
This week marked the eighth time that Americans paused to remember the attacks by Islamic enemies of the U.S.A. Spiritually-minded people realize that the attackers were also enemies of righteousness and the kingdom of God.

While I was in Romania, I wrote a handout to use in street evangelism. The attacks in N.Y. and Washington certainly had the attention of the entire world. Using that attention, I wanted to provoke the Romanians to think about what we can learn from those attacks. Here is what I wrote...

TRUE SECURITY

In spite of all efforts to provide physical security for society, evil men sometimes still succeed in attacking the innocent. It happened on September 11, 2001 when airplanes were hijacked to hit the World Trade Center and the Pentagon in the U.S.A. All the technology, armed forces, and policemen in New York and Washington did not and could not provide enough security to prevent those catastrophes from happening.

The desire for security is very strong in us whether we are talking about physical, financial, or emotional security. Our human nature demands that we feel secure. Man's desire for world peace is rooted in the need to feel secure.

We have locks on our doors for security against thieves. Policemen may be a deterrent to those who may be willing to break into houses that are locked. The army provides security against potential enemies that may wish to attack. But we must realize that there are limits to physical security. Even the Pentagon was hit and partially destroyed, killing nearly 200 people. Ultimately, none of us can avoid death. So locks, alarms, and guns cannot provide true security.

Others desire more money because they want financial security. They want enough money so they won't have to worry about problems that may arise in the future.

But there are limits to financial security. If people put their money into stocks, the market could collapse and they lose everything. If they put it in the bank, the bank could fail, and they still lose their money. If they put their money into gold, it could be stolen. So having more money will not provide true security.

Everyone seeks emotional security. It is the motivation for much of an individual's behavior. Many limit themselves in life because they desire emotional security. They are afraid to express their feelings because of the fear of rejection. They are less willing to seek new friends and experience new things in life. Others seek the approval of specific persons in their lives, so they only do whatever pleases the other person instead of exercising their own wills. On the other hand, some people protect themselves by trying to control everyone and everything around them. And for those who are open with friends and family, their loved ones may betray them at some point in the future by abusing them physically or verbally, by abandoning them in a time of need, or by gossiping about them to others. So other human beings cannot provide true emotional security.

Only our Creator can provide for our need of security. Jesus made us and everything in this world. The prophecy of His birth declared that He would be called the Prince of Peace. He promises us peace (sense of security). **Philippians 4:7** says this peace that passes understanding will keep your hearts in Christ Jesus. If you want the ability to feel secure no matter what you must face in life, accept the offer Jesus gives you. For more information, please contact us.