

Sermon Notes

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Always at War? Nation vs. Nation

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- I. Sermon Series: Always at War?
 - A. What wars were heavily supported?
 - B. What wars were controversial?
- II. Just War Theory
 - A. Premise: All war is evil
 - B. War is to be avoided, only as a last resort
 - C. High probability of success
 - D. Limited use of preemptive strikes
 - E. Only competent authority can authorize war
 - F. It must be proportional
 - G. It must minimize non-combatant casualties
- III. The Right of the State to Take Up the Sword
- IV. The Test: The Battle of Jericho
 - A. The Promise in Genesis 12
 - B. The return to the Promised Land after 450 years
 - C. The Battle of Jericho

When the trumpets sounded, the army shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the men gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so everyone charged straight in, and they took the city. They devoted the city to the Lord and destroyed with the sword every living thing in it—men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep and donkeys.

- V. The Response to the Skeptics
 - A. God commanded it
 - B. It was a small skirmish
 - C. During a violent culture
 - D. “How much cancer do you want?”
- VI. The Cross: Epitome of Just War