

Bishops in the Church of England have gone on record stating their belief that recent storms in the United Kingdom, which left several dead and displaced thousands, are a direct result of the country's disobedience to God's laws. The Bishop of Carlisle - the Right Reverend Graham Dow, said that the world was now "reaping the consequences" of its moral degradation, and urged people to respond to the floods by turning away from their lifestyle of greed. The Bishops expressed their sympathy to the innocent people that have been caught up in the disaster in the United Kingdom, but said that the problem with "environmental judgement is that it is indiscriminate". They did not rule out environmental damage caused to the planet as part of the reason for the floods, but said that God permitted these natural disasters to happen in order to bring the nations to repentance.

**Quote:** "We are in serious moral trouble because every type of lifestyle is now regarded as legitimate," he said. "In the Bible, institutional power is referred to as 'the beast', which sets itself up to control people and their morals. Our government has been playing the role of God in saying that people are free to act as they want," he said, adding that the introduction of recent pro-gay laws highlighted its determination to undermine marriage. "The sexual orientation regulations [which give greater rights to gays] are part of a general scene of permissiveness. We are in a situation where we are liable for God's judgment, which is intended to call us to repentance."

I find this news refreshing, and surprising coming from the Church of England. The standard response of most "apostate" churches has been to urge the governments to do more to tackle global warming, rather than accepting that God can and still does judge among the nations. Britain has been hit hard this past few weeks, suffering two attempted terrorist attacks by Islamic extremists, along with a deluge which has destroyed much property and claimed several lives. And there is no doubt, Britain is now reaping the consequences of its sins. It's also interesting that these [Al-Qaeda attacks](#) in Britain should come just days after former Prime Minister [Tony Blair](#) prepares to travel to the Middle East to work towards the division of God's land. I wonder if the Church of England will call on Tony Blair to repent of this sin, that the nation may be spared? As the Prime Minister said, what happens on the streets of Israel and Palestine does affect the streets of Britain.

### 2nd Chronicles 7:14

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

## **CofE: Storms are God's judgement on sin**

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