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"The End Is Near!"

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indeed, is very near. There is war in places like Syria and Afghanistan. Egypt, Israel, Palestine, and other countries continue to be places of high tension. Our own country seems more politicized than it ever has been. Moreover, many false teachers have arisen in the Church who seek to minimize the authority of God's Holy Word and diminish the all-sufficient work of Jesus Christ on the cross. Do these events portend

the end of the world? Perhaps. Certainly, the end is closer today than it was yesterday. Ironically, world events that possibly point to the end times can be of great benefit insofar as they lead us back to God. Didn't Jesus encourage

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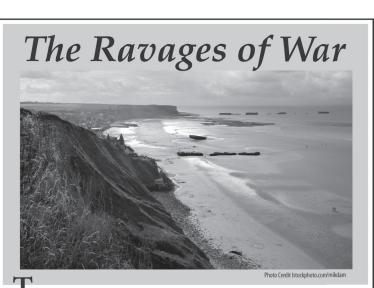
conclude that the end, us far more than birds hour."

The end is near! Just us to seek the Kingdom of and grass. Yes, God will about everyone has GodandHisrighteousness one day bring an end to do we keep watch?" heard someone say (Matthew 6:33)? The God the world. Jesus will The best way is to focus this. People have been who clothes the lilies and return to judge the world. on what Jesus Christ proclaiming "the end" cares for the sparrows is Therefore, Jesus tells us, has done for the people for many years. World the One who is truly in "Keep watch, because you of the world. The bad events might lead us to control and He cares for do not know the day or the things that happen in

One might ask, "How this world are a result of the fall of mankind into sin. Jesus Christ came to reverse this curse by sacrificing His life on the cross for the sin of the world. By remembering Jesus' great sacrifice and placing our faith in Him, we need not worry about the coming of the end of the age. Those who believe will receive an inheritance reserved for the faithful-eternal communion with God

The end certainly gets nearer with each passing day. Now is the day of salvation. Put your trust in Jesus Christ and that day will be met with unspeakable joy as Christ receives believers into His eternal kingdom.

in paradise.



Loday all is quiet on the beach at Normandy; waves have long ago washed away the blood and the ominous roar of tanks and guns has given way to the rhythmic roar of the sea. But the memories of these things are forever etched in our history. Wars have begun and ended in many places throughout the world during the last century, yet memories never end for those men and women who were present in the horrors of combat. Memories never end for the families of those who were lost or ruined. This Veterans' Day let us pray that the peace of god that passes all understanding will quiet the hearts and minds that still rage from the ravages of war.

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