

**Devotional Thoughts :: I came not to send peace on earth, but a sword Charles Spurgeon****I came not to send peace on earth, but a sword Charles Spurgeon - posted by Joyful\_Heart, on: 2010/12/29 0:56**

Evening, December 28

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Matthew 10:34

The Christian will be sure to make enemies. It will be one of his objects to make none; but if to do the right, and to believe the true, should cause him to lose every earthly friend, he will count it but a small loss, since his great Friend in heaven will be yet more friendly, and reveal himself to him more graciously than ever. O ye who have taken up his cross, know ye not what your Master said? I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother; and a man's foes shall be they of his own household. Christ is the great Peacemaker; but before peace, he brings war. Where the light cometh, the darkness must retire. Where truth is, the lie must flee; or, if it abideth, there must be a stern conflict, for the truth cannot and will not lower its standard, and the lie must be trodden under foot. If you follow Christ, you shall have all the dogs of the world yelping at your heels. If you would live so as to stand the test of the last tribunal, depend upon it the world will not speak well of you. He who has the friendship of the world is an enemy to God; but if you are true and faithful to the Most High, men will resent your unflinching fidelity, since it is a testimony against their iniquities. Fearless of all consequences, you must do the right. You will need the courage of a lion unhesitatingly to pursue a course which shall turn your best friend into your fiercest foe; but for the love of Jesus you must thus be courageous. For the truth's sake to hazard reputation and affection, is such a deed that to do it constantly you will need a degree of moral principle which only the Spirit of God can work in you; yet turn not your back like a coward, but play the man. Follow right manfully in your Master's steps, for he has traversed this rough way before you. Better a brief warfare and eternal rest, than false peace and everlasting torment.

**Re: I came not to send peace on earth, but a sword Charles Spurgeon - posted by mama27, on: 2010/12/29 9:48**

To think that this was written over 100 years ago! How true that a man's enemies will be those of his own household...How true that before peace, he brings war....How true that if you follow Christ, you shall have all the dogs of the world yelping at your heels. Surely the Christian today is about to face unprecedented persecution!! May God grant us grace to stand firm and not compromise, to take to our prayer closets, to be filled with the Spirit, to be bold in our witness, to be passionate in our zeal for Christ, to have compassion on our enemies. Strongly recommend listening to David Wilkerson's message, "A Call to Anguish" found on the sidebar of Sermonindex.....You will not be the same!

**Re: I came not to send peace on earth, but a sword Charles Spurgeon - posted by UntoBabes (), on: 2010/12/29 11:41**

Very encouraging word, JoyfulHeart.

Blessings.

And yes, That sermon by David Wilkerson is very much needed.