

The Virginia Tech Shootings

The shooting last week at Virginia Tech was very saddening. As of the writing of this article, police were not sure as to the motive. There will no doubt be investigations into the mental health of the gunman. Regardless of his mental state, the ultimate cause of tragedies like this is the presence of sin.

All the way back in Genesis 3, the devil tempted Adam and Eve to partake of the forbidden fruit. When God pronounced a curse upon them, the world was stricken with the first effects of sin, which have continued unabated ever since. Evil befalls this world because of Satan, and this fact was upheld by the Lord when He attempted to heal a lame woman on the Sabbath: "*The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?*" (Luke 13:15-16).

I want to be clear that I am not absolving this young man of his crime. He will have to stand before God for what he did (Romans 14:12; 2 Corinthians 5:10). Without Satan and the presence of sin, this tragedy would not have occurred. However, this is not the world in which we live. All we can do is look to God for comfort in tragedies and live so as to one day be free from all these disappointments and discouragements (Revelation 21:1-4). It is our steadfast purpose to help people learn what they must do to obey God. If you would like to learn more, please contact us.

Kyle Campbell