

SABBATH THOUGHT 2024-11-02—WHO WILL BE ELECTED?

May God bless you on His Sabbath day!

The 2024 presidential election is a few days away and the entire world seems to be completely engulfed with feelings that this is either the beginning of the end or a possible reprieve for all of mankind. This is, perhaps, the most divided election in the history of this country.

Conservatives spend their time railing against the rampant lies on liberal media and beating the drum of God, family, and patriotism that long ago lost the audience of the younger generations that followed the Baby Boomers. The liberals' irrational hatred of Donald Trump is as intense as is their promotion of racism, perversion, hatred, injustice, and violence. They do not even try to hide their glee when attempts are made to assassinate the former president. Conservatives are frustrated because, regardless of how loudly they yell, liberals pay them no heed. Liberals have a captive audience who is only interested in anything that fuels their so-called righteous anger against Donald Trump.

The fact is that none of the voices are going to change the mind of any liberal or conservative. Each partisan group made their choice years ago. Only the few who wear the label of Independent are still trying to make up their minds. But they can never garner enough support for their own candidate and do not like either of the other two. A Democrat candidate is too liberal and the Republican candidate is too compromising. For independents, it is all or nothing. Either the candidate absolutely represents their cause du jour or not. They will even vote *against* the one that more closely represents their interests out of spite (or ignorance). Independents foolishly believe they have much of a voice. They think they can refuse to compromise on anything in politics and win. Most times they just make it harder for Republicans.

In many regards, the outcome of the election will be dull. If the Democrat wins, then the economy and society will continue to sink into the morass of economic, judicial, and geopolitical catastrophes. If the Republican is elected, there might be somewhat of an economic recovery and a slight reduction in the level of the political swamp but the abyss of government and non-government agencies, wealthy liberal elite, and permanent insiders is one that likely has no discoverable bottom.

There is no doubt that pure evil has infected a large portion of the population. Schools teach reverse discrimination and call it Critical Race Theory; corporations are run by the greedy woke idiots; perverted pro-transgender adherents indoctrinate and mutilate children; multi-trillion dollar government appropriations fund absurd programs and increase the unrepayable debt; conservatives are unjustly and viciously persecuted in courts while judges hold no one accountable and let criminals go free; weak US diplomats are confused about who are enemies; foreign policy actually funds the weaponry of our worst foes while our ally Israel is militarily hogtied by the government and persecuted under anti-Semitism; illegal aliens devastate the economies of cities where they rule the streets robbing and murdering; law enforcement officials are defunded, disparaged, and criminally

prosecuted for upholding the law; military leaders are inept cowards; etc. The list goes on and on and on. The outrage is real and justified.

However, it is too late for outrage. The problem is not the behaviors that result in so much madness, but the thinking behind it all. This had its beginnings at the start of the 20th century if not before. Up until now, the proponents of Marxism and Socialism over the years were a handful of mostly ignored authors and few of their followers. They conceived and debated their ideas in the darkness of backrooms filled with marijuana smoke. Today, however, a critical mass has been achieved in the numbers of people who are convinced that through chaos and lawlessness they can have power and wealth. Who can blame them? Those seeking power promote socialism to attract voters with free handouts. Those seeking wealth promote more government spending as the means to fund their personal bank accounts. These temptations have always been around but now they are mainstream practices. As the Bible says, "the love of money is a root of all evils" (1 Tim 6: 10).

Now that enough of the population has enjoined themselves to this wickedness—the practice of evil—everything that was established under rules of good and decent behavior is now at risk. The corruption behind elections is a prime example where a few people altered the outcome of entire federal elections. Wealthy elites install puppets who count the votes and judges to quash any complaints. Corruption is rampant in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the federal government. So, what is the solution according to conservatives? To reelect Trump and flood Congress with more Republicans who, by the way, never get along with each other so they are rarely a majority. If successful, they naively think they can restore the country by enacting more laws to prevent future illicit behaviors.

But what will that change? Seriously. Does anyone believe that trying to elect a Republican government every two to four years is effective or, for that matter, even possible? Why does anyone believe that legislating against Marxist or Socialist agendas is a solution? Those who scheme against conservative values have already demonstrated that they cannot be stopped by any of the millions of existing laws. Liberals in the justice system protect the criminals and traitors who, in turn, keep them in power by any means necessary. And greed keeps their numbers growing.

