

SHOULD CHRISTIANS GO TO WAR?

(All our VETERANS who fought in America's wars may have taken the lives of other men.)

How do we reconcile this with "Thou shalt not kill"?

Does our government have the responsibility to protect us from those who seek our destruction?

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TEXT: Romans 12:17-21

1. Is Human government ordained of God? (YES)

- a. It began in the days of Noah (Gen 9)
- b. God gave Nebuchadnezzar a kingdom (Dan. 2:37-38)
- c. God removeth kings and setteth up kings (Dan. 2:21, 4:25)
God raised up Persian, Greece, and Roman empires. He raised up France, Great Britain, and yes the United States.

2. Does God ever take life? (YES) The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away.

- a. God is the author of life. Man is his divine creation (Job 10:9-12)
- b. God takes lives in judgment for sins. All men die because all have sinned.(Rom. 5:5)
 - i. God took the lives of the two sons of Judah (Gen. 28)
 - ii. God smote King Uzziah when he reached forth his hands and touched the ark.
 - iii. God killed 185,000 Assyrians in one night.
 - iv. God killed the firstborn in Egypt.
 - v. God killed Ananias and Sapphires in Acts just for lying
 - vi. God killed all the Sodomites with fire and brimstone in one moment in (Gen.19).

3. Is all killing murder? (NO)

- a. Ex. 20:13 "Thou shalt not kill" means thou shalt not commit murder. **All murder is killing but not all killing is murder.**
- b. To take a life unintentionally is not murder. (Numbers 35:9-35, 16-18)
- c. Killing by an individual except for defense is prohibited
- d. Killing by a nation is permitted

4. Does God authorize Human governments to take life? (YES)

- a. To take a man's life in capital punishment is not murder. (Gen. 9:6) It is not done by the volition (will) of man but by the will of God. (Ex. 21:12)
- b. To lynch a man is murder; to execute a man under government authority is not murder.
- c. A Christian may be an officer of the law
- d. A Christian may be a judge that sentences a man to die
- e. A Christian may be a paid executioner

To maintain a healthy body- you must get the cancer out of the body to protect the rest of the body. God has granted governments the right to cut out cancerous growth to preserve healthy society. MURDER, ADULTERY, and HOMOSEXUALITY (Sodomites) will destroy a nation from within.

David as a king could go to war and kill the enemy, but when he killed Uriah he was charged with murder.

5. Should nations ever declare war? (YES)

Two cause that bring war.

- a. Man's sin
- b. God's wrath

When it's nation against nation it should be from a defensible position

6. Does God enjoy war? (NO)

- a. God hates sin
- b. God hates war
- c. God hates Hell

**BUT HE USES IT TO ACCOMPLISHES HIS WILL AGAINST
MAN'S REBELLION**

- d. War is God's judgment on national sin **HERE**
- e. Hell is God's judgment on unbelieving man **HEREAFTER**

A good Christian policeman may love criminals but not the crimes they commit, but that does not mean he should not bring them to justice.

A man may go to Hell unsaved, but he does not go unloved.