

Sermon Notes with Pastor's Teaching Tool

RE-THINK – WORSHIP

Worshipping Warriors (Part XV)

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Psalm 149:1-9 (v. 6-9)

6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;

8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

**9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints.
Praise ye the LORD.**

PRAISE AND POWER PART #3

Teaching Purpose

Answers the question, “How should I understand this verse?” Is the passage dealing with a:

S	P	E	C	S
<u>Sin</u> to confess and forsake?	<u>Promise</u> to claim?	<u>Example</u> to follow?	<u>Command</u> to obey?	<u>Situation</u> or <u>State of mind</u> to avoid before it develops into a sin?

Sermonic Principle(s)

Answers the **Question**, “What’s in it, or What’s the take away for me?”

- 1) Psalm 149 was written by David, a shepherd / poet / musician / warrior and King
- 2) David was “A man after GOD’s own heart” (1 Samuel 13:14) / (Acts 13:22)

Sermonic Principle(s) - cont.

- 3) David was the servant of GOD that **experienced and expressed**
 - a) Praise and Power
 - b) Adoration and Adversity
 - c) Song and Sword
 - d) Worship and Warfare
- 4) **R / R / NF**....as with David so with every Child of GOD / Servant of GOD
- 5) Sometimes the Servant's **2-Edged Sword** is Literal and Deadly
- 6) Sometimes that 2-Edged Sword **MUST** be **Actively and Aggressively USED** against the enemy (enemies) of HIS KING and HIS PEOPLE
- 7) **R / R / NF**....that there is a TIME to KILL and a TIME to HEAL (Ecc. 3:3)
that there is a TIME to LOVE and a TIME to HATE
a TIME of WAR and a TIME of PEACE (Ecc. 3:8)
- 8) **R / R / NF**....that sometimes you and I **MUST FIGHT!!!**
....that there is a Biblical and Sacred Concept of **WAR!**
(A JUST WAR)

9) Consider the **Elements of A JUST WAR**

- a) We **MUST** be facing IMMIDENT DANGER....such that **FORCE** is both necessary and proportionate to the DANGER / THREAT!
- b) The WAR **MUST** have a “**JUST CAUSE**” (the defense of the common good / a response to a serious **INJUSTICE**)
- c) The WAR **MUST** be declared openly by the **Proper Sovereign Authority**
- d) The AIM of the **WAR MUST** be to Establish a “**JUST PEACE**”
- e) **FORCE MUST** be used “only” as a “**LAST RESORT**”
- f) The expected **BENEFITS** of the WAR **MUST** outweigh the anticipated **COSTS** of the WAR
- g) There **MUST** be IMMUNITY for all NON-COMBATANTS

10) **WTPT? HTPP?**

The Child of GOD....

The SERVANT of GOD **MUST**....

Possess....The **SPIRIT of The SON** to express **WORSHIP** and

The **SPIRIT of The SOLDIER** to execute **WAR!**

11) The Critical Question every SON and SOLDIER MUST Raise and Resolve...

Is there not a **CAUSE** ... **FOR** which You MUST FIGHT?
(1 SAMUEL 17:29)

a) Your Answers

I WILL FIGHT FOR...

- 1)...the **Innocence of my children** (which is the **foundation** of their **strength as adults**)
- 2)...the **Stability of the Family**
- 3)...the **Elevation of the Education of my children**
- 4)...my **Place in the Life of my Children** as their **Authority Figure and Image Maker**
- 5)...the **Life of the Unborn**

I WILL FIGHT FOR.... (cont.)

- 6)...the **Quality of Life** for the Aging **Elders**
- 7)...the **Centrality of Marriage** in the life of our **Families**
- 8)...the **Centrality of Families** in the life of our **Communities**
- 9)...a **Safer-Environment** for my children and grandchildren to grow in / learn in / and play in
- 10)...the **Right to Speak** and be **Heard** (Freedom of Speech)
- 11)...the **Support and Growth** of African-American **Institutions**
- 12)...the **Freedom to Live** my **Christian Values / Beliefs / Principles / Standards / and Expectations**
- 13)...the **Mutual Respect** between African-American **People**
- 14)...**Peace on Earth and Goodwill Toward ALL**

12) The Critical Question every SON and SOLDIER MUST Raise and Resolve...

Is there not a **CAUSE** ... AGAINST which You MUST FIGHT?

(1 SAMUEL 17:29)

a) Your Answer

I WILL FIGHT AGAINST....

- 1)...the **Arrogance** that exist in our so-called **Elected Leaders** (office holders)
- 2)...**Discrimination**...treating **People** disrespectfully because of their **Ethnicity / Sexuality / or Religious Beliefs and Practices**
- 3)...the **Current Toxic Cultural Environment** because of the dominance of **Secular Values**
- 4)...**Government Dependency** in African-American **People**
- 5)...**Medioracracy** being **Normalized** in the **Education and Behavior** of our **Children**

I WILL FIGHT AGAINST....(cont.)

- 6)...**Being Consumers** of Everything and never seeking to become **Producers** of Anything
- 7)...**Sexual Grooming** of my / our Children
- 8)...the **Indoctrination of** Our Children by the Public Education System
- 9)...the **Diminishing** of the Hopes / Dreams / and Goals of our Children
(Our People)
- 10)...the making and perpetuating of **Poor Moral Decisions**
- 11)...the **Gender Reassignment** of Children
- 12)...the **Gender Reassignment** of Anyone paid for with taxpayer funds
- 13)...the **Imposing** of LBGT-Plus values and practices on anyone (especially children)
- 14)...**Disinformation** by Media Outlets
 - social media / facebook / videos / Tik-Tok / Twitter
- 15)...the promotion and perpetuation of **Socialism** over **Capitalism**

I WILL FIGHT AGAINST....(cont.)

16)...Abortion

17)...Black on Black Violence

18)...Police Brutality Against All People

Young Son / Young Soldier

There is a “CAUSE” So....

Let the “Warfare” Begin!

BUILD & FIGHT

NEHEMIAH 4:17-18 (KJV)

¹⁷They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, **every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon.** ¹⁸For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me.

**BUILD TO LAST
FIGHT TO WIN**

