

ELECTION 2024

The Eye Of The Lord

- I. **By not voting you can have part in evil things-Ep5:11**-Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them-**REM**-Don't have anything to do with the destructive practices of those whose minds are darkened
- A. When God gives you something, He expects you to do something-Js1:17-Mt25:25-I...hid thy talent in the earth...²⁶Thou wicked and slothful servant-Mt5:14-Ye are the light of the world. A city...set on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel
- B. Vote for THE PLATFORM that most closely aligns with The Word-You will be responsible for how you vote, not how someone else voted-Ps33:4
- II. **We look ONLY to The Lord-Ps62:1**-Truly my soul waits upon God (trust, quiet): from him cometh my salvation (victory/prosperity/welfare).²He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved. ⁵My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation (hope) is from him. ⁶He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defense; I shall not be moved. ⁷In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength and my refuge, is in God. ⁸Trust in him at all times...God is a refuge (hope/trust/support) for us. Selah
- A. We can put our trust in the wrong thing-Ps20:6-Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand. ⁷Some trust in chariots and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God. ⁸They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.
1. Have a horse, but don't look to it for safety-Pr21:31-The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the Lord
- B. It's a strategy of Satan to get us to make flesh our arm-Jr17:5-Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departs from the Lord-**Is30:1**-Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit...²That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! ³Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame...
- C. Reverence and trust secures us in any environment-Ps33:16-There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength. ¹⁷An horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength. ¹⁸Behold the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear (reverence/honor/respect) him, upon **THEM** that hope (trust) in his mercy (kindness); ¹⁹To deliver their soul from death, and to keep **THEM** alive in famine. ²⁰Our soul waits for the Lord: he is our help and our shield
1. His eye is upon those who have their eyes on Him-What you want is for The Lord to have His eye on you; More than a candidate in office
- D. By faith in God we can flourish no matter who is in office-Jer17:7-Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. ⁸For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that

spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

1. The prosperity/well-being of believers/The Church is not man dependent-Laban couldn't cheat Jacob, Pharaoh couldn't stop God's people, Nebuchadnezzar couldn't keep the 3 Hebrews down-**Js1:5**-There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life-**Mt16:18**-The gates of hell shall not prevail against it

E. The Lord is my confidence-The one who sits in the oval office may change but the one who sits on the throne remains the same-**Pr3:26**-The Lord shall be thy confidence and shall keep thy foot from being taken

III. Watch yourself-In your enthusiasm for politics you can become unspiritual & irreverent-1Tm4:16-Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this you shalt both save thyself and them that hear you-**CEV**-Be careful about the way you live-**ESV**-Keep a close watch on yourself-**MS**-Keep a firm grasp on your character-**MUR**-Be attentive to thyself-**NIRV**-Be careful how you live and what you believe-**TL**-Keep a close watch on all you do and think-**Ps39:1**-I will take heed to my ways that I sin not with my tongue

A. Jesus didn't strive-Mt12:18-Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him...¹⁹He shall not strive (wrangle, quarrel, debate) nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets-**CSB**-He will not argue or shout-**CJ**-Will not fight or shout-**WILL**-He will not debate...**2Tm2:23**-Foolish and unlearned questions (debates) avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. ²⁴And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, ²⁵In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; ²⁶And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will

1. Striving is flesh, it produces destruction and profits nothing-Ga5:20-Hatred (hostility), variance (quarrel, debate, wrangling), emulations (fierce indignation), wrath (anger)-**Ga6:8**-Sows to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption-**Jn6:63**-Profits nothing

B. A meek/quiet spirit is pleasing to God-1Pt3:4-Meek and quiet spirit ...in the sight of God of great price-**Mt11:29**-Meek...lowly in heart

1. The dignity of the church-Some have sacrificed being spiritual in the name of being political-**1Co13:5**-Doth not behave itself unseemly (unproper)-**1Tm3:15**-Know how you ought to behave thyself in the house of God-**Co3:14**-Put on charity-**1Pt5:5**-Clothed in humility

C. Many are striving in fear of man-Ps118:6-The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? **Pr29:25**-Fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso puts his trust in the Lord shall be safe

1. Faith pleases God-Hb11:6,Mk16:14-Upbraided them with their unbelief

D. There's an atmosphere of angst that many have been swept into-Anxiety, dread, disquieted, frustrated, angry, striving, fear-**Lk21:34**-Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting

and drunkenness and cares of this life-**Jn14:1**-Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me-**1Jn3:23**

1. Things that promote fear and striving we need to shun-NOT feed on-**Pr4:23-CJB**-Above everything else, guard your hear

E. You shouldn't be talking politics/the world's problems all the time-**Dt6:6**-Tese words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: ⁷And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up-**1Ch16:9**-Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works-**Ps71:24**-My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long-**Ps77:12**-I will talk of thy doings-**Ps119:27**-Shall I talk of they wondorous works-**Ps34:1**-I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

F. Many are looking through a straw and all they see is the political climate and it's being carnally/earthly minded-**2Co4:18**-We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal

1. After John was beheaded Jesus did turn all his attention to getting Herod removed as King, thinking if we get a new king that'll solve our problems-His focus was not political reform, but spiritual reform of individuals-**Mt14:14**-Went forth and saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion toward them and healed their sick

G. God is a God of justice-There's so much going on that is so beyond us and so we walk in the light we have, guard our hearts and trust God with the rest of it-**Ps145:17**-The Lord is righteous (just, fair) in all his ways, and holy in all his works-**Ec3:17**-God shall judge the righteous and the wicked-**Rm12:19**-Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

IV. Reverence and trust is what secures us striving is neither of these