



## JESUS DEMONSTRATES UNRELENTING HOPE

### What Is Firming Up Your Life? Faith, or Fear?

*Scripture Reading*  
Psalm 75

In the face of the chaos around us —

#### 1. Who is in control of life and death?

- a. Job 12:10
- b. Job 14:1-5
- c. Psalm 139:16
- d. Proverbs 20:24
- e. Proverbs 27:1
- f. Acts 17:26-27
- g. Revelation 1:17-18

#### 2. Who is in control of our trials?

- a. James 1:2-5
- b. 1 Peter 2:18-23
- c. 2 Peter 2:5, 7, 9-10
- d. Romans 8:18

#### 3. What is God doing?

- a. Psalm 115:3
- b. Romans 8:28 – Working all things together for good according to His purposes
- c. Romans 8:29 – Conforming those He foreknew into the image of His Son
- d. Romans 8:30 – Calling, justifying, glorifying
- e. Romans 8:31 – Being *for* us
- f. Romans 8:32 – Giving us all things
- g. Romans 8:37 – Granting to us the position of victor
- h. Romans 8:38-39 – Giving us the experience of His love

What God is doing – among a million other things – in the coronavirus, is forcing the issue of reality. And one of the litmus tests of whether your life is based on reality or based on the mirage of God-ignoring pillars, holding up the cultural temple of secularism, is fear. The test of the foundations of your life is fear. Oh, what a precious gift God is giving to us to discover, while we still have time, that the pillars holding up our peace are hollow and made of papier-mâché. That's a gift.

– John Piper in  
“How Do I Fight My Coronavirus Fears?” on  
DesiringGod.org

