

MASS KILLINGS— When Will They End?

It seems that in the past few years a new epidemic has appeared affecting the health of our nation. I write of the increase of mass killings of innocent people. We are made to ponder the question: **When will they end?**

Of course politicians on the left, taking advantage of such tragedies as the recent mass-shootings to bolster their intent to further limit gun-access, or, even remove guns completely from even law-abiding citizens. I don't want to get into a political argument on this question, but it raises questions in my mind, such as, would it end mass killings? Are we to think there were no mass killings before guns were invented? Too, I believe I would feel safer where law-abiding citizens may have a legal concealed weapon to quickly halt a crazed killer. After all, a "gun-free zone" is the safest place for one intent on murder, but the most dangerous place for his intended victim(s). I wonder, too, at the motives of some in the political field when I remember why we were given the 2nd Amendment—to give us protection against a tyrannical government! It seems that these mass shootings have mainly, if not entirely, occurred in "gun-free zones."

Of course mental illness is often blamed, and while I wouldn't eliminate that as a factor, I am convinced the fault goes beyond that. We are a nation that is fast putting God out. While we invite thousands of immigrants who do not respect the Bible as authority, we find the same politicians who support this seem to be saying God has no place in schools, courts, or about any other public place. Atheistic evolutionary theory is drilled into our children's minds in school and educational channels on TV, concluding that man is just another animal, not a special creation of God, made in His image. Families in our nation are quickly deteriorating, with easy divorce, and the consequential absence of fathers from the lives of their children. God's laws on sexuality are antiquated, and Bible-believing Christians are demonized. One former presidential candidate once even declared that Christians need to change their minds about abortion since the Supreme Court has decreed it to be good, not evil. In other words, "We must obey government, not God"—the reverse of Peter's declaration in Acts 5:29, in response to authorities who demanded they cease teaching in the name of Jesus.

In short: When will the mass killings end? A good start would be—when God is put back on the throne. Of course He is there now, but not in the minds of many. Without respect for God and His word, "evil men and seducers wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived" (2 Timothy 3:13). God's word is the great restrainer, inasmuch as "all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, , for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16).

When God's word is no longer found in the homes and schools of our nation, until the Lord comes mass killings can be expected in increasing numbers regardless of how many laws are passed.

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