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The Wrath of Man

In the terrible turmoil of our day, we all need some anchor — some stabilizer — for our minds and hearts as we go through what seems unprecedented in history. The world of mankind in general has no such stabilizers. But those with a true faith in the revealed Word of God can find solace, direction, and even optimism in the midst of the things that trouble others.

One of the finest stability texts is found in Psalm 76:10. The King James translation of it is very clear:

Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee;
The remainder of wrath shalt Thou restrain.

The verse is heavy with good meaning. First of all, it promises that all that mankind is doing in and to this earth, no matter how bad, will somehow end up praising God. While it might be difficult to imagine how terrorist attacks, intolerance, wars, famines, polluting, cheating, and everything else bad we can think of, is going to praise God, the fact is that this verse promises that it will. Knowing that, we can have an unbelievable peace while everyone else is quaking in fears and unpleasant anticipations.

The second point of the verse is equally comforting. It promises that God, Himself, will stop anything that will not work out to His praise. We must remember that the praise He wants in the end is the recognition ON OUR PART that He has done everything in such a manner as will be for our eternal happiness and welfare. Therefore, while we do not know how, events like the recent slaughter in Orlando will become building blocks for bringing in His promised kingdom of peace on earth. Those slaughtered will return. They are not lost. THAT would not praise God!

It is written, “There hath not failed one word of all His good promise...” (I Kings 8:56). This promise in Psalms will also not fail. We need have no fears or concerns about global warming, presidential elections, killer viruses, poverty — or even death itself. God has promised that He will restrain all that will not make Him look good. Therefore, while we might not like what we see, we can remain confident that it is working for our ultimate good.

REST firmly and well in the promises of the Most High.