

Billy Graham Addresses 'End of the World' Drama

With Matthew 24 coming to fruition all around us, it's hard not to wonder, "Is this it? Are we in the prophesied end times?"

What's more unsettling though, can be thoughts of what the future may hold.

"I've heard a lot about asteroids that might hit the earth, or new diseases that could destroy all life, or new weapons of war, and I can't help but be worried about the future. Is this the way the world is going to come to an end?" a reader asked famed evangelist Billy Graham in a question-and-answer column.

Graham was unfazed and doled out this wisdom:

The world as we know it will only come to an end in God's time and in God's way—and only when He intervenes to usher in a perfect world of peace and righteousness. As the Bible says, "But, according to His promise, we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells" (2 Pet. 3:13).

This doesn't mean natural disasters won't continue until then (just as they always have), or that wars and injustices will cease—not until Christ comes again. In fact, the Bible indicates that one of the signs of Christ's approaching return will be renewed violence upon the earth—such as we are seeing today. The Bible says, "When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled ... the end is still to come" (Mark 13:7).

But listen: The future is in God's hands, and that should give us great confidence and peace. And it will, as we commit our lives to Christ and learn to trust Him in every

situation. Then we can honestly say with the Psalmist, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust" (Ps. 91:2).

Is your faith and trust in Jesus Christ? Make sure of your salvation, by turning to Him and by faith committing your life to Him. Then ask Him to help you trust your future into His hands every day and not allow fear to overcome you.