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Isaiah 2:4

“And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many peoples and they shall beat the swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.” Isaiah 2:4

This will be a good day – a very, very good day! War is detestable and hateful.

“Maranatha! Lord Jesus, come quickly!”

We pray for this Day’s coming! We long for this Day’s arrival. But sadly, today we face the reality of unbridled evil. Hateful men and despotic tyrants threaten our God given liberties and freedoms. Some would even do the unthinkable in the blindness of their hatred. Many of these demonized men and women hate us more than they love their own children!

We must learn and know the ways of God with individuals as well as His ways among the nations. To the believer, He calls us to “turn the other cheek.” To the righteous nation He calls us – yes, even in this day – to maintain standing armies to resist the devilish hatred of tyranny and protect the innocent victims of such oppression! (Romans 13:1 – 7). Though not a “politically correct” stand, such truth will be vindicated by history’s assessments.

Some would say Christians must never serve in the armed forces but must take the position of a pacifist. Maybe – only God can lead the individual – but pacifism as a whole has killed more innocent peoples by their fears and refusal to do what is right (and especially by their inaction in the face of evil), than those who have courageously taken a stand against such evils!

As in Nehemiah’s day, today as a nation and as a civilization, we must hold a sword in one hand and work diligently for peace with the other. (Nehemiah 4:18). All the while, we must pray fervently, “Maranatha, Lord Jesus, come quickly with Your rule and Your just reign!”

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