

He has given us the richest industrial and economic base on earth. The construction of homeland defenses would be very easy for us. It would even put many of our steel workers, construction workers, and farmers back to work.

America has been sent boats, helicopters, and even the knowledge required to stop the nuclear rain itself. What more can her people demand of God?

The Bible, especially the Old Testament, is filled with examples of the gruesome fates that befall people who fail to fulfill their responsibilities to provide for their families and civilizations. Secular history teaches a multitude of similar lessons about the past two millennia.

Still we have pastors and theologians who are unsatisfied. They refuse to accept God's gifts of knowledge and resources for defense.

If they wish to demand more of God; if they wish to perish unless God will personally send angels and pillars of fire to their liking; then let them suffer the consequences.

They have, however, no right to condemn America, its children, and its God-given freedom and civilization to a fiery nuclear death, because of the arrogant additional demands that they feel qualified to make of God.

If your pastor is preaching that there is no need to prepare defenses, because "God will take care of you," tell him about the gifts that God has already provided to do just that.

If he continues to preach this suicidal nonsense, find another pastor. Ignorance is tolerable sometimes, but not when it serves to lead people into horrible suffering, bondage, and death.

## **COMMUNITY ACTION**

Let us consider the people of Josephine County who have a strong local civil defense organization with passive community support. Regular meetings of like-minded people are enjoyable. It has been my experience that the kind of Americans who participate in these groups are people who are interesting to know and work with. But this is no social club. It faces problems that are not solved by charity events and enjoyable meetings.