

A Biblical View on Military Service

- We live in a sinful and war-torn world (Mark 7:21-22, Matthew 24:4-8)
- Fighting for a Moral Cause (Joshua 5:13-14)
 - Must be able to answer: “Is my nation and military seeking noble objectives?” If not, then the Christian must refuse to serve, at all costs, in a military whose aims are immoral or illegal.
 - Thankfully, America’s military objectives have been noble, let’s pray we continue to be ...
 - What about unlawful orders?

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- What else the Bible says:
 - “Not murdering” versus “not killing”: Exodus 20:13 says “Do not murder”
 - War exists (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 3, 8; Jeremiah 28:8; Revelation 19:11)
 - War will cease at the end (Revelation 21:3-5)
- Should Christians be involved?
 - Jesus said (no condemnation, commended for great faith) ... Matthew 8:5-13
 - John the Baptist said (no condemnation, gave guidelines) ... Luke 3:2-3, 7-8, 14)
 - Example of Centurion Cornelius ... devout and God-fearing ... opened door to Gentiles (Acts 10:1-8)