

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE



"The Right to Bear Arms"

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Are You Packing Even for the Church

Jesus and the Apostle Paul told their disciples the world will become increasingly worse. Christians and other responsible human beings still have the right to protect themselves. Jesus' instruction, "if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one" is a good one to follow. On his teaching of Luke 22:36, Preacher/Teacher James Vernon McGee wrote, "You had better pack your suitcase and get your traveler's checks if you are going out for the Lord today... You had better be prepared to protect yourself and your love ones. We are living in difficult days. The Lord said, 'He hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.'" (King James Version) Why? For protection, of course. They were living in days that required a sword. We need to recognize that fact also." (Thru The Bible Commentary, Page 347, paragraph 2 and 3 Copyright 1983) Jamieson, Fausset and Brown wrote, "[you] will now need support, provision and the usual means of defense." We live in days that require a "sword" (a gun, or something) for protection.

In an article written by Bill Titus, I read something that got me thinking about the times we are living in. His article was eye opening and it thrust my thoughts to think about how bad things can get, and about what the Bible says about the end days (2 Timothy

3:1). He wrote, "Nine years ago, Larry Gene Ashbrook entered the Wedgewood Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas and opened fire. He carried nine loaded magazines for his weapon, emptying three before taking his own life. Those three magazines contained enough ammunition to take the lives of four teenagers and three adults in the unarmed crowd. A peaceful Wednesday evening

church service had turned into a killing field with no warning.

A different outcome in Colorado Springs, Matthew Murray entered the New Life Church carrying three weapons and over 1,000 rounds. When he began his attack, he was confronted by Jeanne Assam, a church volunteer. With help from other church-goers, Ms. Assam distracted Murray and shot him, bringing his intended

killing field to an end. After being disabled by Assam's bullets, Murray took his own life, as was his likely plan all along. Two young women were killed and their father wounded, but had Assam not acted, how many more would have died at the hands of a man who had come prepared to kill as many people as he could?" (The Concealed Handgun - Bill Titus - Volume 12, Number 1 February-March 2008)

The fact is the walls of religion will not stop bad men from entering an institution to dish out harm upon unarmed people. On March 6, 2008, a terrorist entered Yeshiva (religious school) during a seminar in Jerusalem. He opened fire on people wishing to learn more about their religious beliefs. This gunman had killed several students before Yitzhak Dadon - a student attending the seminar - responded with his weapon firing two rounds into the terrorist's head, ending the bloodshed. The director of the Seminary, Rabbi David Simchon, was quoted by the Israeli News Service saying, "No terrorist will succeed in stopping our faith, our values, the justice of our cause of what we teach here at Yeshiva [Seminary] (religious school)." (Bill Titus - Publication of the Texas Concealed Handgun Association)

Obedient Christians and responsible people purchase what is needed for protection of self and others.

Weekly Scripture Reading

Psalms 2:18-29

Psalms 3:1-24

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 10:1-24

Luke 10:25-42

Luke 13:10-35

Luke 14:1-24

Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

Sea of Love

The ocean is vast and ever changing; shimmering and calm one moment, restless and rough another. But, the waves always return to the shore. The way of love is much like that of the sea. It is beautiful, yet unpredictable - storms may brew, but calm always returns to make way for loving and happy moments. Like the love of God, true love never fails. As Valentine's Day approaches let us meditate on the way of true love and rededicate our love to that special one in our life, with God's help. Happy Valentine's Day.



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