



The
DESIGNS *of the*
DEVIL

2 Corinthians 2.11



The image shows a detailed architectural floor plan of a house, rendered in blue lines on a light background. The plan includes several rooms: a Kitchen (121) with a sink and stove, a Family Room (125) with a fireplace, a Pantry (122), a Stairs (132), a Light Well, and a Dining Room. Dimensions are provided for many of the rooms and hallways. The word "DISASTER" is written in large, blue, serif capital letters across the center of the plan. The plan also shows various architectural details like doors, windows, and structural elements.

DISASTER

THE DESIGNER OF DISASTER:

- Disaster from the devil.
 - The devil's motives are to drive us from God. **Job 1.11; 2.5**
 - Satan takes everything from Job. **Job 1-2**
 - Job describes his suffering. **Job 3.1-10; 7.1-16**
 - Job's friends are miserable comforters. **Job 13.1-5; 16.1-3**

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DISASTER, A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD:

Satan uses disaster to drive us away from God!

Job. 1.11; 2.5

"...you meant evil against me, God meant it for good..."

Gen. 50.20

God uses suffering/disaster to bring us closer to Him!

Job 33.19-22, 29-30; 36.8-12, 15-16, 22-23; Heb. 12.7-11

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DEALING WITH DISASTER:

➤ Perspective.

- God is present in and sovereign over suffering. **Job 36.27-37.13**
- God is wise and just. **Job 28.23-28, 34.10-15, 38-41**
 - Don't assume you know what He's doing. **Job. 42.1-6**
 - Trust in Him even when you don't understand. **Job 13.15**
 - Know that He loves you and is working for your good. **Rom. 8.28-39**
 - He will help you bear it. **1 Cor. 10.13**
 - Ask, "what can I learn from this"? **Job. 34.31-32**

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DEALING WITH DISASTER:

➤ Practical

- Take time to mourn.
- Share the load.
- Talk it out.
- Pray without ceasing.
- Worship in spite of suffering.

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The background is a blue-tinted architectural blueprint of a house. It shows various rooms with labels such as 'KITCHEN 121', 'PANTRY 122', 'STAIRS 123', 'FAMILY RM 124', 'DINING ROOM 125', and 'LIVING ROOM 126'. There are also dimensions and other technical drawing symbols visible.

Will you allow disaster to drive a
wedge between you and God or
will it bring you closer to Him?