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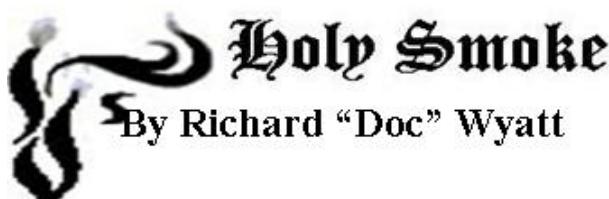
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Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning-hooks into spears. Joel 3:10

LET THE WEAK SAY: I AM STRONG

This may be a new twist on a familiar passage from Isaiah. Many may be tempted to ignore Joel's passage. But it's worth a serious thought.

Contrary to what we may think at first, Joel is not advocating war and violence. He is using the understandings of the day to communicate an important message about the character of God.

God is at work in the world. And God calls his people to participate in that work. This understanding is a familiar theme in our churches. Also familiar in our churches are the laments that: "We can't do that." "We don't have enough members." "We are too old." "We don't have enough money." "Everyone already has a church." Joel's message is that God gives us what we need...that we have what we need. Can't fight because we have no weapons? God says, you have what you need. You have plowshares! Make swords. You have pruning hooks! Make spears. You have what you need. Think. Quit your excuses.

Each church has strengths. Each church can do a ministry that God calls us to do. The task for each of us is to re-think, to take what God has given us and be fruitful. We are not weak. We are strong.

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