

Prayer Breakfasts: Washington D.C

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I. Introduction.

- A. The Washington crusade has been profitable.
- B. Many are dedicated to the cause of peace but terrified about the possibility of war.
- C. Men have continued to hope for peace.

II. The present state of peace.

- A. The biblical era of peace seems far away.
 - 1. Some have even blamed Christianity for its failure to bring peace.
 - 2. Jesus did not promise peace immediately.
 - 3. He recognized a spiritual conflict that would go to the end of the age until His return.
- B. People have grown callous to the warnings of God's judgment.
- C. Peace may fail. War will cease only when Christ reigns in the hearts of man.
 - 1. If war and sin are related, then war will not disappear until the latter does.
 - 2. If war and covetousness are related, then covetousness must go first.
 - 3. Something must be done about sin.

III. The way to peace.

- A. Man has rejected God's way to peace. The nations promise peace, but little peace is to be had.
- B. One must come to the cross for the forgiveness of sins if he is to have peace.
 - 1. This is unpopular like the message of Jonah.
 - 2. The words of Jesus need to be repeated.
 - 3. Jesus calls all to repent lest we perish.
 - 4. God's message of peace is first to the individual.

5. The individual can have an inward calm that cannot be affected by the circumstances of the hour by trusting Christ for salvation.

Application questions

1. How is it that sin and war are related? What is the consequence of their relationship?

2. When does the Bible say final peace will come?

3. What is the proper response for the individual to participate in the end of war? What have you done to participate in this?
