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"VETERAN'S DAY"
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On November 11, we will commemorate the anniversary of the armistice of World War I; since 1954, it has been celebrated as "VETERAN'S DAY." On that day all Veterans, living or dead, who have fought for their country are honored.

On November 11, 1918, the Allies granted an armistice to the Central Powers in World War I and peace was declared. The end of the unprecedented conflict brought tremendous relief to the people of the world. The terrible fighting was over. But it was a short-lived peace; for following this brief respite, nations were plunged into World War II. The Korean War followed thereafter, and subsequent troubled areas have been looming into the international spotlight ever since.

Each day brings reports of new or continued hostilities all over the world, such as in the Balkans, Iraq and the MIDDLE EAST. We appear to be heading towards "Armageddon." We read Rev. 16:16, "And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." This word means the "Mount of Slaughter."

Many great battles have been fought there, and many more future ones will be fought there, as well. The Armageddon theology is the belief that a final conflict between good and evil is impending, and such a conflict will bring about the destruction of the world. No one knows when Armageddon is going to take place; it may be as far off as a thousand years or as near as the day after tomorrow. The belief among the nations is that the end is near.

Therefore, if only those who are truly born again of water and of the Spirit and walking in the light are going to be saved, and if the end is near--then the top priority, even for government, should be the saving of souls. The question is "Where is Peace?" Men have desired and dreamed of universal peace. Plans for peace have been made again and again, but they have all ended in failure.

A declaration of the late President Wilson should be brought to mind in which he said, "World War I was the war to end wars and a war to make the world safe for democracy." But it

failed in this endeavor. The establishment of the United Nations has not solved the problem, nor has it been able to effect total world peace. Jesus tells us, as we read in Matt. 24:6-7, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places."

And this is exactly what is happening in the world at the present time: blacks fighting whites, Moslems against Christians, Protestants against Catholics, violence, hijackings, bombings, anarchy, etc. There are famines all over the face of the earth and pestilences of every kind, in the form of pesticides and pollution in the rivers, streams and oceans. Earthquakes, hurricanes, tidal waves and the change in the weather are very prominent today.

These are the beginning of sorrows. I certainly don't want to be here when the end comes! In spite of all the wars that have been initiated for the sake of the world democracy, America is the only great nation amongst the world's powers today, which has a democratic form of government. Currently, World War III looms as a great probability. Someone remarked after World War II, "Let it be the prayer of all mankind that the victory achieved may mark the end of all wars."

God answers prayers, but if all who pray, were to pray that prayer daily it would not be answered. One can easily see that politically, financially, socially, morally, and spiritually, the world is waxing worse and worse at ever increasing speed. Yes, even to the end of time, many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased but sin will wax worse and worse.

Though united in war at one time, in peace the allied nations are now divided and cannot fulfill nor maintain the peace terms that seemed so uncomplicated and simple a few years ago. The news from various countries show that the end of hostilities has not brought freedom from fear, freedom from want, freedom of worship, nor freedom of speech. It is the aim and purpose of the enemy to overturn and destroy every government in the world.

The perplexity and distress of nations today was foretold by Christ. We read Luke 21:25-26, "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's heart failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."

Prophecy is history written in advance. It serves two purposes. First, it proves the inspiration of the Bible, and second with unerring certainty and accuracy, it foretells future events. In fact, it is greater than tomorrow's newspaper. The fact that the Bible is the fully inspired "Word of God" is substantiated by infallible proofs. If the situation were such that only one of these proofs could be asserted, then "prophecy" would be that one all sufficient and indisputable proof. It is reasonable, therefore, to expect that any unfulfilled prophecy, thus far, will be fulfilled in due time.

