

My Loved Ones:

God says in Psalm 46:9, “He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; / He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; / He burns the chariot in the fire.”

The context of this part of Psalm 46 is the knowledge of that God not only controls all of the things concerning raging nature (the first part of the psalm), but also that God controls all of the things concerning raging nations (this second part of the psalm). It's a great comfort, isn't it, that when all of nature or the nations around us seem to be raging, that God has everything under complete control. We should be able to rest in that truth, my loved one.

The point of this passage and verse, though, is that since God is in control, He wants many other people to know very definitely that He actually is in control, and He orchestrates things and events to put pressure on people to acknowledge Him. In other words, the outcome God desires is peace, but the process many times is judgment.

But how often in life is that not the case? When things go great, we don't need the Lord nor rely on Him in prayer like we should. But when the difficulties hit, we find ourselves searching His Word and praying to Him more. God desires an unsaved world to acknowledge Him, but that doesn't normally happen when things are going according to their plans they have for themselves. God does things to crowd us to Himself.

So here in this verse, the context is not “gentle persuasion” but a world devastated and forcibly disarmed. He is bringing it all to an end of peace, but He will make things happen. Who would have ever thought that God could stop some wars and political cold wars with a small germ that turns into a world pandemic? Only God could be so genius.

The thought that peace comes after the far side of judgment is exactly what the Bible talks about in all prophecy. We go through trial and tribulation, then comes the New Heaven and New Earth.

So, we're in the difficult stage in the middle of the “trial” book. We're heading toward the end that Revelation talks about. Since we're on that pathway, we need to expect that the world around us is going to experience these bad things. God wants people to acknowledge that He is in control and to submit to Him.

Loved ones, are you submitting to Him today? Are you trusting that He has it all under control? Are you willing to rest peaceably knowing that God is bringing about peace through this storm? If we do submit to Him, we'll have that peace. Trust Him. He's got it under control.

Love you and Praying for you today.