

# THE CHRISTIAN IN THIS WORLD

AN ELECTION SERMON ON THE CALL TO BE SALT AND LIGHT IN A WORLD CONDEMNED

## PSALM CHAPTER 11:1-5

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## “UNDERSTANDING WHERE YOU BELONG”

An exhortation to the Church to fulfill its proper calling  
to be a Biblical influence for righteousness in the last days

### SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

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**Introduction to the Text;**

**Psalm 11:1-5**

There is no Paramount Greater than  
the Proclamation of the Gospel  
followed next by the Command of Christ to Make a Disciple of Them.

But after a man is rescued from his sins and becomes  
a follower of Jesus Christ, what then? - - He is then taught the Bible and then  
instructed to put his or her faith into practice – This is Christianity.

And in so doing - the world that surrounds that believer –  
will be influenced by the life, conduct and witness of that believer. This truth is so  
powerful that one man or woman can change the course of history;  
and the Bible is full of examples of that very thing.

### **Romans 12:1-2 NLT**

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because  
of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find  
acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. 2 Don't copy the behavior and  
customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the  
way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and  
pleasing and perfect.

America is about to choose for herself her Leadership.

America is approaching an Intersection.

And it's an Intersection that requires each us to make a decision, not on behalf of our own interest or the interest of our State – Not even the interest of our Nation - - but for the interest of God !

### Psalm 11:1-5

**In the LORD I put my trust;** How can you say to my soul, “Flee as a bird to your mountain”? **2** For look! The wicked bend their bow, They make ready their arrow on the string, That they may shoot secretly at the upright in heart. **3 If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?** **4 The LORD is in His holy temple, The LORD’S throne is in heaven;** His eyes behold, His eyelids **test** the sons of men. **5 The LORD tests the righteous,** But the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates.

**In his 3,000 year old Psalm, King David may very well be encapsulating what lay in store for the USA.**

(1) the state of our nation, (2) the condition of our culture, (3) and the witness of **The Christian In This World.**

**But What Will Guide America’s Selection Process ?**  
**How** will America vote and for **what** reasons will she vote.  
**What** logic will she apply to her selection of our next President?

“Every nation has the government it deserves.”  
- French Philosopher Joseph de Mai’sre

## THE CHRISTIAN IN THIS WORLD **UNDERSTANDING WHERE YOU BELONG**

### 1.) What does it mean to vote ?

**it means to select, to choose, to appoint others** to the stewardship of your general welfare. It is the implementation of the will of the people recognized by the majority, under the law.

### Deuteronomy 16:18-20

You shall appoint judges and officers in all your gates, which the LORD your God gives you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with just judgment. {19} You shall not pervert justice; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and twists the words of the righteous. {20} You shall follow what is altogether just, that you may live and inherit the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

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### 2.) Is voting a Biblical concept ?

Thomas Jefferson, in his First Inaugural Address, enumerated what he called **'the essential principles of our government ... which ought to shape its Administration.'** stating:

"These principles form the bright constellation which has gone before us and guided our steps through an age of revolution and reformation. The wisdom of our sages and blood of our heroes have been devoted to their attainment. They should be the creed of our political faith, the text of civil instruction, the touchstone by which to try the services of those we trust; and should we wander from them in moments of error or of alarm, let us hasten to retrace our steps and to regain the road which alone leads to peace, liberty, and safety."

#### John Adams

Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people.

It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.

**When asked "How is it that the American Experiment and It's Constitution should be different from all other forms of government hitherto?"**

- It acknowledges that individual rights are derived from the Creator.
- It is based on enduring principles compatible with "the laws of nature and of nature's God."
- It recognizes human imperfection and that a tendency to abuse power is ever present in the human heart.

"Our government is to restrain those in power through a written Constitution which does carefully divides, balances, and separates the powers of the government and then intricately knits them back together again through a system of checks and balances by those elected by we the people."

#### Exodus 18:20-21

And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do. 21 Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

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### 3.) To vote or not to vote, what is a Christian to do ?

Why would God be the Author of human government and then have His people not get involved in it?

**if you live in a democracy and you have the liberty**

and opportunity to vote; - - it is not only the duty for the Christian to vote – it's our ministry on behalf of our nation to vote !

**Matthew 22:21**

Jesus said; "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's,

But Pastor - How do I answer the bombastics and the foul language that is flooding the airwaves and news these days in the debates and on the campaign trail?

