

A Biblical Response to Terrorism

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1. Worship and Thanksgiving

Revelation 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels who had seven plagues, *which are* the last, because in them the wrath of God is finished.

² And I saw, as it were, a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had come off victorious from the beast and from his image and from the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of God.

³ And they sang the song of Moses the bond-servant of God and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvelous are Thy works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Thy ways, Thou King of the nations.

⁴ "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? For Thou alone art holy; For all the nations will come and worship before Thee, For Thy righteous acts have been revealed."

2. Prayer

1 Timothy 2:1 First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,

² for kings and all who are in authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

³ This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Daniel 10:12 Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding *this* and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words.

¹³ "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.

¹⁴ "Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet *future*."

3. Repentance

Luke 13:1 Now on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

² And He answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were *greater* sinners than all *other* Galileans, because they suffered this *fate*?

³ "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

⁴ "Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, were *worse* culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem?

⁵ "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

⁶ And He *began* telling this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it, and did not find any.

⁷ "And he said to the vineyard-keeper, 'Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?'

⁸ "And he answered and said to him, 'Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer;

⁹ and if it bears fruit next year, *fine*; but if not, cut it down.'"

4. Humility

James 5:13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow, we shall go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit."

¹⁴ Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are *just* a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

¹⁵ Instead, *you ought* to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and also do this or that."

¹⁶ But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil.

¹⁷ Therefore, to one who knows *the* right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin.

5. Narrow-mindedness

1 Corinthians 10:1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

³ and all ate the same spiritual food;

⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.

⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things happened as examples for us, that we should not crave evil things, as they also craved.

⁷ And do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play."

...¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

6. Love and Justice

Matthew 6:43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.'

⁴⁴ "But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you

⁴⁵ in order that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous.

⁴⁶ "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax-gatherers do the same?

⁴⁷ "And if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more *than others*? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

⁴⁸ "Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

7. Courage

Joshua 1:5 "No man will *be able to* stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you.

⁶ "Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

⁷ "Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go.

⁸ "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.

⁹ "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

8. Compassion

Matthew 9:36 And seeing the multitudes, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd.

³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

³⁸ "Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

9. Missions

Jonah 4:11 "And should I not have compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know *the difference* between their right and left hand, as well as many animals?"

10. Evangelism

1 Peter 3:14 But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, *you are* blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled,

¹⁵ but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;