

April 2016,

Dear Friends,

Yet another terrorist attack has struck our world in Belgium. Worldwide; Christians are persecuted left homeless, tortured and murdered. What can be done? Politicians speak but their answers ring empty. They can't even identify the right enemy. The Scripture tells us where our real fight is and gives us the answer that the world cannot perceive:

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; (Eph. 6:10-18 KJV)

So Martin Luther understood in the lyrics of his wonderful hymn:

<p>A Mighty fortress is our God,          A trusty Shield and Weapon;          He helps us in our ev'ry need          That hath us now o'ertaken.          The old malignant foe          E'er means us deadly woe          Deep guile and cruel might          Are his dread arms in fight;          On earth is not his equal.</p>	<p>With might of ours can naught be done,          Soon were our loss effected;          But for us fights the valiant One,          Whom God himself elected.          Ask ye who this may be? Christ Jesus it is He,          As Lord of Hosts adored, Our only King and Lord,          He holds the field forever.</p>	<p>Though devils all the world should fill,          All watching to devour us,          We tremble not, we fear no ill,          They cannot overpower us.          For this world's prince may still scowl fiercely as he will,          We need not be alarmed,          For he is now disarmed          One little world o'er-throws him.</p>	<p>The Word they still shall let remain          Nor any thanks have for it;          He's by our side upon the plain          With his good gifts and Spirit.          Take they, then, what they will,          Life, goods, yea, all; and still,          E'en when their worst is done,          They yet have nothing won;          The Kingdom ours remaineth.</p>
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Brothers and Sisters in Christ; Let us pray.

God's Peace,  
 Jay Weidner



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