

# VINEYARD HARVEST

## H O U S E C H U R C H

*The Sword of the Spirit*



*The Word of God*



### The science of peace vs the God of Peace

*1Th 5:3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.*

There was a great man of God in the making in Armenia many years ago before the Russian revolution in 1855. He was yet to be born but God had a plan. His grandfather believed a prophecy of impending doom on Armenia given by a boy and decided to leave Armenia in 1855. As a result, the family came to America. There was no reason to believe that such a disaster would come upon Armenia at that time. Yet, the prophecy spoke so strongly to this man that he left with his entire family to a new world in America. He heeded the prophecy of a boy. The disaster only came in 1914 some 59yrs later when the Turkish forces drove the Armenians into the desert and killed over a million and half people with children. This grandfather produced a son who produced a son and this son became a great man of God known as Demos Shakarian. Demos started the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship that became a worldwide movement. It was instrumental in saving countless numbers of people. ( read the book "The happiest people on earth")

People have been saying that there can be no peace on earth except there comes a settlement between Israel and the Arab nations. Every attempt is being made for this peace to occur. In other parts of the world we find that there is much turmoil. To me, this is a melting pot for the anti-Christ to come and solve. **This is the person who will say peace and safety** to the world and then destruction will follow. The one world government is in play as much as the one world religion. They are just parallel lines in the scheme of things that the evil one has set up on this earth. Many are not listening to prophetic warnings or the signs of the times that stare at them in their face but are instead being drawn into this peace formula. I call it, 'The science of peace'. This formula conveys a message of man's hope for the future. They try every angle to emphasise this possibility. Yet, forces that are pushing this formula are the very ones opposed to this very formula. They are wolves in sheep's clothing and the world does not see it nor does it know it. The very formula for peace is to create chaos before they will impose their formula for peace which will lead to the enslavement of humanity. Destruction will follow this peace formula after it is implemented for a time. The world will be brought into an understanding of commonality and not the uniqueness of each individual being. The formula is an enslavement of humanity to rigid rules and regulations which, if not adhered to, will be dealt with force and everyone will say 'yeah and amen' to it. Even members of families will separate over this and even betray one another in the pursuit of this formula believing it is for the betterment of the larger population. They will argue its case for a secure future for their children while the whole time losing control of the very thing they are trying to protect. The introduction of same sex marriages, the open practise of witchcraft, the introduction of safe drugs, common laws across nations, one world religion, even common governments will bring in a new wave of world order that cannot be stopped. All these happenings are leading man to the idea that man can have worldwide peace by consensus or common law under man.

Nothing is further from the truth. The truth operates in a realm out of the confines of human thinking. It is a paradigm few would venture into because it belongs to the invisible world. The truth that is perpetrated on this earth is a lie of the devil who has blinded the eyes of the people to stop them from believing the gospel. *2Co 4:3, 4 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: **In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds** of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.* This is the state of the world if we believe the gospel.

Now, you have to ask yourself this question. Are you going along with the world's plan for your life or God's? The answer you give will bring the peace you need or never conclude the turmoil in your heart and mind with unanswered questions about this world and yourself. When the shepherds were watching their flock by night there appeared to them a bright shining light, out of which spoke a voice saying; 'Peace and goodwill toward men'. This was God's message to the world in His Son Jesus who was born that day on earth. When the Prince of Peace was born, peace came to the earth in the form of flesh that was to bring peace at a price which

would be His own death to appease God who was the one all mankind needed to be afraid of. *Mat 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: **but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.***

Then we see the grace of God in these verses that explain His reach to us. *Eph 2:12:17 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, **and without God in the world:** But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. **For he is our peace,** who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, **so making peace;** And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: **And came and preached peace** to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.*

The science of peace cannot compare to this revelation of the God of Peace and His solutions to mankind. If you ask people what they need most, many will answer that they need peace. They will say they need peace in their hearts and minds or between husband and wife, between parents and children, between neighbours, between warring faction or because of ill health or unanswered prayers and the list goes on. The science of peace cannot offer a solution for this kind of need. What worldly peace will offer is a common law approach that makes everyone subservient through the fear of punishment. God on the other hand warns us of the consequences of rejecting Him and tells us of His love which He demonstrates to us through the giving of peace. The reason we have no peace is because of sin. The fall of man ensured that. The fall was perpetrated by the devil but man was responsible because he did not obey God. It is only God's love for us that has saved us.

When we have God's peace, we have the answer in ourselves which we do not get from money in the bank, laws or any other form that man can come up with. The external inputs of this world into our thinking is weak as a wet noodle and cannot compare to the word of peace from God. God says; "man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out His mouth". His words are peace. His words when accepted are an assurance of God's pre-determined love. His word is the peace we need. His word is His Son and His bond between God and us through Jesus. **We have to grasp this concept.** It cannot be broken by man, his ideas or his attempts to remove the gospel of Jesus and by selling world peace. Even if someone wants to take our lives, they will not be able to remove this peace. It was demonstrated recently when two convicted drug smugglers were executed in Indonesia. This was a showcase of God's peace in people who had turned their heart to God in true repentance and who subsequently demonstrated changed lives through the power of God and not man's rehabilitation. Not even a firing squad could take this peace away from them. The sinister nature of world peace by man is really a scenario that is being outworked by satan. Unsaved man is only a tool. All this will go on till Jesus is ready to return to take back what is His. In the meantime, the ups and downs of life will continue on unabated. What is required of us is, we walk in peace and love.

World changes will also mean changes in the Church. We are constantly being warned of this by the word of God that is preached. Many are being distracted from the truth and losing their way. Their hearts are being over loaded with the many evils that encompass mankind. Churches are unable to cope with what is going on so they are changing to suit the changing world. Their pursuits are theological and worldly. They seek easy solutions to complex problems. It is mostly about money these days. Yet, in the midst of all these problems, we are seeing great moves of God happening all around the world. Souls are being saved and many miracles are being wrought. The question is; where are you in the midst of it all? Ask yourself some salient questions? Will you lose your peace if trials come your way? Will you fold up and walk away from your faith? Will you stop following Jesus because you get no answers? Will you live in despair or will you get a hold of the word of God and see it work in your life? Only the ones who receive the life of the word will truly walk in it and know in their hearts that they are at peace with God and man. There will be a season of struggling to understand and grow but I can assure you that you will come through as you trust God in all your circumstances. *1Pe 5:10*

Finally my brethren, I leave you with these words that so aptly speak of peace by God. *Jas 3:18 **And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace** of them that make peace. *Isa 32:17 **And the work of righteousness shall be peace;** and **the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance** for ever. *Isa 32:18 And **my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation,** and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places; *Isa 32:19 **When it shall hail, coming down on the forest;** and the city shall be low in a low place.****

The evils of this world are as a result of self-infliction through our sin. However, judgement is coming by the hand of God which cannot be stopped. This time around, no prayer or repentance will stop it. What has been decreed by God and prophesied is written down and what is written down will come to pass. ***May God have mercy upon our souls.***

*Lots of love*

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