



## **“Culture War”**

*Fighting for a Change*  
*Deuteronomy 20:10-20*

### **A change in:**

#### **I. Strategy** – “if it make you answer of peace” (vs. 10-15)

*An appreciation for:*

- A. Peace** – “proclaim peace unto it”
- B. Partners** - “the people found therein shall be tributaries”
- C. Potential** – “but the women and little ones...take unto thyself”

#### **II. Separation** – “which they have done unto their gods” (vs.16-18)

*An awareness of :*

- A. Commands** - “as the Lord thy God has commanded you”
- B. Contamination** – “teach you not to do after...their abomination”
- C. Compromise** – “so should you sin against the Lord your God”

#### **III. Sustainability** – “thou shall not cut them down” (vs. 19-20)

*An approach that is:*

- A. Patient** – “When thou shall besiege a city a long time”
- B. Practical** – “for thou mayest eat of them”
- C. Protective** – “thou shall build bulwarks against the city”

## Sentence Sermon

*Christians who refuse to engage in the “culture war” are not glorifying God or loving their neighbors.* E. Reed

## Additional Verses

- *Deuteronomy 7:1-2*
- *I John 2:15-17*
- *II Corinthians 6:14-18*
- *Psalms 1:1-2*
- *Romans 12:2*
- *John 15:19*
- *I Peter 1:14-16*
- *I Corinthians 5:11*
- *II Corinthians 7:1*
- *Revelation 18:4-8*

## Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. What reason does God give for utterly destroying the Canaanites?
4. Why were some cities offered peace and not immediately exterminated?
5. What does it mean to sin against God according to this passage?
6. How can we apply the instruction in verses 19 and 20 to our lives?
7. What are some of the battles being waged in the culture war we find today?
8. How can we better engage others to advance our values in society today?
9. Are Christians losing the culture war? Why? Why not?
10. What are the important values of our culture that we should do battle for?