

# Psalms 68:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls,  
with the calves of the people, till every one submit himself  
with pieces of silver: scatter thou the people that delight in  
war.

## Analysis

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The 'company of spearmen' and 'multitude of bulls with calves' represent aggressive military powers and wealthy nations—both are rebuked. God scatters 'people that delight in war,' showing His opposition to those who love violence and conquest. Submission with 'pieces of silver' indicates tribute from conquered nations. God humbles proud powers, establishing His peaceful kingdom—ultimately through Christ, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).

## Historical Context

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Israel frequently faced invasion from militaristic empires (Assyria, Babylon, Rome). This psalm affirms God's ultimate judgment on warlike nations and vindication of His peaceful purposes.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's rebuke of those who 'delight in war' speak to contemporary military aggression and violence?
2. What 'bulls' (powerful forces) in your life need God's subduing hand?
3. How can you be a peacemaker in a world that delights in conflict and division?

## Interlinear Text

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גַּעַר	חֵית	קִנְיָה	עֲדָת	אַבִּירֵי	בָּעֶגְלֵי
Rebuke	the company	of spearmen	the multitude	of the bulls	with the calves
H1605	H2416	H7070	H5712	H47	H5695
עַם יִשְׂרָאֵל	מִתְרַפֵּס	בְּרִצֵּי	כֶּסֶף	בָּזָר	
of the people	till every one submit	himself with pieces	of silver	scatter	
H5971	H7511	H7518	H3701	H967	
עַם יִשְׂרָאֵל	קִרְבַּת	יִחְפְּצוּ:			
of the people	in war	that delight			
H5971	H7128	H2654			

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