The problem is not criminal behaviors, it is wicked THINKING! With a critical mass of people who simply ignore the laws and are protected from punishment, laws are useless. It does not matter if the majority of the nation wants a return to a system founded upon "one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all." Those who reject the notion of societal laws, even if they are forced to abide by them, continue their rebellion in their *minds*. At their core, "every imagination of the thoughts of *their hearts is only evil continually*" (Gen 6: 5). They will never stop THINKING evil and they will never stop TEACHING their children to think evil. It does not require a majority of the population to be wicked to destroy a nation. Only enough to control the media, use violence, lie, cheat, steal, etc. and conservatives will be rendered helpless because they have no weapons to fight such evil. They still believe there is power in the rule of law. One side thinks that this fight has rules while the other ignores them completely. Eventually, liberals will win and establish laws that

support their evil ways. When that happens, the entire conservative population will be isolated in a mental prison of fear and impotence even though they might be the majority.

If the problem is a growing population of evil-thinkers, what can be done about it? Nothing. This nation legally removed the one deterrent to evil thinking back in 1962 and 1963 when prayer, and then the Bible, were banned in public schools. Without the Bible and a relationship with God, there is no way to instill right-thinking, much less RIGHTEOUS-thinking, in a nation. But well before the early 60s the mind and hearts of many were already rebelling against God. Once this nation eliminated God from everything, wickedness stepped in to replace Him. Parents long ago abdicated teaching their children to the government. The same thing happened to Adam and Eve—Satan successfully convinced Adam and Eve to change HOW they think. What was the solution? God eventually had to kill every single person on the earth except for righteous Noah and his family.

In this age of mankind, once a person begins to think evil, it seems there is no solution except to wipe them out. The alternative for mainstream Christians is a false hope that these people can be turned back to obey God and His Word with a fifteen minute sermon telling them “God loves you.” Does that sound like a possibility in today’s world? Absolutely not. “**Many are called, but few are chosen**” (Mat 20:16). Only those who follow the insatiable desire of God’s call to repent will change their hearts and minds. For this reason, there is coming a Day of the LORD—the vengeance of God—on a corrupt and evil-thinking world.

So, do not expect the elections this year to make a difference—or future elections. Do not look to Trump or any other person for change. Do not expect conservative masses to rise up and restore this nation to lawful obedience. As God says:

JEREMIAH 17:5 Thus says the LORD: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the LORD.”

The full list of those “curses” is in Deuteronomy 27-28. It is hard to read. There are twelve curses in chapter 27 and dozens more in chapter 28. Then there are the four groups of curses in Leviticus 26 where each curse is seven times more than the previous one. The last one promises cannibalism of children, death, and enslavement. Even all these are not enough to prevent the heart of mind of BOTH liberals as well as conservatives from rejecting God:

JEREMIAH 17:9 “The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked; who can know it?”

Do not expect this country to change for the better. Too many evil-thinkers abound and they are teaching their ways to the last few generations, the next generation, and every generation after that. No one can stop the rise of those that “draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin with cart ropes” (Isa 5:18). The end of all this is set. Change can now only come through their destruction by the vengeance of God, who

will start a new age with the few remaining people who have “a poor and contrite spirit and who tremble at My Word” (Isa 66:2).

The course of the wicked is plotted and their ship has sailed, but God will not let them reach their destination. God has planned from before the foundation of the world to create a family of righteous-thinking and love-filled children. God sacrificed His very own Son for that purpose and no one will prevent His victory! That is our hope ... our vision ... our salvation.

This election, whatever the outcome, will not change the fact that this country will fall. It cannot be saved. No president of the USA can stop the inevitable outcome. But that is actually the good news. The inevitable outcome of humans is a catastrophe but the inevitable outcome of God is salvation, eternity, peace, and joy. The end IS assured. Be “not doubting at all because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven by the wind and tossed to and fro” (Jas 1:6). Do not build your house upon the sand, but upon the rock who is Christ. Wait “for the city with the foundations of which God is the Architect and Builder” (Heb 11:10). God’s people just need to remember WHO is the source of their salvation and it is not a man:

PSALMS 121:1-2, 7 I will lift up my eyes to the hills– from whence comes my help?
2 My help *comes* from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. ... 7 **The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.**

Victory does not come through any person elected by people, but to those who are elected of God. Who will win the election are all those who are doing a:

1 THESSALONIANS 1:3-4 ... work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, 4 knowing, beloved brethren, **your election by God.**

May God’s grace and peace be upon you!

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