

# Hurricane Gustav Preparations

Thankfully, we made it through the hurricane safely. We need to remember people in flooded areas in our prayers and help as we have the opportunity. We may very well get hit with other storms throughout this hurricane season, but we are thankful to God for everyone's safety.

My wife and I prepared as best we could by stocking up on gasoline, groceries, and batteries. We saw many others filling their gas tanks and purchasing generators. My neighbor filled a few sandbags to protect his front door from a low-lying area. In short, preparation was the "name of the game" for an event that, at most, would have brought perhaps mild flooding and several days without electricity.

Why do people not prepare for eternity with as much diligence? The hurricane skirted Lufkin, but we will all face God in the judgment. Solomon wrote, *"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it"* (Ecclesiastes 12:7). The judgment will be an evaluation of how well we have prepared. *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad"* (2 Corinthians 5:10). The five virgins failed to prepare only to learn that it was too late once the bridegroom arrived (Matthew 25:1-13). If the hurricane would have passed over Lufkin, no matter how badly I wanted gasoline, ice, or drinking water, the stores would have been closed so everyone could have safely weathered the storm. Will you prepare yourself for eternity? Please contact us and we will gladly study with you.

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