



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!**

#4 – A CALL TO HONOR GOD'S PLAN

God had a plan. God created the world. Then God made a man. But *"it was not good for man to be alone"*, so God made a woman. God had a plan for marital fidelity and family commitment to bring children into this world, thus fulfilling God's plan to *"Be fruitful and increase in number,"* so that through the family, the world would be blessed and humans would *"rule over every living creature."* But soon, sin entered the world and husbands, wives, sons, and daughters would soon seek their own will over God's plan. Families would be divided while the world went into chaos!

1. OLD TESTAMENT BATTLE – A BATTLE IN **KINGS DAVID'S** FAMILY

- 2 Samuel 11-12 David's troubles began with his own sin and the death of a baby
- 2 Samuel 13 One son raped his sister, hatred from another brother led to his death
- 2 Samuel 14-18 The insurrection of Absalom against his father's kingship leads to his death!
- 2 Samuel 22 In spite of failures and grief, David showed signs of repentance and praise.

The Keys to Victory: **SEEK GOD – HE WILL ULTIMATELY BLESS!**

2. NEW TESTAMENT WARNING – SOLID **MARRIAGES** AND **OBEDIENT KIDS**

Ephesians 5:25-33 Key to Marriage – a picture of Christ for his church (picture of Love & Respect)

Ephesians 6:1-4 Key to Parenting – honor, training, and instruction (picture of Christ-like disciples)

3. TODAY'S THREATS #4 – THE DETERIORATION OF AMERICAN **FAMILY LIFE**

You can make a long list of issues that threaten the safety of the American lifestyle (moral decay; family strife; school shootings; sexual confusion; disrespect for authority; teenage crime; young minds shaped by video games; young adults influenced by secular progressivism; shattered dreams; anger and hatred in our homes; etc.) and understand the following list of where and how this all developed:

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| → <u>DIVORCE – the common option</u> | → <u>LGBTQ FAMILIES</u> |
| → <u>CO-HABITATION</u> | → <u>RELINQUISHING RESPONSIBILITY</u> |
| → <u>UNWED MOTHERS</u> | → <u>FAILURE TO DISCIPLINE</u> |
| → <u>ABSENTEE FATHERS-SINGLE PARENTS</u> | → <u>CLUELESS PARENTING</u> |
| → <u>LATCHKEY KIDS</u> | → <u>WEAK TRAINING</u> |

4. SPIRITUAL SOLUTION #4 - **SUBMIT TO AND HONOR GOD'S PLAN!**

"For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose (plans)." Philippians 2:13

"Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure." Hebrews 13:4

"Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but discipline will drive it far away." Proverbs 22:15

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

"What does the one God seek? Godly offspring. Be on your guard; do not be unfaithful to your wife." Malachi 2:15