

ELECTION SERMON

Psalm 2:1-11; 1 Timothy 6:1-21 / Psalm 24:1-10

I. Protect What You Have Received

A. Truth is not subject to opinion or focus groups. ***"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself."*** (1 TIMOTHY 6:3-5)

B. Stick to things which really matter; God doesn't have a lively interest in some of the things which excite the age in which we live. ***"O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:"*** (1 TIMOTHY 6:20)

C. Intellectually distracted people damage the Christian testimony; consider how petty yesterday's defense of cultural norms often sounds. ***"Which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen. The first to Timothy was written from Laodicea, which is the chiefest city of Phrygia Pacatiana."*** (1 TIMOTHY 6:21)

II. Measure Candidates Biblically

A. The sound and fury seem frightening. ***"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us."*** (PSALM 2:1-3)

B. God does not take great people and their great ideas very seriously. ***"He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."*** (PSALM 2:4-6)

C. Here is a bit of heavenly advice for people who think they and their policies are necessary. ***"Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and***

ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him." (PSALM 2:9-12)

D. Wise people calculate from things which are certain; God wins. "*Who is wise, and he shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the LORD are right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein.*" (HOSEA 14:9)

E. Do not give much credence to common human answers. "For when they shall say, *Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.*" (1 THESSALONIANS 5:3) "A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast: but *the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.*" (PROVERBS 12:10)

III. Here Are the Relevant Facts

A. The creator still owns and manages everything He made. "A Psalm of David. *The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.*" (PSALM 24:1-2)

B. Ultimately, the election that matters is the election of grace; only God's people go to heaven. "*Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.*" (PSALM 24:3-6)

C. Political platforms which ignore the great reality of God's revelation will toss people into eternal unhappiness; entrusting the nation's future to someone who enlarges the doors of hell could be a very bad move. "*He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*" (REVELATION 21:7-8)

D. Think twice before voting; don't waste a vote on an eternal loser. "*Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.*" (PSALM 24:7-10)

