

WORTH DYING FOR

A soldier is someone who has given a blank check to his/her country worth everything up to his entire life.

A veteran is someone who has had that check cashed in with a price no one else can quite understand.

Fallen Heroes are those who
have had their check cashed
in at maximum value.

The children of the generation that takes for granted the price paid for their freedom will become the generation that has to pay that same price for the freedom it lost.



7 *Render to all what is due*
them: tax to whom tax *is due*;
custom to whom custom; fear
to whom fear; *honor to whom*
honor.

Romans 13:7

32 And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets,

Hebrews 11:32–40

33 who by faith conquered
kingdoms, performed *acts of*
righteousness, obtained promises,
shut the mouths of lions,

34 quenched the power of fire,
escaped the edge of the sword, from
weakness were made strong,
became mighty in war, put foreign
armies to flight.

35 Women received *back* their dead by resurrection; and others were *tortured*, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection;

36 and others experienced
*mockings and scourgings, yes, also
chains and imprisonment.*

37 They were *stoned*, they were *sawn in two*, they were *tempted*, they were *put to death with the sword*; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being *destitute, afflicted, ill-treated*

38 (*men* of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

39 And *all these*, having gained approval through their faith, *did not receive what was promised,*

40 because *God had provided something better for us*, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.

Martyr ("marturos")

A witness.

One who shows by his sacrifice that he believes what he preaches to be worth dying for.

If it's not worth dying
for, it's not worth living
for.

The generation that takes
for granted the price paid
for their freedom will
become the generation that
has to pay that same
price for its own freedom.

3 Then another sign appeared in heaven:
and behold, a great red dragon having
seven heads and ten horns, and on his
heads *were* seven diadems.

Revelation 12:3–13

4 And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.

5 And she gave birth to a son, a male *child*, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.

6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

7 And *there was war in heaven*, Michael
and his angels waging war with the dragon.
The dragon and his angels waged war,

8 and they were not strong enough, and
*there was no longer a place found for them
in heaven.*

9 And *the great dragon was thrown down,*
the serpent of old who is called the devil
and Satan, who deceives the whole world;
he was thrown *down to the earth,* and *his*
angels were thrown down with him.

10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night.

11 "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and **they did not love their life even when faced with death.**

12 "For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has *only* a short time."

13 And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, *he persecuted the woman* who gave birth to the male child.

There has been a real war
happening in the invisible realm
for thousands of years.
Untold millions have sacrificed
to preserve freedom for the
next generation.

Giving thanks for them, and taking up their baton in our generation, is the greatest love we can offer our children.

46 "*David* found favor in God's sight,
and asked that he might find a
dwelling place for the God of Jacob.

Acts 7:46–60

47 "But it was Solomon who built a house for Him.

48 "However, the Most High does not dwell in *houses* made by *human* hands; as the prophet says:

49 'HEAVEN IS MY THRONE, AND
EARTH IS THE FOOTSTOOL OF MY
FEET; WHAT KIND OF HOUSE WILL
YOU BUILD FOR ME?' says the Lord,
'OR WHAT PLACE IS THERE FOR MY
REPOSE?

**50 'WAS IT NOT MY HAND WHICH
MADE ALL THESE THINGS?'**

51 "You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did.

52 "Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? They killed those who had previously announced the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become;

53 you who received the law as
ordained by angels, and *yet* did not
keep it.”

54 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the quick, and they *began* gnashing their teeth at him.

**55 But being full of the Holy Spirit,
he gazed intently into heaven and
saw the glory of God, and Jesus
standing at the right hand of God;**

56 and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

57 But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one impulse.

58 When they had driven him out of the city, they *began stoning him*; and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

59 They went on stoning Stephen as he called on *the Lord* and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!"

60 Then falling on his knees, he
cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do
not hold this sin against them!"
Having said this, he fell asleep.

Martyrs:

1. Know and understand History, and are prepared to share in a way that gets to the heart of His truth.

Martyrs:

2. Know the truth well enough to represent the Kingdom of Light accurately when given an opportunity.

Martyrs:

3. Have overcome the fear of death, so they can fearlessly proclaim truth even when standing alone.

Martyrs:

4. Keep their eyes on Jesus when faced with death, being more fixed on His glory than on their executioner.

