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The Killer Storm and Christian Concern

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"It came on Mississippi like a ton of bricks," said Gov. Haley Barbour. The Governor was not exaggerating. Hurricane Katrina has left a path of death and destruction that reaches from Alabama to Louisiana, and the full extent of the devastation will be unknown for some time. Communications are still out in most of the region, and emergency personnel have been unable to reach most of the effected areas.

The Associated Press is reporting at least 55 deaths due to the storm — thirty in a single Biloxi apartment complex. The death toll is almost certain to rise as rescue teams spread through the region. Millions are without power and thousands have been left homeless. Families are grieving and many souls are suffering. This is a time to weep with those who weep — and to both pray and help.

HOW TO HELP: I recommend the disaster relief program of the <u>North American Mission Board</u> [SBC]. NAMB is the nation's third-largest disaster relief agency, and their disaster relief ministries are both effective and trustworthy. NAMB and its teams have been asked to provide 300,000 meals a day by mid-week, and up to 500,000 per day by the end of the week. <u>Here</u> is a link for information and donations.

THE UNFOLDING TRAGEDY: *The New York Times*, CNN, Fox News, The Weather Channel, *The Times-Picayune* [New Orleans], *The Washington Post*, *The Sun Herald* [Biloxi, Mississippi], *The Clarion-Ledger* [Jackson, Mississippi].

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