

**General Topics :: And History Repeats****And History Repeats, on: 2013/8/29 8:15**

As I woke up to the sound of war drums beating loudly regarding Syria I was reminded of a line out of the movie Troy. "Old men make war and young men die.". I was also reminded of Mathew 24 in which Jesus said nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. Though this is prophesied. It will be little comfort for the innocent lives that will be lost in a US initiated conflict. Lives piled up on the countless lives already lost in the Syrian conflict.

I see another US President who reminds so much of a previous President not so long ago who defied world opinion and launched a military strike into Iraq. Over so called weapons of mass destruction that were never found. And the only real justification this President could give for the Iraq invasion was "They tried to kill my daddy". How many dads and sons were killed in Iraq because of this President's ego?

While the use of chemical weapons is not denied in the tragic killings that were discovered in Syria a few days ago. The question of who initiated this attack is not clear. The Western media is quick to tell us it was Assad who initiated the attacks. But this is the same media who says a democratically Mohammed Morsi was ousted in Egypt by a military takeover. Forgetting several million Egyptians demanded the Egyptian military do something to check the slide of Egypt into Islamic sharia. The Western media conveniently ignores this. So can one believe anything, even what Fox News says, regarding Syria?

NATO and the US have said they do not need to hear the report of the UN inspectors to launch a military strike into Syria. They know it is Assad. Based on what, I ask? Also who gave Syria those chemical weapons? The chemical weapons that Saddam Hassan used in Iraq came from the US. A fact conveniently overlooked by many.

Another thread posted a report by Wesley Clark saying these wars are planned. One cannot help but wonder. But I must realize that God is in control. But dear saints be prepared to weep over more lives that will be lost. And pray that someone will find hope in Jesus through the gospel.

From the bear den.

Bearmaster.

Re: And History Repeats - posted by DEADn (), on: 2013/8/29 8:47

The 'God is in control' Mantra. What exactly does that mean in the end? Christians use this line so much as if to say they will be ok and the world will be ok because 'God is in control'. People are dying and will continue to die whether or not the U.S. makes a strike in this situation even if God is in control. It happened in the old testament. So often I detect this line to be used like a little one holding on to their teddy bear. The teddy bear is just 'being' but it is the psychological method of the bear that keeps a kid thinking he is ok. It is a familiar thing.

I often think that is how the line 'God is in control' is used in so many situations. It becomes a teddy bear for our own psychological trip.

John

Re: , on: 2013/8/29 9:07

And John I ask you or anyone in this forum. If God is not in control who is? Do we give in to cynavism? Been there. D one that. Where does our hope lie? Again I ask you or anyone in this forum where does our hope lie?

What hope sustains the oersecuted church in N. Korea or Eritrea or Samolia? That God is in control. If they had not tha t hope then the evil one would for sure triumph over the saints.

But to say that God is in control does not mean we glibly skip over the heart ache that ensues from tragedy. We weep with those affected by tragedy. We want others to weep with us when we are affected by tragedy.

Indeed when a love one has been taken home to be with Christ one had better hope that God is in control. Otherwise w here is one's hope. Yes, there is heartache and sorrow. But the hope that God is in control. As the line if the hymn say s, "That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet,"

My thoughts.

Bearmaster.

Re: - posted by DEADn (), on: 2013/8/29 9:20

Bearmaster

What I am referring to is when a person says 'God is in control' what exactly are they saying in that? Is it just a peaceful feeling so you can relax because God is going to take care of everything? Whatever happens it is because God is cont rol? Assad throws a nuclear bomb and destroys half of Syria but it is ok because God is in control. The what if scenari o's. Yet, what does it do to you to say that slogan?

My POV, there is a crisis of values and personal power going on here and probably a war of powers in heavenly realms and as a result people are going to get hurt and die while others escape. The moving of the heavens will probably dictat e the movement of every side involved in this conflict. Intercession is then needed but then how many people does it ta ke for God to move to end this conflict?

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Re: Who is in control? - posted by Sidewalk (), on: 2013/8/30 11:40

Separating the two ideas of "in control" and "rightful ownership," I would suggest that God is a rightful owner, but that Ma n is in control.

To suggest that "God is in control" of the way the world operates would be an unfathomable insult to His wise and loving charachter. The world is in a mess because of the actions of rebellious men seeking their own selfish ends, not becaus e Almighty God is a fumble fingered manager who doesn't know what He is doing. How foolish to try and put God in that place!

But the sweet and wonderful truth is, He will move mighty mountains in response to the pleas of His children. Like Jame s says, "You don't have because you don't ask."

The affairs of this world are subject to the working of the mighty power of God connected to the faith of His servants, and that is where the control is.

WW2 had just begun, and England was being bombed in preparation for invasion by German troops. I believe it was Rese Howell who had a vision of the Nazi armies collapsing in chaos. He asked God, "When will this happen?" "When you pray it into reality," God answered.

Whereupon the man planted his knees for the next four years and "took control."

