

MercEmail A Weekly Devotional by Steve Higginbotham

“Hey, Hey, Hey, Goodbye”

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Nearly ten years ago, while Americans wept over the September 11th attacks on the United States, news crews in Palestine showed men and women dancing in the streets as they chanted, “Death to the USA!” At the time, I remember how amazed I was at such a calloused response by a people. However, last night it was our turn. After President Obama announced that Osama Bin Laden had been killed by U.S. military forces, men and women took to the streets outside of the White House and they chanted, “Nah, nah, nah, nah, hey, hey, hey, goodbye” and “USA, USA, USA!”

As I watched this reaction, I immediately recalled the words of the Lord when he said, “As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live...” (Ezekiel 33:11). In light of the Lord’s eternal perspective, you decide if such dancing in the streets is appropriate.

(Also, lest you think that I do not believe the actions taken by the U.S. Military were justified, I most certainly do. I just don’t think the reactions I’ve witnessed by some, and the words I’ve read by others are what they should be. If you would like to read a fuller explanation of this abbreviated post, go to my website at <http://www.preachinghelp.org>).

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