



The Lord's Day Evening — June 23, 2024

II. Biblical Perspectives on Contemporary Issues
"What the Bible Says About War"
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1. War is an Issue Today.

2. The Basic Bible Teaching About War:

- The source of war is human sin
- Warfare can be a necessary response to the misuse of force.
- Scripture does not endorse pacifism or forced conversion
- Theology proper: God is a warrior. He is willing to go to war to win peace.

3. Just War Theory Principles:

- Just cause: Response to real injury
- Legitimate authority declares war.
- Right intention. The goal is to restore peace and justice
- Last resort: Other options for peaceful settlement have failed.
- Proportion: Now wars over minor issues. The damage caused by the war should not exceed that of the original injustice.

4. Lessons:

- What does the Bible say about making peace?
- How can I apply just war theory...
 - To what I do?
 - To my goals?
 - To who I am?
 - To the right way to see the world?