

# Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

## Principles of War

- Warfare is a temporal life reality necessary to preserve the welfare of a nation.
  - The Lord promised that there will be wars and rumors of wars [Mark 13:7-8] until He returns and brings an end to warfare [Isa 2:4].
  - When warfare is just, it is of God [1 Chr 5:22] and is necessary in the defense of the freedom of the land [Num 32:5-23].
  - The welfare (peace/prosperity) of the nation provides for the welfare of the believer [Jer 29:7].
- Military service is completely compatible with the Christian faith.
  - In our lives there will be a time for peace and a time for war [Ecc 3:3, 8].
  - You shall not murder does not equate to you shall not kill [Ex 20:13].
  - Military service can be part of the temporal life obligations of the believer [Mt 22:21; Rom 13:7].
  - A believer who serves in the military and is engaged in warfare should be able to do so with complete confidence if he is walking with the Lord and trusting in Him [Deut 20:1-4; Ps 18:34; 144:1].
- While the believer's confidence is in the Lord, he should be realistic regarding the demands of war.
  - Warfare requires soldiers that are properly equipped [Num 31:1-8].
  - Warfare requires soldiers that are properly trained [Jdgs 3:1-2].
  - Warfare requires strategic preparation [Lk 14:31].
  - Warfare requires the total destruction of the enemy [Deut 20:10-18].
- Divine discipline will bring war upon a nation [2 Chr 16:9], military defeat [Lev 26:17-25] and even total disarmament [Jdgs 5:8].
- Divine blessing and protection come to a nation when believers are positive to the Word of God and are truly living as the salt and light [Isa 36:13-37:38].