

Fighting terrorists

God's three responses

Strong nations now have the greatest weaponry in history. But are their powerful armaments sufficient to conquer terrorists?

First, the Bible has a message about total reliance on military strategy: “Mighty armies alone cannot win wars for a king.” Psalm 33.16 (The Bible for Today). But “God . . . is a shield to all who trust in him.” Psalm 18.30.

Unfortunately the nations don't recognise these truths nor consult God nor ask his help to resolve their difficulties.

So in maintaining national security, no doubt our own government relies entirely on military intelligence, the secret service, armed forces, international surveillance networks, etc.

But, **second**, God does not let any nation take his place in controlling world affairs. “The Lord nullifies the counsel of the nations, he frustrates the plans of the peoples.” Psalm 33.10 (NASB). God clearly states, “Justice belongs to me; I will repay them.” Hebrews 10.30 (Living Bible).

Third, here then is God's solution: he urges us to pray “for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.” 1 Timothy 2.1-2.

Such is the vital role believers have in pursuing world peace.

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Of what use is prayer? It “is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour”.

- 1 Timothy 2.3.

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