

Religion

God hears us even in time of war

Now that all the baubles and bangles from the holidays have quieted down we suddenly find ourselves in the middle of a war. We cannot turn on the radio or TV without hearing about its horrors. We begin to ask ourselves, when will it all stop? Will we ever have peace? Some of us have sons, brothers, husbands and for some even mothers in the Persian Gulf. And, then there are those who are on a high alert to go over at any given time. Some of us remember the wars of Viet Nam, Korea and WW 2 and are familiar with the sorrows attached as their loved ones never returned.

In Matt. 24:6 Jesus was talking about the latter days and He said: "You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed, such things must happen but the end is still to come." NIV, In the Amplified Version it says "see that you are not frightened or troubles, for this must take place, but the end is not yet." You might say, how can I not be frightened? What do you mean, these things must happen? Are you for war?

First of all, we must accept, believe and trust and know that God is still in control. His mind being infinitely higher than ours, we cannot begin to understand how He does it. But, He does it. The Bible tells us it's impossible to please God without faith. We are to draw on that faith for strength and receive the peace that He is

APPLES OF GOLD

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stretching forth to give us. The Bible says, "Is there anything too great for God?" When we become fearful we are limiting God.

I don't know of anyone who likes war and all its uglies that go with it, however, I am reminded how Gideon in the Bible questioned the angel who came to him about the horrid way the Midianites ransacked his people to the point of making them flee to the mountains and further more, left everyone in poverty. Gideon said, "if God is really with us, how come all this happened to us?" Gideon must have felt abandoned as his next question was, "where was his God of his ancestors, who produced all those wonderful miracles?" God decided to answer Gideon and said, "I want you to go and save Israel from the Midianites. I will make you strong!" Gideon couldn't understand why God wanted him, as he felt he was the least in his father's house. Gideon saw he couldn't do this on his own strength. But God reassured him and told him that He would be with him and that he would quickly destroy the Midianites.

Gideon had 32,000 troops. But, God spoke to Gideon again and said, "You have too many people, your people would boast of them-

selves instead of seeing that I have delivered you. Tell the timid and fearful that they can turn back and go home." Now, Gideon only had 10,000 left. The Lord spoke to him again, and said, "You still have too many men, take your men down to the spring and those that lap their water in the cup of their hand, you are to keep for your self, but those who kneel with their mouth in the stream are to leave."

Gideon ended up with only 300 men to fight the vast army that was crowded in the valley. The Bible says, they were like locusts, too many camels to count. So Gideon took his 300 men with their trumpets and camped just a small way from the Midianites. The Lord told him "to go ahead and go down against the camp, because I have given it to you." The Lord also told him, "if you are afraid, go down and listen to what your enemies are saying, this will strengthen you." So, Gideon went down with his servant and heard them talking about a dream of a cake of barley bread tumbling into the camp of Midian, going into the tent and striking it so that it fell, and turning it upside down, so that the tent lay flat. The man's friend replied, "This is nothing else but

the sword of Gideon, son of Joash, a man of Israel, God gave Midian into his hand to take."

When Gideon heard this he must have been filled with confidence and thankfulness and yes, he took the Midianites successfully. Trumpets blew and confusion set in to the point that the men started turning upon each other.

Gideon loved the Lord, yet he questioned God. "What's happening Lord?" he said. We are no different today. As we see the crisis happening over in the middle east, we too ask what's happening Lord? Gideon's plea was heard by the Lord. God had each step planned when Gideon took the Midianites, and so, today He has not left us, as we sometimes feel that way. We look through the eyes of the creation, and cannot look through the eyes of the Creator.

There was a man who went through World War 2 and was surrounded by bombs and ducked into a building and slid under a bed speaking the verses of Psalm 91. As bombs came down all around him and the building was torn, all that was left was the little cot where he was under. God had not left him, and had indeed heard him.

In the Viet Nam war a young marine was crying out the verses in Psalm 91 saying, "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee." That soldier cried out by faith, and God heard him, as he lived to tell of his experiences. We can cry out to God today, and be assured that God never fails, He will hear us.

Safety Award nominations

Nominations are now being sought for the annual Halton Region Safety Council Awards.

Each year, the council pays public tribute to citizens who, by their courage and without regard for their own interests, help to save lives.

The council is asking for the help of all regional residents to help identify citizens who have performed an act of bravery in the saving or the attempted saving of another's life last year.

Nominations will also be accepted for individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to public safety over and above any job requirements.

All nominations will be forwarded to an Awards Committee who will make the final decision of those people who will receive awards.

Nominations are to include the name and address of the nominee together with a brief description of why you feel they should receive this award.

All nominations are to be mailed to Const. Kenneth Hannah of the Halton Regional Police Service (11th Division), 217 Guelph St., Georgetown, L7G 4A9 and must be received by Feb. 10.

The awards will be presented at a special banquet on March 21st at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

Best at bridge

In Monday's action at the Georgetown Duplicate Bridge Club, winning teams were 1. Mike Lorusso and Blayne Hillock, 2. Elsie Whitham and Harry Arbic tied with George Sargent and Jack Kaarsemaker, and 3. Cora Fairbridge and Earl Ryder. You're welcome to join in, every Monday at 1 p.m. at the Legion Hall downtown.

Support group

The region of Peel VBAC Support Group meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 5 7:30 p.m. in Georgetown. Call 873-2779 or 826-9467. The group offers information and support for women seeking a vaginal birth after a caesarean section.

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

- ARIES** Mar. 21-Apr. 19
Coming to terms in business is easy. A stroke of good fortune opens a new door.
- TAURUS** Apr. 20-May 20
New horizons begin to open up for you. Draw on past experience to improve relationships.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20
The pieces of an old puzzle fall into place and should bring improved financial wealth.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22
Lady luck will bring romance from an old friend. Pay attention to the small details.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22
Be wary of someone from your past. Follow your intuition.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Spend time with those you love and remember they will not always be with you. Harmonious vibrations abound.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22
Do not allow mate to upset your apple cart. Sometimes it's good to "do your own thing."
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Tread carefully. Stay home, if possible. Young people may want more from you than is feasible.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Memories provide thoughtful soul-searching. A learning experience awaits. Gain through increased knowledge.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19
You may jeopardize a romantic relationship if you push too hard. Be willing to compromise. Exceptional opportunity comes through business associate.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Philanthropic endeavors are rewarded. Do not wallow in the glory of all your good deeds will have been in vain.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Be careful about spending money. You will have to dip into your reserves and the investment may not be worthwhile.



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