

Alveda King: Ending the Terror Among Jews, Muslims and Christians

Meet Abraham's sons and daughters.

See how they love one another, "even unto death." Romans watched Christians with awe and growing respect to the point where their brutal civilization—that initially saw Christianity as a threat—converted their hearts.

This short video needs to be seen and shared. It relates the conversion of a hard-core Muslim youth to Christianity.

With the present onslaught of terrorists' outbreaks in America and around the world comes the urgent reminder of how everywhere people need the Lord.

Now, as we pray for the families who have lost loved ones to terrorism in America and around the world, let's examine some facts surrounding the terror.

Abraham's Family Feud

The family feud between Muslims and Jews, aka Arabs and Hebrews, is ancient. They have the same natural grandfather, Abraham. For a solution, reconciliation is required.

All the bombs and guns in the world won't do it. Isaac and Ishmael must come together in God's love and grace. Not all Arabs and Muslims are evil.

Conflict between the two natural sons of Abraham began from the very start. Genesis 21:9 says the conflict began just after Isaac was weaned: "Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking."

Galatians 4 tells us that Ishmael had been “born according to the flesh,” while Isaac had been “born according to the promise.”

Isaac replaced Ishmael as the favored son and heir. This, of course, made Ishmael jealous and bitter. As a result, he mocked and disdained his half-brother. Eventually, the situation became so intolerable that Abraham’s wife Sarah demanded that Ishmael and his Egyptian concubine mother, Hagar, be expelled permanently from Abraham’s family.

But YHWH loved Hagar and her son, and had mercy on them. He promised Hagar that her son would beget 12 princes who would become a great nation. Ishmael then went to live in the wilderness region of Hejaz in what became known as the Arabian Peninsula.

He indeed had 12 patriarchal sons who became associated with the peoples known as Midianites, Edomites, Egyptians and Assyrians. The Bible and Islamic tradition both agree that Ishmael became the leader of all the great desert peoples of the Middle East.

This jealousy and resentment between Sarah and Hagar and their sons Isaac and Ishmael created an unparalleled hate which has set off wars and atrocities for 4,000 years. In spite of wealth and blessings that God promised and still delivers to both Ishmael and Isaac, it is the title deed to the land of Israel, which God promised to Abraham’s lineage, that has been the source of the friction between the Jews and the Arabs right up to the present day.

The conflict extends even further to challenge the spiritually “adopted” sons of Abraham—the Gentiles who accept Jesus as God’s Son and Savior of Humanity.

“If you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise” (Gal. 3:29).

So the battle wages among humans over spiritual and natural inheritance. Satan wields weapons of strife, rejection, violence, hatred and a host of evils to divide God's people. We must resist this present evil.

A World in Trouble

Having explained all of this, there is still no excuse for terrorism. ISIS must go.

Yet lest we forget, ISIS is not the only threat to our nation and the world. Poverty, racism, domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual perversion, abortion and so much more are also rending the moral fabric of our world.

The Solution

With global threats, looming elections, war talk and the like, we must ask ourselves if human solutions will be enough to sustain our world. Is there more from heavenly corridors?

Social Justice Begins in the Womb.

"We cannot fight credibly against other social and moral evils, including poverty and violence, while we tolerate mass killings by abortion."—Blessed Teresa of Calcutta.

Acts 17:26 says we are one blood, one race.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Now more than ever we must cry out to God for deliverance. Pray for America and our world.