

## Connect timeless truths with today's news.

**LESSON 13** 

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## UNTIL THE AXIS ENEMY IS DEFEATED

The movie *Oppenheimer* (which we are not endorsing) tells the story of Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, who led the American effort to build an atomic bomb before the Germans could do so. Historians have suggested that the US government needed Oppenheimer and his team to succeed in order for the Allies to win World War II, but in the decade afterward, he was not needed and was cast into suspicion as a Communist, as the World War ended and the Cold War began. For himself, Oppenheimer wished to turn control of all atomic weapons over to some neutral body like the United Nations to attempt to prevent a nuclear arms race.

## UNTIL THE LAST ENEMY IS DEFEATED

Jesus Christ is eternal and will reign forever. His mission on earth was to be not only deliverer but also conqueror, with the task of defeating sin and the devil and reconciling humanity with God. In our passage today, Paul explains that Jesus' role as God's war commander would continue until the very last enemy, death, was defeated. When his task is complete, he will lay aside that role, bow to his Father, and rejoin him in eternal majesty.

- 1. What do you think of the arguments for and against the use of nuclear weapons in WW2?
- 2. In what ways would the world change if all nuclear weapons disappeared today?
- 3. How do we reconcile the idea of Jesus as equal with God the Father and the fact that he submits himself to his Father, as seen in today's passage?

## **Additional Resources**

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