

Jesus and Politics
Terrorism
Isaiah 9:6; 54:10-14; Romans 13:4

Introduction

The Christian response to terrorism

Understanding shalom: Eccl. 3:8; Judges 6:24; Isaiah 9:6

1. Peace with God: Isaiah 54:10
2. Peace in the world: Isaiah 2:4 and Revelation 21:4

➤ Terrorism *of all types* is an assault on shalom.

Political leaders should be agents of peace. Romans 13:4

Christians should rest in the peace of God. Isaiah 54:11-14

Christians should pray for terrorists.

Judges 6:24

Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD and called it, The LORD Is Peace. To this day it still stands at Ophrah, which belongs to the Abiezrites.

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 54:10-14

For the mountains may depart
and the hills be removed,
but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,
and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,"
says the LORD, who has compassion on you.
¹¹ "O afflicted one, storm-tossed and not comforted,
behold, I will set your stones in antimony,
and lay your foundations with sapphires.
¹² I will make your pinnacles of agate,
your gates of carbuncles,
and all your wall of precious stones.
¹³ All your children shall be taught by the LORD,
and great shall be the peace of your children.
¹⁴ In righteousness you shall be established;
you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear;
and from terror, for it shall not come near you.

Isaiah 2:4

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

Romans 13:4

for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.