



This Means War – Speaking Truth to a World that Lies  
Week One – The War Against God

## 01. INTRODUCTION

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Hello there, My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I want to welcome. I am so excited to kick off our series called This Means War: Speaking Truth To A Culture That Lies. I want to welcome everyone who's joining us this week here locally at one of our physical locations or just streaming us online. We're glad you're here.

**Guest Suite** – I would love to get to know you if I haven't yet and we would love to help you take your next step here at Vintage. Stop by the Guest Suite in the Commons.

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## 02. TRANSITION TO MESSAGE

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In this 5-part series we're going to take a Biblical look at winning the culture wars that surround us. We are living in a time where truth is being redefined by people who are waging war on Truth, family, education and government. It is a time where the culture of the World is at war with the culture of Heaven and depending on which culture you choose, is a matter of life or death, blessing or cursing.

**Deuteronomy 30:19 CSB** <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. **Choose life** so that you and your descendants may live.

### **Hosea 4:6 (CSB)**

<sup>6</sup>My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I will reject you from serving as my priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your sons.

During this series we are going to make the Biblical case that as Christians, we cannot sit idly by while this war rages. We cannot be Switzerland.

Like Joshua, when looking at the wicked world surrounding Him, He made a choice.

### **Joshua 24:14–15 (CSB)**

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, fear the LORD and worship him in sincerity and truth. Get rid of the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and worship the LORD.

<sup>15</sup>But if it doesn't please you to worship the LORD, choose for yourselves today: Which will you worship—the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living? As for me and my family, we will worship the LORD."

The goal for this series is to equip you so that you can engage the culture war. So that as Christians, we can grow in faith to challenge and lead the culture, not be led by it.

## **03. MESSAGE**

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Today we are going to talk about the foundation of this war, it is fundamentally a war against God and this war is not new.

### **The War Against God is the war against Biblical Truth.**

The enemy knows that when humanity aligns his life with Biblical truth, humanity is aligned with laws that govern life- there is less opportunity to

destroy. God created all moral, social and scientific laws. He gives humanity the choice as to whether to cooperate with it.

- **Biblical truth is discovered or revealed, it is not invented or reinvented. (more about this next week)**

**Example:** To illustrate this war think about a creator. A person who creates a product determines the purpose and functionality of the product. The product does not dictate how it's supposed to function or what it's purpose is.

But what if the product no longer believes that the creator created them? Instead, they were spontaneously created. Some big explosion started this whole thing, and I evolved. God and His word is now taken out of the mix and now man's thinking becomes the standard to live by.

**This is what happened beginning in the mid 1800's.** Darwin was a theologian and an amateur Biologist. In the course of His life, He lost a child to a severe sickness. He came to a conclusion, based on his loss and the sufferings he saw in the world, that there could not be a loving God.

In the book he wrote- The Origin of species, he conceptualized a world where life spontaneously came into existence, then changed over time by the forces of nature into the phenomenal, complexity and diversity of life including human beings.

Through his writing and lectures- a little at a time- it became planted into the minds of the **educated elite and worked it's way into every area of society.** Just 170 years ago creationism was taught in all of our universities; now only evolution is taught. This began by denying the existence of a creator. **Man's thinking replaced Biblical truth.**

Romans 1:20–21 (CSB)

<sup>20</sup>For his invisible attributes, that is, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, being understood through what he has made. As a result, people are without excuse.

<sup>21</sup>For though they knew God, they did not glorify him as God or show gratitude. Instead, their thinking became worthless, and their senseless hearts were darkened.

At one time they possessed an acquaintance, general knowledge or reverencing attitude of God, but lost dependency on God. The acknowledgement of God has become unfashionable as a result:

*And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused.*

**Dark and confused**-in the Greek it means ruined or error filled. So a person's reasonings, thinking process, calculations and deliberations is error filled. Error is released when a society puts God aside. This error fills every area of society. As a God rejecting society drifts further from God, they sink deeper into immorality and ungodly behavior.

Romans 1:22–27 (CSB)

<sup>22</sup>Claiming to be wise, they became fools

**They claim to be wise**- They claim to be on the cutting edge of a new future and a new order- progressive thinkers free of past moral restraints. They put themselves forward as leading the way for the rest of the pack. The word **wise** in the Greek is used to portray highly educated people- scientists, doctors, philosophers and teachers

<sup>23</sup>and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man, birds, four-footed animals, and reptiles.

<sup>24</sup>Therefore God delivered them over in the desires of their hearts to sexual impurity, so that their bodies were degraded among themselves.

<sup>25</sup>They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served what has been created instead of the Creator, who is praised forever. Amen.

<sup>26</sup>For this reason God delivered them over to disgraceful passions. Their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.

<sup>27</sup>The men in the same way also left natural relations with women and were inflamed in their lust for one another. Men committed shameless acts with men and received in their own persons the appropriate penalty of their error.

**Sexual revolution in the 60's, Homosexual revolution came next, now gender fluidity: FROG Boils when you put it in water and slowly over time increase the heat.**

Romans 1:28–32 (CSB)

<sup>28</sup>And because they did not think it worthwhile to acknowledge God, God delivered them over to a corrupt mind so that they do what is not right.

<sup>29</sup>They are filled with all unrighteousness, evil, greed, and wickedness.