**Jeremiah 17:9-10**

"The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? **10** I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.

**Proverbs 6:16-19**

16 These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: 17 A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, 18 A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, 19 A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.

We have lost the appreciation and the responsibility of what it means to be a people who have been granted the freedom of choice.

**Acts 6:3**

Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, **whom we may appoint over this business;**

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**4.) What about the will of God and my vote ?**

**did you know that God expects you and I**  
to know what His will is and to align ourselves with His will ?

**What does the Bible say about a candidate who;**  
Has a voting record to murder a **preborn child** in the womb  
and brazenly campaigns on that party's platform?

**What does the Bible say about a candidate who;**  
Has a voting record rewarding people **for not wanting to work** with their own  
hands and to contribute to the common good of the nation?

**What does the Bible say about a candidate who;**  
Votes to abolish 5,000 years of the God-ordained **institution of marriage** and cast  
the culture to the wind?

**What does the Bible say about a candidate who;**  
Votes to use Israel as a political pawn, a play thing to gin up financial support  
only to **throw Israel** under the bus at the first chance?

**I wanna make this loud and clear.**

No nation in the history of mankind has amounted to much that has  
mistreated Israel.

Israel T-Shirt

[http://www.judaicawebstore.com/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/T/h/The-Jewish-People-Vs-Historical-Empires-T-Shirt-Black\\_large.jpg](http://www.judaicawebstore.com/media/catalog/product/cache/1/image/9df78eab33525d08d6e5fb8d27136e95/T/h/The-Jewish-People-Vs-Historical-Empires-T-Shirt-Black_large.jpg)

**Genesis 12:3**

I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the  
families of the earth shall be blessed."

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**5.) Is God political ?**

**if you're asking if God is a republican or a democrat,**

**He is not. But the God of the Bible has created human government. He is the King and the Judge of the Republicans and the Democrats.**

**Psalm 75:7**

It is God alone who judges; he decides who will rise and who will fall.

**Daniel 2:20-21**

Daniel ( a political ruler ) answered and said: "Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, For wisdom and might are His. 21 And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings;

And what about The Judges of Israel or her Kings.

What about political powerhouses like Joseph, Samuel, or Solomon

**Our Founding Fathers Never Thought of Government / Politics  
without Thinking of God.**

*"Man must necessarily be subject to the laws of his Creator. This will of his Maker is called the law of nature. This law of nature is of course superior to any other. No human laws are of any validity, if contrary to this: and such of them as are valid derive all their force from this Original."*

*- Sir William Blackstone (Eminent English Jurist)*

They thought it was important enough to Commission the casting of the Liberty Bell and when designing it they had this forged on it - -

Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

**Leviticus 25:10**

**Proverbs 8:12-16**

I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions. 13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. 14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength. 15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. 16 **By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.**

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### 6.) Someone will be determining our future ?

#### **Personal Integrity Matters and Character Matters.**

We need a president that is a man of integrity, that has a voting record of doing good, and one that honors the Lord

#### **Hosea 4:6**

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

We are being destroyed by our "self-willed ignorance"  
and "self-select apathy" .

#### **Jeremiah 6:16**

Thus says the LORD: "Stand in the ways and see, And **ask for the old paths, where the good way is**, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, **'We will not walk in it.'**

Destroyed for lack of knowledge.

Alexis de Tocqueville –

French political thinker and historian best known for his work "Democracy in America"

"Upon my arrival in the United States the religious aspect of the country was the first thing that struck my attention; and the longer I stayed there, the more I perceived the great political consequences resulting from this new state of things. In France I had almost always seen the spirit of religion and the spirit of freedom marching in opposite directions. But in America I found they were intimately united and that they reigned in common over the same country.

Religion in America must be regarded as the foremost of the political institutions of that country; for if it does not impart a taste for freedom, it facilitates the use of it. Indeed, it is in this same point of view that the inhabitants of the United States themselves look upon religious belief. - Alexis de Tocqueville

In his book *"I never thought I'd see the day!"*

Dr. David Jeremiah writes;

**“These unprecedented times require that the Christian exercise  
unprecedented discernment”**

De Tocqueville -

*In the United States, the sovereign authority is religion, there is no country in the world where the Christian religion retains a greater influence over the souls of men than in America, and there can be no greater proof of its utility and of its conformity to human nature than that its influence is powerfully felt over the most enlightened and free nation of the earth.*

*In the United States, the influence of religion is not confined to the manners, but it extends to the intelligence of the people... Christianity, therefore, reigns without obstacle, by universal consent...*

*I sought for the key to the greatness and genius of America in her harbors...; in her fertile fields and boundless forests; in her rich mines and vast world commerce; in her public school system and institutions of learning. I sought for it in her democratic Congress and in her matchless Constitution.*

*Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power.*

*America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great. - - Alexis de Tocqueville*

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#### 7.) What if Jesus isn't on the ballot ?

