

**Replacement gods**  
**Psalm 146:1-10**  
**PoliticoGod**

- **We all have a deep longing for our home, which is Eden.**
- **We were originally created to experience heaven and earth, God and man, dwelling together.**
  - **Politics “is not a dirty word. It describes the work that is required to form a common life together, one in which people, especially the vulnerable, flourish.” – Kaitlyn Schiess**
  - **However, politics, or our political projects, become idolatry when they become ultimate (that is, when they try to bring about heaven on earth through earthly means).**
- **We have a choice to make whether we will believe in the power and promises of God or the power and promises of man. (Psalm 146:1-4)**
- **Followers of Jesus will always feel out of place in the political situation of our fallen world.**
  - **There is a real temptation in us to try to enact the promises of God in our own power or to seek to be like the other nations around us and abandon the promises of God for the promises of our own pleasure and glory. (1 Samuel 8:1-9)**
  - **We are a people without a home here. (1 Peter 2:9-11; Philippians 3:17-20)**
  - **We are a people who must choose to walk in faith that God is going to provide a home for us one day. (Hebrews 11:13-16)**
- **God has the power to enact his promises. (Psalm 146:5-10)**
- **God’s power is evident in His ability to create.**
  - **God’s power is evident through His relationship to Israel first and then the Church.**
- **God has the compassion and character to fulfill his promises. (Psalm 146:5-10)**
- **God is faithful to His people.**
  - **God is faithful to the weak, oppressed, and vulnerable.**
  - **God uses His people to give justice to the weak, oppressed, and vulnerable.**