They are full of envy, murder, quarrels, deceit, and malice. They are gossips,

<sup>30</sup>slanderers, God-haters, arrogant, proud, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

<sup>31</sup>senseless, untrustworthy, unloving, and unmerciful.

<sup>32</sup>Although they know God's just sentence—that those who practice such things deserve to die—they not only do them, but even applaud others who practice them.

Depicts a society that has been exposed to a negative spiritual influence for so long – and **in such heavy doses** that it has become compromised impaired ruined no longer trustworthy. It creates a way of thinking that is free of moral restraint. This is a society that no longer feels the pain or conviction of sin and numb to its consequences. They knew God but wanted what their imaginations instead.

What does this look like practically?

**The War Against God:**

### **1. The World is Blinded.**

2 Corinthians 4:4 (CSB)

<sup>4</sup>In their case, the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

- **Blinded:** Satan has intentionally gouged out the spiritual eyes of skeptics, unbelievers, and members of a morally depraved society, to such the degree that it has affected their ability to see things correctly. Their thoughts, reasonings, opinions, feelings, beliefs and

views of what they perceive and experience are impeded and obstructed- they are **blinded**.

## 2. Satan blinds through deception.

Revelation 12:9 (CSB)

<sup>9</sup>So the great dragon was thrown out—the ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the one who deceives the whole world. He was thrown to earth, and his angels with him.

## 3. Satan's deception shapes world culture.

Romans 12:1–2 (CSB)

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.

<sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

Our journey together over the next 5 weeks:

**SLIDE:** God, Truth, Family, Education, Government. (pyramid)

God created all these areas and they were designed to reflect His kingdom. Satan perverted each of these areas. In subtle ways and slowly the enemy presents ideas – little- seeds that are contrary to biblical truth or the culture of the kingdom.

Our world is in chaos because of man's thinking influenced by satan. Without biblical truth the enemy can control and manipulate humanity.

Matthew 24:3–4 (CSB)

<sup>3</sup>While he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached him privately and said, "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what is the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

<sup>4</sup>Jesus replied to them, "Watch out that no one **deceives** you.

Jesus listed many signs that would indicate that we were on the road to the end, but the first sign was wide scale world-wide deception.

**Deceive: to wander off course.** Jesus was saying: the first and foremost sign to alert us that the end was near would be a mass divergence from the truth of scripture **and** world-wide moral wanderings.

**Signs of the End Times** (Are we in the End Times, it is certainly your end time & believers throughout history have seen themselves in the final stages of God's plan on Earth)

Those who live in the very end of the age will see moral confusion in society.

Matthew 24:11–12 (CSB)

<sup>11</sup>Many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

<sup>12</sup>Because lawlessness will multiply, the love of many will grow cold.

**1. Wickedness:** without law, lawless, or no moral standard- it pictures a people who possess no fixed moral standards.

At the end of the age, society will throw off all previously agreed upon moral standards, all moral restraints, depart from God's established laws and forge an unrecognizable path of man's own making,

1 Timothy 4:1 (CSB)

<sup>1</sup>Now the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will depart from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and the teachings of demons,

**2. Deceptive & Seducing Spirits** – a deception, a moral wandering or a person or nation that has veered morally from a solid path and is now adrift. It also is translated delusion.

This turning away happens slowly over a period of time. It's backing away from Biblical truth and moving towards **something else- delusion**

**3. Delusion:** maintaining fixed false beliefs that are contradicted by reality or rational argument: (killing a baby after it's born)

A delusional person clings to a false belief even if he is confronted with evidence, fact, or proof that refutes his false belief.

2 Thessalonians 2:9–12 (CSB)

<sup>9</sup>The coming of the lawless one is based on Satan's working, with every kind of miracle, both signs and wonders serving the lie,

<sup>10</sup>and with every wicked deception among those who are perishing. They perish because they **did not accept the love of the truth** and so be saved.

<sup>11</sup>For this reason God sends them a strong delusion so that they will believe the lie,

<sup>12</sup>so that all will be condemned—those who did not believe the truth but delighted in unrighteousness.

Did you catch that? Because they had no love for the truth, God himself gave them what they wanted... a strong delusion.

He is essentially saying: "If you don't love the truth and want to be deceived, then I will help you get what you want."

See God never forces us into truth or deception.

In the end, we get what we want, and we do what we believe.

**But how does this happen:** hearing and hearing and seeing and seeing... It starts in the darkness of our own hearts but is fed and grown by culture.

Both the apostle Paul and Peter said that the last days generation of people will be a people who have generally lived disregarding all things sacred and spiritual.

**What is really going on?** Nullify the Word- it's the only way to be transformed. It's the only thing the enemy is afraid of – he loses control!

## **04. CLOSING & PRAYER**

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## What do we do?

John 8:32 (CSB)

<sup>32</sup>You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

1. Know what you believe.
2. Don't fear those who oppose you.
3. See people from the perspective of love.
4. Pray for those who are deceived.
5. Invite the Holy Spirit to reign in our culture.

Romans 8:19 (CSB)

<sup>19</sup>For the creation eagerly waits with anticipation for God's sons to be revealed.

**The question each of us have to answer is, are we eager?**

**Are we eager to see Jesus glorified in everything we do?**

**Are we eager to see others come to know him?**

**Are we eager to surrender and let him call the shots?**

**Let's Pray**