

6 Armistice - Ceasefire

Truce - Peace Treaty

Surrender

At the 11th Hour of the 11th Day of the 11th Month of 1918, the Great War, which would come to be called World War I, had after four devastatingly bloody long years, finally come to an end. The fighting had been so fierce and had introduced some of the most horrendous ways man had ever devised to kill each other up until that time. It was the hope of the civilized world that it would be "The War to End All Wars" but we know that the peace the combatants had more or less agreed upon was to be short-lived.

WWI ended, not with a surrender of one side to the other, but with an agreement to cease all hostilities. While some nations still observe the end of that war, Armistice Day, others observe Remembrance Day while we celebrate Veterans Day, acknowledging those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. The red poppy is still used and symbolizes the blood shed during battle. It's said that following the Napoleonic Wars of the early 1800's, upon the barren landscape of the battlefields, that blood red poppies began to grow around the bodies of the fallen soldiers.

***** Spiritual Weapons of Spiritual War**

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, 4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. 5 We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, 6 and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete.*

***** Lay Down Your Arms**

Matthew 11:28-30 *“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”*

Isaiah 2:3-4 And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths.” For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. **4** And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war.

The section found in Isaiah is repeated in Micah:

Micah 4:3 And He will judge between many peoples And render decisions for mighty, distant nations. Then they will hammer their swords into plowshares And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they train for war.

***** Surrender**

James 4:1-10 What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? **2** You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. **3** You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures. **4** You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. **5** Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: “He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us”? **6** But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, “God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” **7** Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. **8** Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. **9** Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. **10** Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. **6** In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

Matthew 5:9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.