



BATTLES BELONG TO GOD

"For the battle is not yours, but God's!" - 2 Chron. 20:15

The Battle for the Soul of America



Series Overview: Spiritual warfare has been around since the Garden of Eden. Satanic forces and Spiritual forces have been waging battles throughout biblical history and continue today in various forms of global warfare, cultural conflicts, power hungry despots, false philosophies, perverted morals, all leading to a denigration of Almighty God! While God is still the God of all nations and wants people everywhere to be saved, we are going to take a hard look at our beloved country in light of the moral and spiritual decline that has opened the door to Satan's schemes. But the end result is well-known to the students of the Bible – **Battles belong to God and He will always be the Victor!**

#3 – A CALL FOR MORAL PURITY

Paul wrote in *Galatians 5:19-22* – *"The **acts of the flesh** are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God."* The battle of the flesh has never been greater nor more threatening than today's world!

1. OLD TESTAMENT BATTLE – JOSHUA FIT THE BATTLE OF **JERICO**

Joshua chapter 6 – *"The Lord said, 'See, **I have delivered** Jericho into your hands...' and save Israel.*

- *Chap 1-5* Preparation for the 1st conquest of Canaan – Joshua's challenge to be fit for the battle 1:5-9
- *6:1-5* Another one of God's crazy, hard-to-understand battle plans!
- *6:16-17* *"Shout! For the Lord **has given you** the city...and all that is in it are to be devoted to the Lord"*
- *6:20-21* The battle plan worked perfectly – the massive walls collapsed as God had promised!

The Keys to Victory: **COURAGE AND TOTAL TRUST**

2. NEW TESTAMENT WARNING – A NEED FOR GOD'S **WRATH** THEN AND NOW

Romans 1:18-32 – *"futile, foolish, darkened...**God gave them over** to:*

√Sinful desires > sexual impurity > degrading of their bodies > shameful lusts > depraved minds

3. TODAY'S THREATS #3 – THE THREAT OF SEXUAL **SINS** & **INDULGENCES**

America, forgetting that past civilizations have been destroyed by **sexual indulgences**, refuses **sexual restraint!**

It is time for God to work through the body of Christ to stand and speak against the following perversions:

- **FORNICATION** is immoral! *1 Corinthians 6:15-18*
- **ADULTERY** is immoral! *Leviticus 20:10; Hebrews 13:4*
- **PORNOGRAPHY** is immoral! *Romans 1:28 (mind); 1 Tim. 1:10 (perverts), Matt. 5:28*
- **HOMOSEXUALITY** is immoral! *Romans 1:24-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Jude 7*
- **(L G) B T Q ++** is immoral! *Gen. 1:27; Leviticus 18 (at least 18 sins listed + reason)*
- **SAME SEX MARRIAGE** is immoral! *Matthew 19:4-6; Genesis 2:21-25*
- **VULGARITY** is immoral! *Proverbs 2:12, 4:24, 8:13, 10:31, 19:1*
- Other: child porn and sexual abuse, sex trafficking, incest, orgies, strip clubs, *"invent ways of doing evil"*

4. SPIRITUAL SOLUTION #3 – **PURITY** AND **RESTRAINT**

"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you...Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn, and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom..." James 4:7-10

*Following God's moral system allows you to know the "value of **restraining sensual indulgence**." Colossians 2:23*

"Where there is no revelation of God and His Word, the people are unrestrained (run wild). Proverbs 29:18 (AMP)