:50 PM CST

Two juveniles shot in LR early Thursday morning, police say FOXI6.com



Josh Welch

January 27 at 10:31 AM ⋅ 🕙

My daughter walked into her first period Science class this morning only to find out one of her freshman classmates was not there.

He will never be there again.

He was shot by another classmate, also from her school.

The exact details of these tragic events are unreleased so far and not the point of this post.

However, what these events do remind us of is the fragility of life. No one is guaranteed a tomorrow here on earth. Only Jesus can guarantee a tomorrow for you in heaven. His resurrection—an extremely well–attested fact documented by multiple eyewitnesses—is proof He can deliver on those promises. Earthly hurt will never go away in the midst of these tragedies, but it can be softened when our hope is in Jesus Christ and we know we are headed to a far better place.

My prayers today are for this family, this teenager's friends and for his best friend.







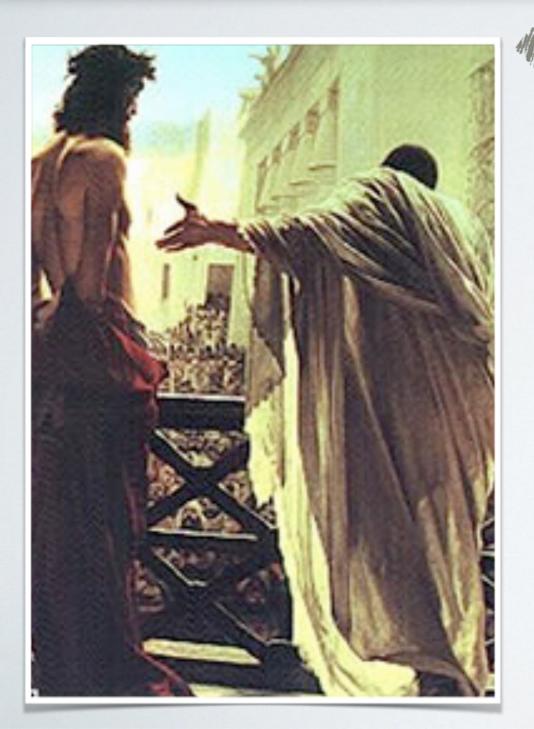




- Our days are full of trouble Job 14:1
- A consequence of man's sin Gen. 3:19; Rom. 5:12
- We are sojourners, pilgrims through a world full of hardship & trouble (troubles should prompt us to seek something better) Heb 11:13-16; 1 Pet 2:11
- We should realize that EVERYTHING in this world is temporary (including its troubles) I John 2:15-17; 2 Cor 4:8-9,16-18

WHAT IS THE GREATEST TRAGEDY? IFYOU LOSE YOUR SOUL!

Greatest Tragedy: LOSING YOUR SOUL

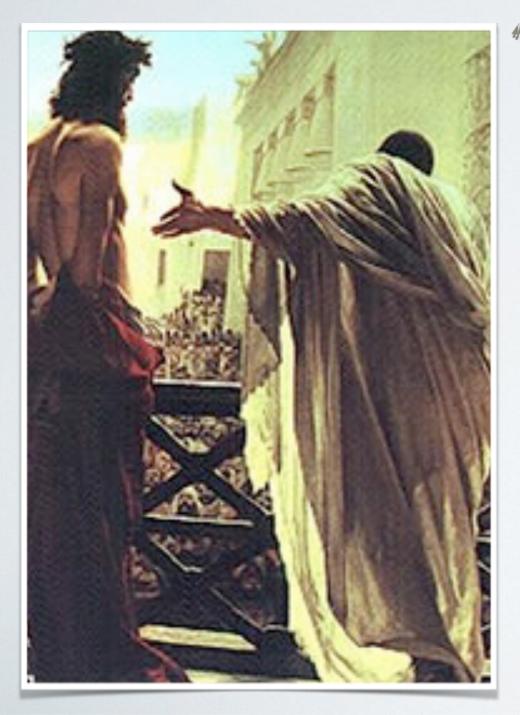


REJECTION OF JESUS

John 8:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins."

