Problems, Prayers, And Principles

WWI: "The war that killed God"

- WWI: the war that killed faith in God.
- "How could God let such a thing happen?"
- If there is no God, what's wrong with war?
 - -Want to rid world of evil?
 - -Not a new problem. Psalm 6

I. Does God Answer Prayer?

God does answer prayer

- 1 Peter 3:12
- 1 John 5:14

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II. Does God Work In World Today? Deism: He never worked in world

- John 11:...41-42
 - Even in days of miracles, God did not work exclusively through miracles
- Providence works through laws of nature
 - Joseph, Gn.37-50
 - Ruth
 - Mt.6:11-12
 - Ro.1:10-11 . . . 15:32

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III. If So...Why Do We Suffer Tragedies?

Worry is completely forbidden

- Ro.11:33-35, above us
 - Wisdom, knowledge, judgments, ways
 - Unsearchable . . . past finding out
- Three questions
 - 1. Mind of Lord, 34a
 - 2. Counselor of Lord, 34b
 - **3**. First given to God, 35

The ways of God . . .

- Jeremiah 26
- Acts 12
- Acts 16
- Philippians 2 (2 Corinthians 12)
 - God's grace was sufficient for Paul
 - In weakness, he could make God's power known more clearly

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IV. Principles To Remember

God does what is right

- Gen.18:25
- Job 16:12 . . . 19:25

Trust balances everything

• Rom.8:18

God loves us

• Rom.8:...35-39

Where was God when . . .?

In same place ... when His Son died.
Rejoice! God is the Ruler yet.