

Veterans Day

. . . For the Lord your God is He who fights for you, as He promised you. –Joshua 23:9

This week, we will celebrate Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor those who have served this country in the military. Many have sacrificed greatly to serve during difficult times. To our veterans, we express our appreciation.

We also express our gratitude to the Lord for His protection and care. This summer I heard a friend talk about God's divine intervention during the *Battle of the Bulge*. Mr. Ard volunteered to man a bazooka and was left behind when the rest of his company was later ambushed and completely wiped out. Another time during the battle, God provided a thick fog to hide him from the Nazis who were passing by only a short distance away.

When George Washington had four bullets go through his coat and two horses shot out from under him in the *Battle of Monongahela*, he gave God the glory: *"But by the all-powerful dispensations of Providence, I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation."*

In his Farewell Address, Joshua recounts how the Lord gave Israel the victory against tremendous odds because God fought for them. He tells the people, *"Therefore be very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses."*

We face an enemy today who would trap and trick us into turning away from the Lord. We need to be courageous to follow the teachings of God's word without compromise. *"Therefore take careful heed to yourselves, that you love the Lord your God"* (Joshua 23: 11).