Greatest Tragedy: LOSING YOUR SOUL



REJECTION OF JESUS

- No earthly tragedy comes close to the tragedy of losing one's soul! Lk 13:1-9
- The value of your soul Mat. 16:26; Ps. 49:7, 8
- Those who reject the gospel will suffer eternal punishment 2 Thes 1:7-9; Mat. 25:46; Rev 21:8
- A lesson MANY will learn TOO LATE! (Rich man Lk 12:16–21; Rich man & Lazarus Lk 16:19-31)

Greatest Tragedy: LOSING YOUR SOUL



BEING DECEIVED ...

Ephesians 5:6-7 (NKJV)

⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them.

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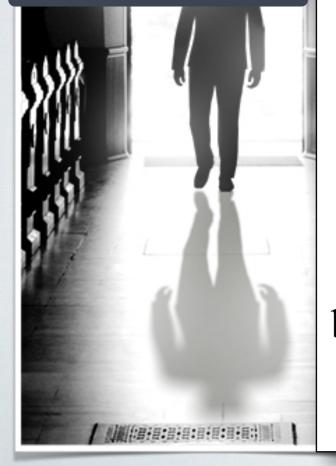
BEING DECEIVED ...

- Eve Genesis 3:1-9; 1 Tim 2:14
- Young prophet 1 Kings 13:18
- We are warned OVER AND OVER about the danger of being deceived
 - By false teachers 1 Jn 3:7;
 - By sin Jam 1:13-16; Heb 3:13
 - By ourselves Ja. 1:22; 1 Jn 1:8
- If we are 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Gal. 6:7-9; 2 Thes 2:10-12

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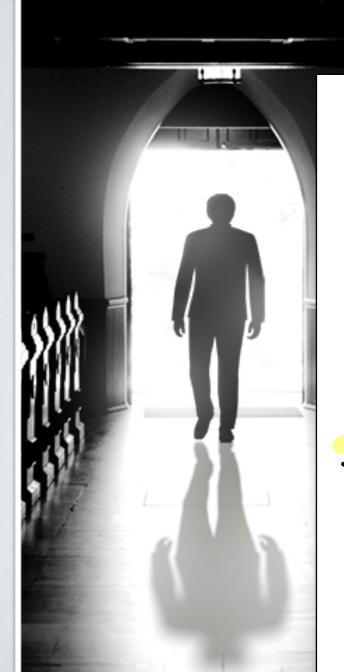


LEAVING GOD ...

Hebrews 6:4–8 (NKJV)

⁴ For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame. ⁷ For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; 8 but if it bears thorns and briers, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned.

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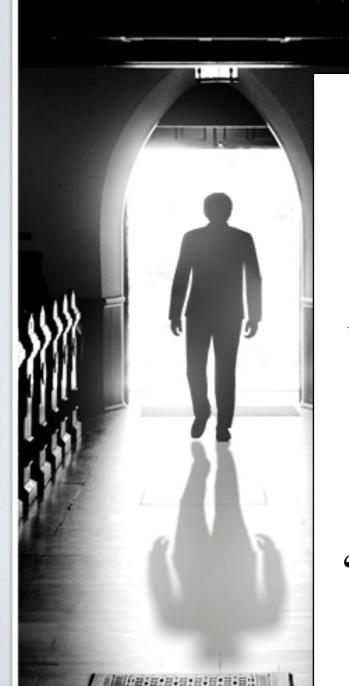
LEAVING GOD ...

Hebrews 10:26-31 (NKJV)

²⁶ For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷

but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. ²⁸ Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

Greatest Tragedy: LOSING YOUR SOUL



LEAVING GOD ...

Hebrews 10:26-31 (NKJV)

Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?
For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people." 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Greatest Tragedy: LOSING YOUR SOUL

IT IS **POSSIBLE** —

1 Cor. 10; Gal. 5:1-4; Heb.

3:14-4:7; 10:26-39;

etc.

THE ULTIMATE TRAGEDY!!

IT HAS HAPPENED

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— Acts 8:18-24; 1 Tim 1:19,20;

2:17,18; Rev. 2,3;



LEAVING GOD ...

2 Peter 2:20-22 (NKJV)

²⁰ For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. ²¹ For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. ²² But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."

