

THE COST OF BEING PREPARED

Most of us have been affected by some type of outage in the past week. Whether it was rolling blackouts of our electric service, water shortages, or loss of internet, this most recent winter storm has left a lot of people asking, “Why were we (usually talking about Texas) not prepared for this?”

I read an article explaining that the electric power plants’ equipment was freezing as well as the pipelines which supply them with fuel. This could have been avoided if certain precautions had been taken. Energy companies were encouraged to implement better winterizing procedures to protect their equipment following harsher winter weather in 1989 and 2011. These were only suggestions, though. The reason why such measures were not taken — they are very expensive and it rarely gets that cold down here.

Many people are not prepared for the Lord’s return. Some may have heard something about it. Some may not believe in it at all. Some may think that the cost is too much or the likelihood of it really happening is small. Many go through their lives ignoring the risk that they are in.

When catastrophic events occur, we usually look back afterwards and ask what we could have done differently. When Jesus returns, no one will have that luxury. Hopefully this past week has reminded us of the importance of preparedness. In his second letter, Peter wanted to make sure his readers were prepared when he wrote, *that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.”* (2Peter 3:2-4)

Don’t be caught off-guard when the Lord returns. Don’t think that since he hasn’t come back for so long, he may never come back. Don’t risk eternity by not being prepared.

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