

HAS GOD LIED?

Luke 2:8-14

INTRODUCTION: We often sing at Christmas time the old song I heard the Bells on Christmas Day. The second stanza reads: And in despair I bowed my head: "There is no peace on earth," I said. "For hate is strong, and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good-will to men." There is war between nations, hatred between races, fighting among families and neighbors.

I. WHY IS THERE NO PEACE ON EARTH?

A. BECAUSE OF SATAN.

1. Satan is the prince of the power of the air. (Eph. 2:2)
2. Satan is the god of this world or age. (2 Cor. 4:4)
3. Satan is over a host of demons. (Eph. 6:12)

The whole world lieth in wicked one. (1 Jn. 5:19)

B. BECAUSE OF SINNERS.

For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. (Mark 7:21-22)

C. BECAUSE OF CHRIST.

Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell nay; but rather division. (Lk. 12:51)

1. Division between the saved and lost.
2. Division between the righteous and the wicked.
3. Division between truth and lies.

II. WILL THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH?

A. WHEN CHRIST RETURNS.

B. WHEN CHRIST REIGNS.

1. THE PROPHECY OF CHRIST RULING ON EARTH.

For unto us a child is born, and unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom to order it, and to establish it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even forever. (Isa. 9:6-7)

2. THE PROMISE OF CHRIST RULING ON EARTH.

And the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. (Lk. 1:30-32)

3. THE PRINCE OF PEACE REIGN ON EARTH FOR A 1,000 YEARS.

- a. Christ comes for His church. (1 Thess. 4:11-17)
- b. Seven years of tribulation. (Rev. 6-18)
- c. Christ returns to rule on earth. (Rev. 19:11-15)
- d. Satan bound, Christ reigns for 1,000 years, Satan loosen at end of 1,000 years, nations deceived, Satan cast into the lake of fire, wicked dead are judged at the great white throne and cast into the lake of fire. (Rev. 20:1-15)
- e. Eternity begins with new heaven and a new earth. (Rev.21)

And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. (Isa. 2:4)

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. (Isa. 11:6-7)

III. HOW CAN WE HAVE PEACE ON EARTH?

A. WE MUST MAKE PEACE WITH GOD.

Being justified by faith we have peace with God. (Rom. 5:1)

B. WE MUST APPROPRIATE HIS PEACE.

1. He has given us his peace. (Jn 14:27)

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (Jn. 14:27)

2. We must stay focus on Christ.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee. (Isa. 26:3)

3. We must be people of peace.