

Thought for the Day

Sunday November 10, 2024

Today's Scripture:

**Sons are indeed a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them. He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.
~ Psalm 127: 3-5**

Thoughts on Today's Verse(s):

The enemy did come to the gate of our land and indeed, the entire world. When WWI and WWII broke out, both times the fate of all nations was in the balance. How thankful can we be that in those cases, young men and women, went off to fight, and die, to be our arrows against a a deadly foe that you and I may live in freedom. How happy and blessed we are to live as we do.

This weekend, and especially tomorrow, we pause in our busy, happy and blessed lives to give thanks for the many souls, sons and daughters, who answered the call of their nation to stand up against tyranny, oppression and evil. Their heritage in the world, and in the kingdom of God, is that they *did* respond when their country needed them. In truth, they responded when humanity itself needed them.

We should also consider then fact that many men and women still answer the call to this day. There has been precious little time in all of history when there was not a single war occurring somewhere in the world, just as there is to this day. Our armed forces still travel to distant foreign lands to take a stand against domination where their future is uncertain and yes, some of them still do not return. We *must* show ultimate respect for these brave men and women as they shall never bring us shame.

Friends, I invite you to take a stand against tyranny and oppression, cruelty and evil, still in the world today as well. This weekend let our prayers to God be salted with thoughts of remembrance. May we give thanks and praise to The Lord because He has given us many brave children who were willing to fight, and die, that we may live. Hmm, shouldn't that thought remind us of Someone? He also was willing to take a stand against the enemy satan, the one who brought sin and evil into the world, and he still does to this day. There is one difference in the outcome. Even though our blessed children must still fight for freedom and the good of the nations, in the case of the Jesus with His mighty weapon the cross, the battle has been won. Victory is assured. May our prayers reflect thanks and praise for Him too.

Prayer:

Lord God, we thank You and praise You and worship You for giving us Your Son who fought, and died, and won. He achieved the greatest victory the world has ever seen.

This time of year, O Lord, we turn our hearts to worldly remembrance as well. We consider the bravery of fallen children who went off to war to be our arrows against a terrible foe. We thank You and praise You for the glorious gift of sons and daughters who stand in our protection from the evil of this world. May You hear our prayers and give honor and glory to all those who died in the pursuit and protection of freedom. By their stand, may we be reminded of our Savior Jesus who also gave Himself up that we too may be free; free from sin and death. We pray in His name, Amen.