

## Japan: Four Days Later

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My last visual image of Japan was a scene of beautiful marshmallow-sized snowflakes falling all over the ground in Tokyo. What a peaceful scene God created as He wrapped the city in a blanket of white. All of nature declares the glory of God.

Four days later, all of nature in northern Japan declared the power of God. I clicked on the television and watched in silence as the land where I had departed from earlier that week was being torn apart by water above and crevices beneath. It was a moment in time that perfectly defines surreal.

What was God doing? What did God want to say to me? How was He working in Japan? My mind began to think back to prayers I had lifted on the soil of Japan. *Lord, destroy the idols of this place; destroy the idols in a display of your power and authority over every false god.* God had answered my prayer. I cannot imagine how many false gods may have been swept out to sea by the tsunami. *God, draw the people of Japan to Yourself. Help them know that You are the God they can turn to when they have needs. Shake them, awaken them, and restore them, oh, God. Draw them to Yourself in love.* God had answered my prayer. *God, I pray that You send laborers into this harvestfield of Japan.* Over the next several months, God will also be answering this prayer.

What is God doing? We cannot fathom the depths of God's wisdom as His divine plan unfolds, but we can count on the loving and merciful nature of our holy God. He is indeed at work, drawing the nations to Himself as we lift up the name of Jesus in every place. *The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance* (2 Peter 3:9 NKJV). He is God. And He is good.