



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!**

#1 – A CALL TO GLORIFY GOD

In the founding of the United States, there was a "calling" to exalt God, honor the Bible, and restore religious freedoms. Due to obvious deviations from that noble goal, we will be considering each week 4 things: **one**, what we learn from the Old Testament victories God brought to the Israelites; **two**, the stern warnings in the New Testament about the "last days"; **three**, five of the most dangerous threats to American freedom and its spiritual leadership; and **four**, the major "takeaway" that needs to be implemented by faithful Christians all over the world to bring peace out of chaos!

1. OLD TESTAMENT BATTLE - **JEHOSHAPHAT, KING OF JUDAH**

2 Chronicles 20

- 1-4 Fear of enemies
- 5-13 The concern of the King – appealing to God
- 14-19 The Holy Spirit intervenes
- 20-30 An incredible victory by the oddest of battle plans!

The Keys to Victory: **FAITH FORTIFIED BY PRAISE**

2. NEW TESTAMENT WARNING – HYPOCRITICAL, DETACHED **LEADERSHIP**

Matthew 23 – The Seven "Woe's" Jesus pronounced upon Pharisees (Q – What if Jehoshaphat had been stubborn?)
Most every problem today in homes, businesses, organizations, and governments go back to their leadership.

3. TODAY'S THREATS #1 – THE THREAT OF **ISLAM** AND WORLD RELIGIONS

Q – Is today's war in Iran about Israel, oil, the price of gas, nuclear weapons, Trump's legacy, or something more?

Genesis 25:18 – "And they ***lived in hostility*** toward all the tribes related to them." Who is "they"?

What do most "world religions" have in common? Wrong **GOD**; No **SAVIOR**; Reject **BIBLE**

Acts 17:16-31 – "So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship – this is what I am going to proclaim to you."

John 14:6 – "I am the way and the truth and the life. **No one comes to the Father *except through me*.**"

Acts 4:12 – "Salvation is found in **no one else**, for there is no other name by which we must be saved."

4. SPIRITUAL SOLUTION #1 – PRAISE, **WORSHIP** AND **GLORIFY (EXALT)** GOD

Q – How can praise and worship change anything, make any kind of significant difference?

The ultimate act of worship is seen in Romans 12:1-2 – "***I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.***" Paul goes on to say, "***Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing, and perfect will.***"

When this kind of glory and praise is offered, then the promise of the "Battles Belong to God" come true as stated in Roman 8:31-39 – "***In all thing we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.***"