To Defend or to Offend?

Ps.7:10; I Tim.6:12



More than 600 Kuwaiti oil wells were set on fire by the Iraqi forces causing massive environmental and economic damage to Kuwait

Aerial view of oil wells on fire





Ground troop movements from February 24–28th 1991 during Operation Desert Storm



American tanks from 3rd Armored Division during Operation Desert Storm



U.S. Army soldiers from the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade during the Gulf War

MacDonald House Bombing, 10 March 1965



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From left: Bank employees, Juliet Goh Hwee Kuang and Elizabeth (Susie) Choo, and driver Mohammed Yasin Kesit, who were killed by the blast.



Reverend Yeo Suan Kim lost his right eye and had multiple cuts all over his body from glass splinters

Ps.7:10

My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart.

Ps.59:9

Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defence.

Ex.14:14

The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

I Sam.19:11

Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain.

Ps.59:16-17

16 But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.

Ps.109:16-17

16 Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart.

17 As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.

1 Ki.21:19

And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.

Ps.59:17

Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.

Ps.62:2

He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

Phil.1:15-18

15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:

16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:

17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.

18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

strove (diamachomai) means sharply contended, fought it out, back and forth

Phil. 1:27

Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

Mt.18:6

But whose shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the

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Fight means Keep on fighting!

II Tim.4:7

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

Neh.4:17

They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon.

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

epiphany means a glorious manifestation

II Tim.1:10

But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospei:

II Tim.4:1, 8

1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

1 Jn.2:28

And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at

Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

I Tim.1:17

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

1 Cor. 15:50-58

Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

I Jn.1:5-7

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Lk.4:8

And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Jn.14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.