We read II Peter 1:20-21, "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation (that is, no prophecy should be taken by itself, but should be compared with the other parts of the scripture in order to learn its full meaning.) For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

This shows that the Bible is not a man-inspired book. Every word of it came from God thru men who were guided and kept from error in their writings by the Holy Spirit. Today nations are preparing for wars, which are yet to come. They are equipping themselves with all kinds of nuclear weapons, which will be used to destroy one another as Peter tells us in II Peter 3:10-13, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements (atomic and nuclear weapons) shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness. Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

For more than two decades, dictators in various countries have ruled with "iron fists." They are literally clearing the way for the "world dictator," who, for the final seven years of this age, will have full control of the entire world. We read Rev. 13:16-18, "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might by or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; (dictator); and his number is six-hundred threescore and six." Anyone having the number: "666" on their hand or forehead will be doomed. Salvation will elude them.

All those souls, who were beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the Word of God during the tribulation period, and who did not worship the beast nor his image, and had neither received his mark (666) upon their foreheads or in their hands, will be raised up in the first resurrection. Unbelievers do not fall into any of these groups. Unbelievers are "the rest of the dead."

We read in Rev. 20:5-6, "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

The second death means ever-lasting torment and separation from God. This shall be the punishment of all who have already died physically in unbelief and rebelled against God. Thus, universal peace is not in the offing. "For then shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be;" thus declares our Lord in Matt. 24:21.

The "Great Tribulation" will be a period of much torment and travail, involving the entire earth. It will signify the time of Jacob's trouble, and Jerusalem and the Holy Land will be the vortex. The "Great Tribulation" will also be a period of salvation. An elite group, comprised of the 12 tribes of Israel (144,000), is sealed for God, and a multitude of gentiles is to come out of the Great Tribulation. The true church will never go thru the Tribulation period, for it will have been "caught up to meet the Lord in the air."

We read I Thes. 4:16-17, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

It's been a long war torn road from the Armistice Hour in 1918 to the present, and it would appear that man is no closer to peace than he was at the end of his first major conflict. Yet, in many respects, peace is nearer at hand then ever before. In the half century since the first Armistice Day, the cry for peace has echoed from the lips of all men, of all races, of all creeds, and of all religions. Christians from these various categories have been among those who have cried and prayed for that lasting and glorious peace, which has been promised by God, Himself.

During my last tour of the Holy Land, the signs in the streets of Jerusalem and at all the tourist attractions read, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem." This prayer and request will be answered when Jesus comes back and sets his foot upon the Mount of Olives; and only then, will the "prince of peace" bring peace to the world.

When that peace is established, there will not be another armistice, nor another truce, nor a temporary cessation of war! The Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ the Lord, will rule and reign, and the age of conflict will be ended! No one will need to ask about the armistice hour again. No one will need to inquire, "Where is Peace?" Today, people march for peace, shout for peace, pray for peace, sing about peace, donate money for peace, and even vote for peace, but to no avail!

We read Jer. 8:15, "We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!" It is sad, but true, world peace is only temporary at best. Why, we can't even keep peace in our own neighborhoods! Perhaps it is because true peace epends on inward, rather than outward circumstances.

Jesus said it in John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." And again He said in John 16:33, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

The great founders of the world's renowned religions have died, Christ among them, but only Christ rose triumphantly over death, hell, and the grave to preach the self-same gospel

He preached on the shores of Galilee. We read in, Mark 1:14-15, "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God, And saying The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye and believe the gospel."

What is the gospel? The gospel is good news that: Jesus saves, Jesus heals, Jesus baptizes with the Holy Ghost and with fire and Jesus is coming soon! And sooner than many thing!

The following is a gracious invitation, which only He can extend and a promise only He can fulfill. It goes thusly, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white snow: though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool; for today is the day of salvation if you will hear My voice." Those, who are His sheep will, indeed, hear His voice.

We read John 3:5 in which we find that nearly 2000 years ago, Nicodemus heard the voice of Jesus and was told, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

And in the 7th verse it reads, " Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born gain!" To be "born of water" means to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ by immersion.

To be "born of the Spirit" means to "speak in tongues," and it is the only way to determine one has received
the baptism of the Holy Spirit, according to the Bible.

We have all been born once and have human fathers. This first birth (fleshy) gave us a human life and a sinful human nature. Before we can be saved and know God, we must go through a second birth (spiritual). This new birth is not a reformation of the old nature, but rather the creation of a new creature in Christ Jesus. Old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.

