

**I. What do soldiers do?**

- A. Fight, kill, suffer and die.
- B. For their country.
- C. For their country’s cause.

**II. What should we do for soldiers?**

- A. Treat them fairly:
  - 1. Do not oppress them. (Deut. 20:5-9)
  - 2. Give them fair pay. (1 Sam. 30:21-25; Lk. 3:14; 1 Cor. 9:7)
  - 3. Send them to just wars. (Ex. 20:13; Nu. 1:9; Deut. 20)
  - 4. Do not betray them. (2 Sam. 11:14-21).
- B. Care for the wounded. (Lk. 10:30-37)
- C. Lament the dead (1 Sam. 31:11-13; 2 Sam. 1:17-27; 2 Chron. 35:20-27).
- D. Care for their widows and orphans (James 1:27).

**III. What soldiers cannot do.**

- A. Soldiers cannot free from sin’s power (Nu. 14:39-45; Ju. 20; 2 Sam. 10-11; Mt. 26:51-54; Eph. 6:10-17).
- B. Soldiers cannot free from sin’s guilt (Nahum 3:1-5).
- C. Soldiers cannot force the will of God (Acts 5:33-39; Jas. 1:20).

**IV. Soldiers and nations need the gospel.**

- A. Gratitude and honor aren’t everything.
  - 1. Soldiers have souls (1 Sam. 25:32-33)
  - 2. Soldiers know what they’ve done (2 Sam. 18:9-33)
  - 3. Speak the truth with each other (1 Sam. 25; 2 Sam. 11:25-27; 12:9; Eph. 4:25-32).
- B. Jesus judges and atones for the sins of nations (Ps. 2; Rev. 22:1-4).
- C. Jesus judges and atones for the sins of soldiers (Josh. 5:13-15; Rev. 1:16; Rev. 6:1-2; Rev. 19:11-19; Rev. 20:11-15).
- D. Jesus sets the oppressed free (Lk. 4:14-21).
- E. Jesus shows the way for those who have experienced violence. (Mt. 2:16-18; Mt. 14:1-13; Mt. 27:26-37)
- F. Jesus is the resurrection and the life. (Jn. 11:25-26)