



Is Violence in the Bible Contradictory?

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RECONCILING THE LOVING HEART OF GOD WITH HIS COMMANDS TO GO TO WAR

1. GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER ALL OF _____

2. GOD'S JUST ACTION IS _____

J.I. Packer writes: *Would a God who did not care about the difference between right and wrong be a good and admirable being? Would a God who puts no distinctions between the beasts of history, the Hitlers and Stalins (if we dare use names), and his own saints, be morally praiseworthy and perfect? Moral indifference would be imperfection in God, not a perfection. But not to judge the world would be to show moral indifference. The final proof that God is a perfect moral being, not indifferent to questions of right and wrong, is the fact that he has committed himself to judge the world.*

3. GOD IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER

Hebrews 13:8 NLT

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

4. GOD IS EAGER TO EXTEND _____

Genesis 15:13, 16b NIV

Then the Lord said to him, "Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there.... for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure."

WHOSE SIDE ARE WE ON?

Joshua 5:13-14a NLT

When Joshua was near the town of Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with sword in hand. Joshua went up to him and demanded, "Are you friend or foe?"

"Neither one," he replied. "I am the commander of the Lord's army."