To wonder why God isn't working is the foolish thought of a man who does not know to pray.

Re: DEADn, on: 2013/8/30 15:08

John you asked how many people does it take for God to move to end the Syrian conflict. At least one as James tells us the prayers of a righteous man are powerful and effective. Two intercessors would be better as Jesus said if two agree on earth about something then it will be done for them by the Father in heaven.

But then where are the intercessors to move God to change history?

Bearmaster.

Re: Sidewslk, on: 2013/8/30 15:28

Brother I will be the first to admit to you that I do not know how to pray. At least compared to a Reece Howell. But the man who is. At least God has allowed this foolish man in his weak earthen vessel to facilitate a national prayer call where we have been praying for Him to move in the persecuted nations going into our fourth year.

I do agree that the Syrian conflict is ultimately a spiritual battle to be waged on our knees. Last night a team of us were asking God to restrain the madness of men who desired war in their hearts and for peace to prevail in that region. We were praying for the preservation of life to enable the gospel.

Please do not take my statement to say God is in control to imply a Calvinistic *casera sera* whatever will be will be. The future is not ours to see. I do believe the prayers of the righteous can impact the eternal destiny of nations. If I did not believe this then I would stand down from praying for God to move among the persecuted nations.

Yes, we have not because we ask not. And I am all for asking God to change the course of history to make it His Story. But as one thread posted earlier, such intercessors are an endangered species. But I will still call out for the nations.

Bearmaster.

Re: , on: 2013/8/30 15:41

I think when some people say "God is in control", they are saying that though this situation is out of my control, I trust the Lord and will be content in Him no matter the outcome. The outcome will not take God by surprise and He can redeem everything. Even if things look bad by "sight", He can redeem it and bring His will to pass.

Kind of reminds me of this:

Dan 3:17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

Dan 3:18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

or this:

Est 8:7 Then the king Ahasuerus said unto Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged upon the gallows, because he laid his hand upon the Jews.

Re: Praying in the gift you have - posted by Sidewalk (), on: 2013/8/30 21:01

Jesus often went out to pray, alone. And yet, the world did not wiggle its way into perfection even though the very Son of God was on the earth making His petitions and laying out his requests. Apparently Peter was spared some very uncomfortable sifting as the direct result of Jesus prayer, but we don't really know much of the content of Jesus' private prayer sessions.

Prayer that is forced or regulated into a chore doesn't work for me. I don't have a "regular" prayer time, but I cannot help but to be in some level of prayer all day. My love for Him, my belief in His constant presence, just keeps me chatting a way as I do other stuff all day.

I am probably the worst one to give counsel on prayer, but I believe in this power with everything within me. Since I strongly disagree with our current President, my prayer for him in obedience to the Timothy challenge goes mostly along the lines of "Fix him or take him out." I am sure this is a common Christian prayer for world leaders of every stripe in every country.

But the bottom line in this kind of prayer for global concerns is that we are in a spiritual battle with spiritual weapons, and distance is not an obstacle for us. It is a comfort to me that we are not commanded to win, just to fight.

And while we're at it, be sure to give mention in your global prayers that God deal quickly with the Murderer of Pyongyang in North Korea. This is the poster boy for incarnate evil, the vision of The Great Tribulation if there ever was one!

Re: , on: 2013/8/31 0:19

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Re: , on: 2013/8/31 10:21

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Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2013/8/31 10:43

by just-in on 2013/8/31 4:21:27

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I pray GOD would open the hearts and minds of these world leaders and that they would see their great need for HIM. I

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pray they would repent before all men and cry out to JESUS and be saved.

While there is still breath in the body there is still hope that the lost will be saved.

God bless
mj

Re: Effectual prayer - posted by Sidewalk (), on: 2013/8/31 12:42

Maybe we are onto something here, that a bunch of Sermon Index members might pick up a cause of prayer and go to battle.

This latest incident as reported by Drudge, was that a troupe of North Korean entertainers were accused of some charges involving pornography and sentenced to death by machine gun fire. But to add to the atrocity, the young people's family members were forced to watch the slaughter before being shipped off to the gulags to disappear in that living hell. It all started when apparently the leader's ex-girlfriend ticked him off over something, perhaps the jealousy of his wife, and that is how he solves problems like that.

But the item that really caught my eye was that among this group of "entertainers," bibles were found. Sounds to me like the pornography charge was some sort of manufactured cover for the far worse crime of owning a bible.

I'm going to pray on this one.

Re: Prayer Call Tinjght, on: 2013/8/31 14:05

Those in the forum who desire to pray for Syria and N. Korea are invited to come in Persecution Watch tonight.

Call time is 8pm central time. Number us 209.255.1000. Access is 109083#.

Blaine aka Bearmaster.

Re: , on: 2013/8/31 20:01

Persecution Watch will convene in an hour, 8pm central time, to pray for the persecuted. Number is 209.255.1000. Access code is 109083#. All are welcome to come on call and lift the suffering church up in prayer.

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