

Matters of Life and Death #3

“Is War Ever Justified?”

selected Scriptures

More people were killed in w_____ in the 20th century than in any previous century in human history.

When it comes to war, some believe in *activism* (a_____ war is good), *pacifism* (n_____ war is good) or *selectivism* (s_____ war is good).

The Challenges of Ancient Wars

To begin with, God did not a_____ of all wars in the OT.

Genesis 14:8-20 - The first war in the Bible was Abraham coming to the r_____ of his nephew Lot and others kidnapped.

The conquest of Canaan was not “ethnic cleansing” or “genocide.”

They were not conquered for their ethnicity but for their e_____.

Even in the conquest God was g_____ and p_____.

We cannot do today what Israel did then because God was using them to p_____ the Canaanites for their sins.

The Concept of Acceptable Wars

Greek and Roman philosophers from before Christ came discussed what made war a_____ or not.

Christian leaders Augustine and Aquinas developed the theory of “J_____ W_____” criteria. A war is just when it is fought for a righteous c_____, by controlled m_____, and with a reasonable expectation of s_____.

Romans 13:1-7 - God established g_____ authorities.

The Complications of Advanced Warfare

Nuclear weapons can rarely (if ever) fall under “J_____ W_____.”

War is never g_____, but may be the lesser of two e_____.

Word Search - Psalm 33:12-22

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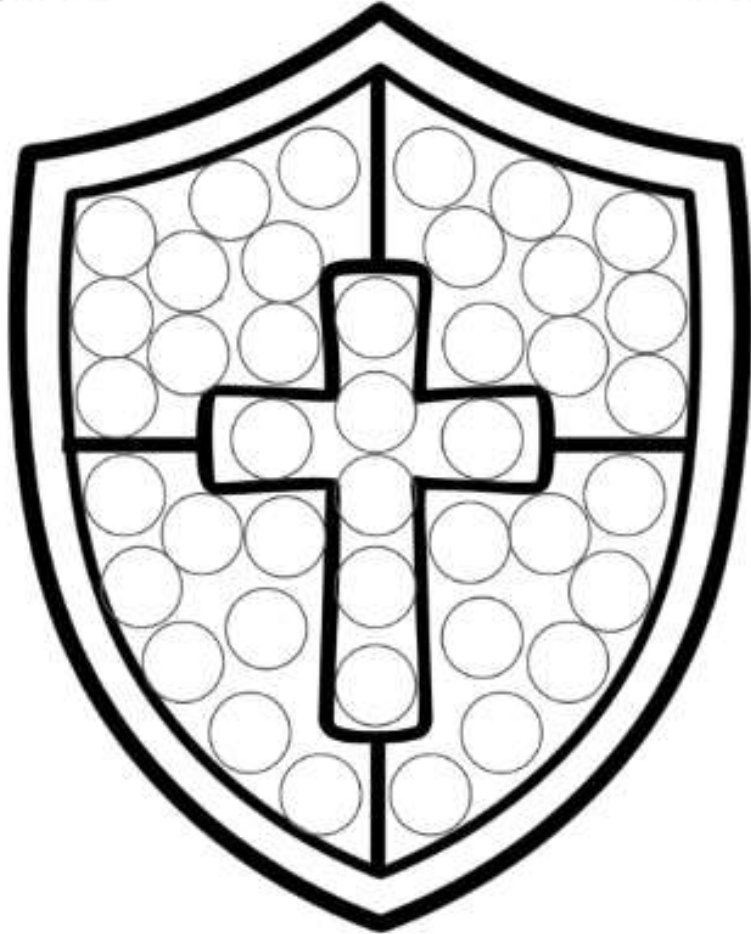
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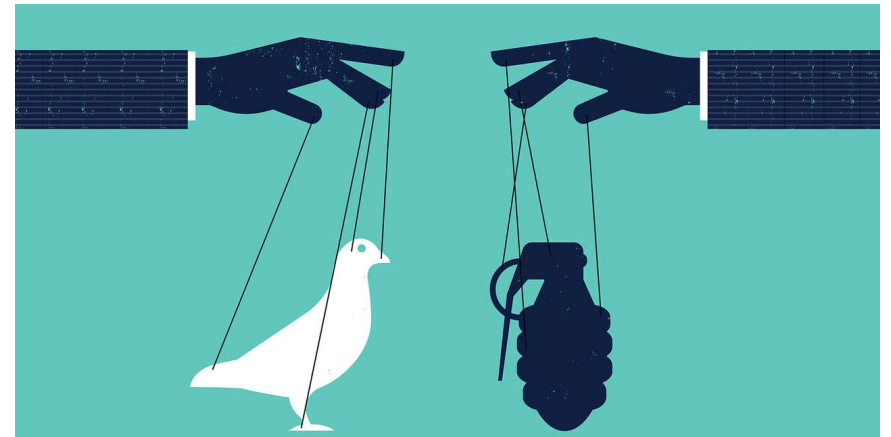
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GOD IS MY SHIELD



*We wait in hope for the LORD; He is
our help and our shield.
(Psalm 33:20)*

Is War Ever Justified?



*No king is saved by the size of his army;
no warrior escapes by his great strength.
A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
despite all its great strength it cannot save.
But the eyes of the LORD are on those who
fear Him, on those whose hope is in His
unfailing love.
(Psalm 33:16-18)*