This leads me to ask the question – is a Christian qualified to vote? Or should a Christian be allowed to vote?

I am appalled at the stupidity of Christians who say,  
**None of the candidates meet my standards or I'm voting for him because he's  
black or he's white or she's a woman or they will \_\_\_\_\_**

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**8.) Why should I pray about my vote ?**

California is a Perfect example of what happens when Christians either do not get involved or do not know how to get involved...

**Because We Clearly do Know What We're Doing  
with all this Freedom...**

a nation (California) gets the kind of leaders they deserve.

**Proverbs 31:3-5**

Do not give your strength to women, Nor your ways to that which destroys kings. 4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, **It is not for kings to drink wine, Nor for princes intoxicating drink;** 5 **Lest they drink and forget the law, And pervert the justice of all the afflicted.**

<http://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article22661379.html>

**Psalms 11:4**

The LORD is in His holy temple, The LORD'S throne is in heaven;  
His eyes behold, His eyelids **test** the sons of men

**1 Timothy 2:1-2**

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. 2 Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity

They Will Make Decisions That Will Either Bless or Curse This Nation.

**Isaiah 10:1**

What sorrow awaits the unjust judges and those who issue unfair laws.

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## 9.) Who should the Christian vote for ?

The Person who most aligns with a Biblical Worldview (Voting Record.)

**Psalm 11:3**

**If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?**

**Proverbs 14:34**

Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a **reproach**  
(curse, hindrance, a ball and chain) to any people.

## There are but just Three (3) simple but timeless standards The Trinity of Truth

### Israel's Right to Exist and It's Homeland

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- **Cruz** has always been a staunch supporter of Israel, never wavering in his support for the Jewish State.
- Trump pledges to not get involved in the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians.
- Clinton has been a staunch supporter of Israel and has voted to defend Israel.

### Defense of the Pre-Born / Pro Life

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**Cruz** has been involved in cases like the defense of the partial-birth abortion ban, parental consent laws, prohibiting state funds from going to abortion. Cruz continues to demand the defunding of Planned Parenthood at the federal level.

- Trump until his run for office was a longtime supporter of abortion rights, but now declares himself to be pro-life. However, in a recent interview when asked by **CNN** if he would publically denounce Planned Parenthood, Trump said that he would "look at the good aspects" of Planned Parenthood before defunding the organization entirely." This was only one week after he said he would shut down the government to strip Planned Parenthood of federal funding." - **By Jeremy Diamond, CNN**
- Clinton categorically supports full taxpayer funding of all elective abortions and tax-payer funding for Planned Parenthood.

**Listen to Prager**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMwkQVpy98A>

## Our Elected Leaders are to be Excellent People

### Proverbs 31:8 KJV

Open thy mouth for the dumb (those who have no voice) in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction.

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### Psalm 82:3-4

Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy. 4 Deliver the poor and needy; Free them from the hand of the wicked.

### Marriage

- **Cruz** has a solid legislative record for supporting marriage between one man and one woman. He has argued against federal intervention in state marriage laws.
- Trump is opposed to gay marriage and civil benefits and believes that gay marriage should be decided by the states. Trump, however, contradicted himself in 2015, saying he would support the Supreme Court's ruling on gay marriage.

Hillary supports LGBT marriage.

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### 10.) What about the results ?

### Psalm 11:5

The **LORD tests the righteous**, But the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates.

## This Ought to Trouble Every Wise Soul – The Results are Ours for the Choosing

### Hosea 8:4

The people have appointed kings without my consent, and princes without my knowledge. By making idols for themselves from their silver and gold, they have brought about their own destruction.

### 2 Chronicles 7:14

If My people who are called by My name (the prerequisite) will (1) humble themselves, and (2) pray and (3) seek My face, and (4) turn from their wicked ways, THEN I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Done !