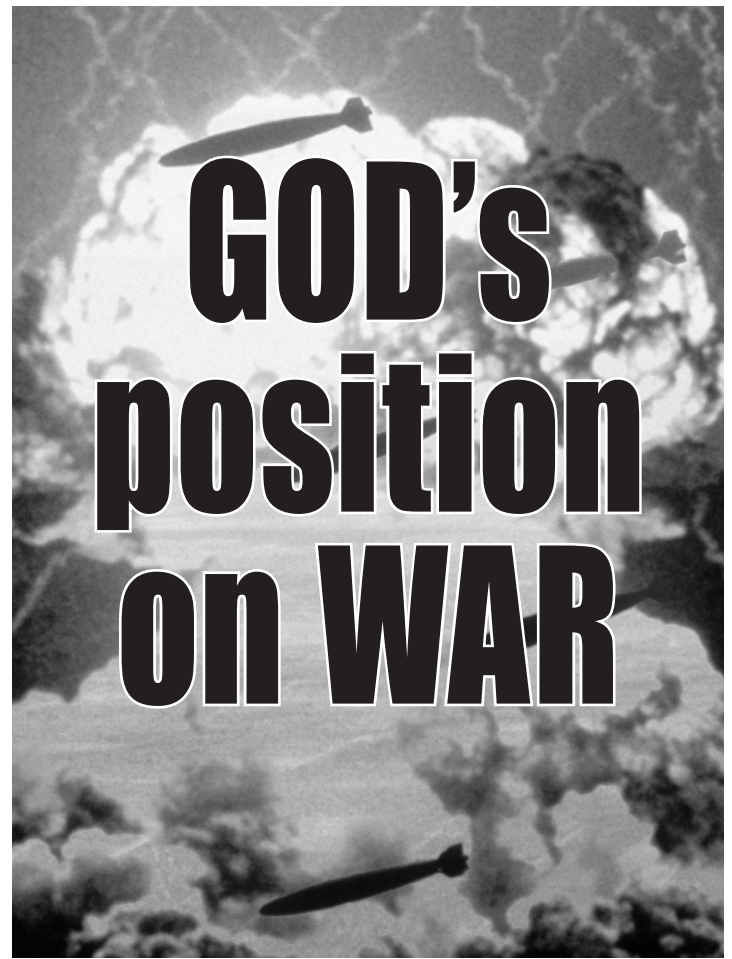


love? Have you personally received Me into your life? If you know Me, if you know the truth, then I call you now to follow it. Take action. Testify of My truth to others. If you know Me in name only, you can change that here and now, and get to know Me personally and intimately. You can receive My spirit of love, peace, and light into your life and heart. Talk to Me. Call on Me. If you don't know what to say, pray this short prayer:

Jesus, I want to know You personally. I want to understand the truth. I want to see the world the way You see it. I want to understand Your will, and I want to do my part to fulfill Your will. I want to stand up for truth and justice. Give me strength to do so. Show me what I can do to change the world around me for the better. Show me how to love my fellow man, how to help and care for others as You would help and care for them if You walked on earth today. Show me what I can do to promote peace. Amen.

Take a stand for Me, a stand for peace, a stand against war. Take a stand for freedom, and against the hypocrisy, greed and selfishness of those who are eager to wage war. Pray for peace. Pray for the innocent. Remember, you are accountable to Me and will stand before Me one day. Live accordingly.

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The skies are black with clouds—the clouds of the smoke of war. The ground is red with blood—the blood of innocent lives caught in the flames and torments of war. Villages, towns and cities are being destroyed. Poor and innocent civilians, including small children, are being deprived of basic necessities. Families are being torn apart, watching their loved ones die in pain and agony. Is any cause worth so great a cost in human life? Are injustices on the part of one government corrected by the injustices of another? What government is righteous and just and worthy of judging another?

No army can claim to be waging war on the side of "right." War, killing, death and destruction are not right. Mankind was placed on this earth to love and care for one another, but because of selfishness and greed, the world has become increasingly corrupt, and fighting and killing has become a way of life. This was never meant to be.

Those who wage war in the name of God, claiming My blessing upon their cause, are mistaken. Many are misled by their own sense of righteousness and righteousness, while others act out of hypocrisy. Those who truly know and love Me follow My words and My example, and seek and strive for peace. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God" (Matthew 5:9). I went so far as to say that you should "love your enemies, bless those who curse you, and do good to those who hate you" (Matthew 5:44). Do those who are so intent on waging war heed My words in this? Or do they merely call on Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me?

Let those who think they stand take heed, for their time is coming, and they will fall. It is a law of nature that you will reap what you sow. Those who wage war, who pursue the domination, destruction and devastation of other lands, will reap sorrow and bloodshed themselves.

I know the hearts of men. I will reward the peacemakers. I will judge the warmongers. Every man will give account before Me in the day of judgment. Search your own heart. Determine where you stand—whether on the side of peace or the side of war, on the side of freedom or the side of tyranny. I am the Almighty and Omnipotent God. I could use My power to force humanity to do what is right, but I have chosen to give man the majesty of choice. I allow each person and each nation to determine their own destiny through the choices they make. I do not impose My will or My plan upon mankind. How much less should mere mortals impose their will and plan upon others? One person should never force another to conform to their beliefs or way of life. One government should never force another to operate according to its ideals and desires. This is not My way. This is not My plan. If you stand by when the freedoms of a nation across the globe are being violated, do not be surprised if someday you find your own freedoms lost. If you have freedom of speech now but you do not use that freedom and speak out against oppression and tyranny for all you're worth, one day you will lose it. Do not take your privileges lightly.

Are you a peacemaker and worthy to be called a child of God? Are you personally acquainted with the God who is