



Anthem: Creation Will Be at Peace

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“The day the power of love overrules the love of power, the world will know peace.” Mahatma Gandhi

Power can be positive or negative. Power’s impact can be felt by people of all ages. When rooted in love and fairness, power is noble and can have a positive influence for peace. On the other hand, when rooted in personal desire and selfishness, power is detrimental and can lead to fights and quarrels.

James 4:1a – What causes fights and quarrels among you? NIV

James blames fights and quarrels on selfish desires.

Selfish desires may create conflict “within” as they consume our time, money, and energy.¹ Personal contentment is at risk. Selfish desires may also create conflict “without” as they affect relationships in homes, schools, workplaces, communities, nations, and the world. Harmony, goodwill, and the witness of a Christian lifestyle are at risk.

Personal desires are part of our human nature, and it is a blessing to have and do things we enjoy. However, the pursuit of our own desires and the control of these should be second after the seeking of God’s way and plan. With this order as our priority, God empowers us with a peace within that, in turn, has the power for positive influence on relationships with others.

The anthem text of “Creation Will Be at Peace” is based on Isaiah 11:6-9. The incredible image of peace given in this passage will come about with Jesus’ second coming. All creation and nations will know, praise, and serve God; creation will be at peace.

Prayer: Lord, for the blessings of this life that I enjoy, I thank you. For thinking only of my own desires, I ask forgiveness. May I use the power of Christ in me to promote goodwill, peace, and the love of God in this world.

Anthem Lyrics:

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;

in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.

The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed,

their young will play together; a little child will lead.

The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw.

They will war no more; a child will lead them all.

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in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.

Note: Repeated in the anthem is the phrase “in the holy mountain of the Lord.” A common theme in Isaiah, it occurs when depicting the coming of both Jews and Gentile to Jerusalem (Zion) in the last days.

... footnote *Zondervan Study Bible* Isaiah 2:2-4

¹Thomas Constable, Th.D. - <https://www.studylight.org/commentary/james/4-1.html#tcc>