

“HOW SHOULD CHRISTIANS VOTE?”

Psalm 33:1-22

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**INTRODUCTION – OUR NOW...IS NOW!**

In 1985 Richard Pryor and John Candy starred in a movie entitled “Brewster’s Millions” Richard Pryor played a minor league baseball player who wanted to play in the major leagues. In the movie Pryor was to spend \$30 million dollars in 30 days in order to inherit \$300 million dollars. The catch was he could not tell anyone of this arrangement. So in order for Pryor to spend the \$30 million he enter into the political area on the platform of **“None Of The Above”**.

**Welcome to the season of political bickering, which has become our number 1 pastime in American.**

**Note our text in Psalm 33:1-22**

Note a few things we taken from the book entitled “How Should Christians Vote” By Doctor Tony Evans

“Many, if not most, Christians begin with the wrong question of **who they should vote** for rather than the more important question of **how they should vote**. Asking the correct question is fundamental to knowing how to arrive at the correct answer. Yet where do we often go for answers as a nation when there is chaos in our country? Where do we turn for solutions when we are experiencing moral, social, and economic decline at a rate that is able to destroy our country before our youngest generation even has a chance to grow up? What do we do when divisions, debt, and our own internal protests across our land threaten what little stability we have left?

**What most Christians do, unfortunately, is change books.** When it comes to politics and elections, far too many Christians spend more time appealing to family, history and tradition, culture, racial expediency, and personal preference than they do to what the Bible teaches. While Scripture is good enough for individuals, families, and churches, it seems that somehow it has been deemed insufficient for how we respond to politics and government. My fellow believers, it is time to return to the Book. It is time to look to the one source that holds the answers for how our country should operate, the Bible.”

**“GOD IS IN CHARGE, AND ALONE SITS AS THE ULTIMATE GOVERNMENT OVER HIS CREATION.”**

**Romans 13:1-2**

Phillips New Testament (PHILLIPS)

**Every Christian ought to obey the civil authorities, for all legitimate authority is derived from God’s authority, and the existing authority is appointed under God. To oppose authority then is to oppose God, and such opposition is bound to be punished.**

“God cannot be removed from believers’ involvement or representation in government because laws are made based on belief systems. Since the Christian’s belief system or worldview is to be **derived from the Bible, then out of necessity it should inform our politics and therefore should inform our vote.**

**As a Christian, you cannot discuss government without discussing God. This is because government is a divinely ordained institution.** Problems arise **when people adopt the institution of government but dismiss the divine Ruler over government.** Many people want “God bless America” today. They just don’t want “One nation under God.” “The issue is that **you can’t have one without the other.** God has given us the freedom to choose whether or not we will be one nation under Him—whether we will recognize His rule and operate underneath it. But with that choice comes either “God bless America,” or not.

**God only promises to bless the nation that recognizes His authority (Psalm 33:12). Freedom means you get to control the choice, but because God is the sovereign ruler over His creation you don’t get to control the consequences.** He will rule by either endorsing your choice, or He will rule by allowing you to have the consequences of a decision made against Him.”

**So, what do we do as Christians?**

- I. **Our Relationship With Civil Government?** – Romans 13:1-7
- A. Our true citizenship -**Philippians 3:20; 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:11**; Hebrews 13:14; John 15:19; Mark 16:15
  - B. We are nether Democracies nor Republicans...**We are Christians!** – 1<sup>st</sup> John 3:1
  - C. God condemns **“division”** among the saints – 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:10-13; 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:1-2
  - D. Christians must pray for and be thankful for the leaders of the kingdom of men – **1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:13-14**

II. **What About Voting?**

A. **Simple Definition of “VOTE”**

The official choice that you make in an election, meeting, etc., by casting a ballot, raising your hand, speaking your choice aloud, etc.

Every 4 years or every two years (mid-term elections) the people of the US cast their ballot for a candidate to be their representative in office. The Evangelical Vote according to 2015 Gallup Poll is 41% of adults who say they are Christians. That is a large prize for politicians to grab. Therefore, when we cast our vote we are giving that person permission to be our representative and we become part of the political process – **Note Colossians 3:17**

Understand, when we vote we become complicit or involved in the decisions of our representatives good, bad, and ungodly. Understand this also, that the kingdom of men is not set up to offer everything under the sun. Candidates will promise everything and they will do anything to get our vote, even lie to us.

III. **So, What Do We Do?** – Psalm 33:8-12; 16-22

- A. Look at the policies. If we search their web site, we will see maybe 30-40 policies
- B. **God’s List** – (See Exodus- Deuteronomy)
  - 1) God gave 613 laws to Israel that dealt with;
    - Taxes, Debt , Economy, Welfare, Health Care, Education, Immigration, War-Military, Foreign Relation, Environment, and Criminal Justice
- C. The Heart of the Law was “The Ten Commandment”

Exodus 34:27

New American Standard Bible (NASB)

27 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Write down **these** words, for in accordance with **these** words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.”

**Let’s Look At A Few – Exodus 20**

- 1) “I Am The Lord God” – Exodus 20:2 – “Public Religious Acknowledgment and Conscience”
- 2) “Not Commit Adultery” – Exodus 20: 14 – “Marriage Protection” (A Man and A Woman)
- 3) “You Shall Not Murder” - (shedding innocent blood) – Exodus 20:13 – “Abortion”

**Proverbs 14:34**

**New American Standard Bible (NASB)**

<sup>34</sup> Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a disgrace to *any* people.

**A Few More**

- 1) Policy of Picking Judges – Psalm 33:1-12
- 2) Policy With Israel – Genesis 12:1-3

**CLOSING**

Believers will knock on doors, talk about the election and will not bring up Christ. Believers will pass out flies for the kingdom of men, but will not pass out a tracks for the Kingdom of God. Believers will post a sign on their lawns, but will not be a sign for Christ. And believers will become angry over a neighbor’s party affiliation rather being concerned about their soul.

We Have Been Manipulated - 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:1-8

Note Psalm 33:1-22

**NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION, COME TO JESUS NOW!**