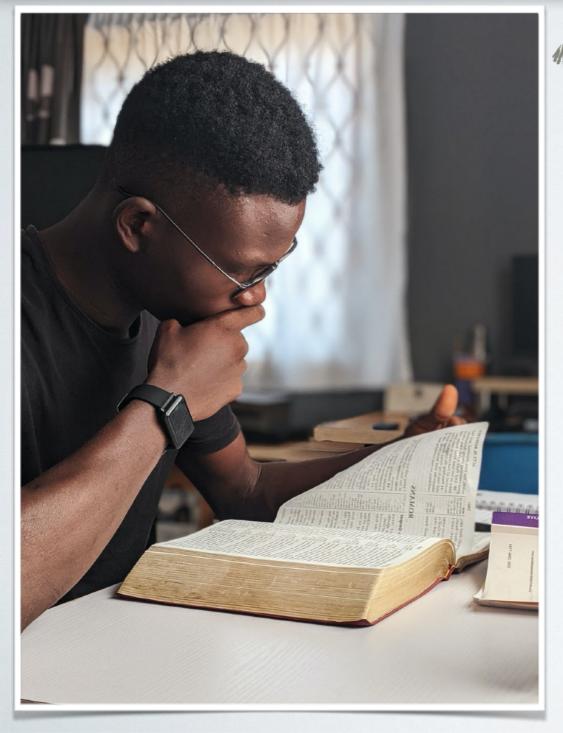
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Proverbs 1:23–28 (NKJV)

²³ Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you. ²⁴ Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded, ²⁵ Because you disdained all my counsel, And would have none of my rebuke, 26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes, ²⁷ When your terror comes like a storm, And your destruction comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you. ²⁸ "Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me.

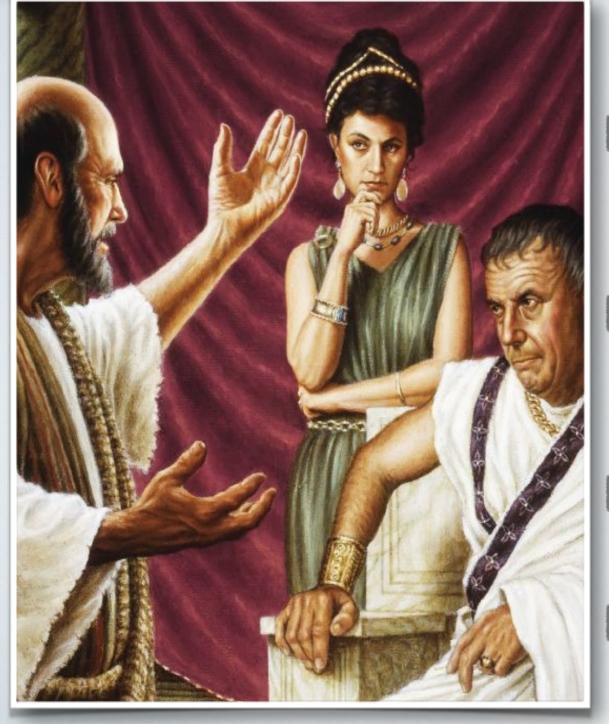
TRAGEDY or ETERNAL BLESSING?



We can avoid tragedy!

- **WATCH**: I Thes. 5:22; I Cor. 15:33.
- PRAY: James 5:16; I Thes.
 5:17; I Peter 3:12.
- **BE FAITHFUL**: 1 Cor. 15:58; Mat. 25:21
- **BE DILIGENT**: 2 Tim.2:15
- **ARM OURSELVES**: Eph. 6:10-17
- ADD TO OUR FAITH: 2 Peter 1:5-10.

TRAGEDY or ETERNAL BLESSING?



WHAT A TRAGEDY:

- MANY JEWS: "Since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life" Acts 13:46
- FELIX "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you." Acts 24:25
- ▶ AGRIPPA "You almost persuade me to become a Christian." Acts 26:28
- Demas 'has forsaken me, having loved this present world' I Tim 4:10

TRAGEDY or ETERNAL BLESSING?



WHAT A SALVATION!

- **HEARERS**: Rom. 10:13-17
- **BELIEVERS:** John 20:30,31
- **PENITENT:** Lk 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
- **CONFESSORS:** Mt. 10:32; Ro 10:9,10;
- **BAPTIZED:** Acts 2:38; | Pet. 3:2 |
- **FAITHFUL:** 1 Cor. 15:58; Rev. 2:10

1 Peter 1:4–5 (NKJV)

⁴ to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

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Matthew 12:39–45 (NKJV)

³⁹ But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here. 42 The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here.

Matthew 12:39-45 (NKJV)

43 "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. 44 Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. 45 Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."