Nicodemus was a very religious Jew and he had to be born again and accept Jesus as Saviour, Master and Lord. On the Day of Pentecost, 3000 souls heard the voice of God, thru the apostle Peter. Preaching in the power of the Holy Spirit, he had some important words of advice for those, who rejected and crucified the Lord of glory.

We read in Acts 2:38, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

And in the 39th & 41st verse it reads, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. They (3000) that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about 3000 souls."

And God is calling men everywhere to repent, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. He is calling a people out of a people to form His one true church of which He is still the head. And the name of the head is Jesus.

Peter tells us in Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

In other words, outside the name of Jesus, one cannot be saved!

Now speaking about Veterans, a true soldier in the Lord was the Apostle Paul. Before he became Paul, his
name was Saul and he persecuted those, who followed the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus tells us in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me." On the road to Damascus, while in the midst of dispatching letters to Jerusalem, a light shown from heaven and he heard a voice saying unto him, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"

Yes, Saul was indirectly, persecuting the Lord Jesus by persecuting the saints. Paul's response is found in Acts 9:5, "Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." Hence Paul was commanded "Arise and go into the city, it shall be told thee what thou must do."

Now the men, who were with him, heard a sound, but did not hear the articulating words, "Saul, Saul, etc." Thus, Saul became a believer on the Damascus Road, when he heard the voice, but he did not receive the Holy spirit until Ananias, a disciple, laid his hands upon Saul. His sight was also restored. He was then baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Paul was a chosen vessel of the Lord, who was to bear the Lord's name before the Gentiles, kings, and the children of Isarel. He labored more than any other disciple and suffered for the name of Jesus! After his conversion, he went immediately to Arabia, where he remained for two years before returning to Damascus.

It was there that God revealed to Paul the wonderful truths about the Scriptures, which he later preached and which are now written in his epistles. We read II Tim. 4:6-8, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the
time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." Though his departure was at hand, he knew that his soul, his spirit (the real Paul) would be living forever with Christ, whom he loved sincerely.

It is true that "Old Veterans of the Cross never Die." At the end of "this way" Paul said, "I have fought a good fight." Will we be able to say that too? Paul went on to say, "I have finished my course." We read Heb. 12:1-2, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

We must lay aside every weight, which are the sins that beset us. Weight increases the obstacles and hinders Spiritual progress. These weights may not necessarily be external: they can be in the heart. The moment a thing, which is not in God's purpose, becomes implanted in the heart and mind, it becomes a weight, no matter what it is. And the result is obvious. The race that is set before us is an appointed race. Each step of the course has been marked for us.

Paul looked upon life as a race and he said, "Run the race, that you may obtain." This was the course that God had picked out for him, and Paul had to finish the course. Many had run the course before him. We read verse 2, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Are you looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ, as the Apostle Paul did? I hope so, since he had been encompassed by countless witnesses, the heroes of faith and those who had based their faith entirely upon God's Word. Paul laid aside every weight and every besetting sin and ran the race with patience. Can each of us say at the end of our race, "I have the victory because the Lord ran at my side?"

God has a course for each of us to run, and we ought to inquire, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" Paul knew that his time had come to die. He was not going to die a natural death, he was going to be slain, and be offered up. It was time to hoist the anchor and move out. But keep in mind: when a ship sails out of one harbor, in due time it will drop anchor in another harbor. We read Matt. 5:14, Jesus tells us, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid."

Whereas salt has a negative value, "to preserve," light has a positive value, "to shine." Light is needed where there is darkness, and Jesus is "THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!" He tells us, "Let your light shine, so they may glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Jesus is telling us, "You are living in a world that is dark with sin." And the only way for us to get power to shine for Him, is by reflecting Him. I have seen saints of God shine brightly for Jesus for a while--then they permit something to come between them and the Lord. Now they don't shine for God, they don't serve him. Is your light shining for Him today? I hope so!

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