

A Nation Under Attack

Thursday, December 7th, will mark the 82nd anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. On a quiet Sunday morning, the US Destroyer attacked a Japanese sub discovered outside the harbor. Shortly after, Japanese planes began to bomb the harbor in a surprise attack. Fifteen ships were either sunk or damaged. One hundred eighty-eight planes were lost. Worst of all, 2,403 lives were lost and another 1,282 were wounded. The harbor lie in waste, with fire on the water and black smoke billowing into the air. President Franklin Roosevelt stated, "This is a date which will live in infamy." And thus the events of that day led America into the Second World War.

Christians are described as a holy nation, God's very special people. (1 Peter 2:9) This holy nation is under constant attack by the unholy one, Satan, the old devil himself. He is relentless in his assault, using every scheme and plot imaginable to destroy the Lord's people. Not only will he use broad attacks on a society or culture, but will seek out the spiritually weak individual in order to mutilate and consume one's soul. (1 Peter 5:8) All we have to do to see his devastating work is to observe the moral decay of our country and its leaders. The prince of this world is busy playing upon the selfish desires of our people, drawing them into immorality, destroying families through divorce, defiance, alcohol, drugs, and all manner of deviant behavior. Yes, we are truly a nation under attack.

How can we stand against such a formidable foe? We must put on the whole armor of God (Eph. 6:10-20), upholding the shield of faith and wielding the sword of the Spirit, which is God's word. Through vigilant prayer (1 Thess. 5:17) and defense of the Gospel (1 Peter 3:15), we must continue to fight the good fight, laying hold of eternal life. (1 Tim. 6:12)

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