MercEmail A Weekly Devotional by Steve Higginbotham

"A Date That Shall Live In Infamy"

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Seventy years ago today, December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was bombed by the Imperial Japanese Navy. This attack caused the United States Congress to declare war on Japan, and precipitated the now famous statement by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Roosevelt declared that December 7, 1941, would be a date that would live in infamy. And he was right. Ever since that date 70 years ago, we take time to remember the "dastardly [FDR]" events of that date. From those who are old enough to remember the events, to beginning school children, we all are reminded or taught about the events of that date.

But if only "evil" would confine itself to a particular date on the calendar and leave us alone the rest of the time! But such is not the case. I cannot help but think that as God views it, there would be sufficient reason for him to declare that every date on the calendar is a "date that shall live in infamy."

FDR's speech played heavily upon the violation of the "innocence" of the United States in the unprovoked attack which cost 2,403 American lives that day. How much more validity does his point have when one considers the "innocence" of the more than 3,000 infants in the United States who lose their lives every day by the unprovoked attack of abortion. If the loss of 2,403 American lives on December 7, 1941 constitutes a "date that shall live in infamy," then tell me what the daily slaughter of more than 3000 innocent Americans for the past 38 years would constitute?

Friends, there's a war going on around you. There is an evil aggressor who seeks your destruction on many fronts. If you haven't yet declared war against this aggressor, for what are you waiting? Give it some thought.

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