

**THY KINGDOM COME #27**  
**Developing A Biblical Worldview**

**I. Introduction**

I want to continue our teaching on Developing a Biblical Worldview with part 3 of our message on....

**“Walking in Truth in a World of Lies”**

**Part 3**

Christians are called to ‘walk in truth’—to walk within a biblical worldview--to see all things through the lens of scripture, including the spiritual condition of our country. So in the light of last week’s election, the question becomes...

How does a Christian with a biblical worldview analyze the mid-term election result? What would the Lord have us learn from it and what must we do about it?

Begin with what happened. The political polls and some Christian prophets predicted a ‘red wave’ based on the condition of the economy and the fact that over 70% of Americans said the country was heading in the wrong direction.

But the red wave turned out to be a red ripple. We discovered that...

**Millions of Americans voted for liberal left candidates in spite of:**

- **Inflation at 40 year high**
- **High gas prices**
- **High grocery prices**
- **Spiking crime rates**
- **And an open southern border**

Consider what happened in Pennsylvania, the state where America was born.

**John Fetterman**

**The state of PA elected John Fetterman, to 6 years in the U.S. Senate:**

- **Even though he has not recovered from a stroke**

- **Even though he supports unlimited abortion rights, open borders, raising taxes, and universal government-run health care**
  - **He is not only incoherent, he is as close to a Communist as they come**
- Pennsylvania also just became the first state in history to elect a dead man.

### **Tony DeLuca**

**The people of Pennsylvania reelected Democrat Tony DeLuca, to the PA House of Representatives, even though he died last month at age 85 after a battle with lymphoma.**

(Election officials were not able to remove his name from the ballot in time for Election Day. And btw, he defeated his challenger by more than 70 points!)

There were many crazy, disheartening things about last week's election. But the worse thing we learned was how many races were decided by millions of voters who turned out citing abortion rights as their key issue: not inflation, not soaring crime rates or open borders...it was all about abortion!

### **Dutch Sheets**

**The most horrifying takeaway from this election is how the abortion issue energized the left like no other. Some of them are now saying this will be a strategy in 2024 - having abortion referendums on the ballot in battleground states in order to motivate more of their base to vote. Think about that: the most hideous issue of our day is the most energizing issue of the left...killing babies in the womb. Can you think of anything more shameful?**

**The only thing I can think more shameful would be if the Christian community fails to analyze the election from the perspective of a biblical worldview. (3)**

- First: We are a deeply divided nation. There weren't many 'blowouts'; many races were 'too close to call' on election night. Some are still undecided. Any majority will be a slim majority. We divided right at 50-50.
- Second: The spiritual condition of our country is worse than we thought. After 2 years of steady decline under the worst President America has ever had, a reasonable person would have looked for a landslide repudiation of his policies. But no. Half the nation, which surely includes many professing Christians, still support his policies. So it's worse than we thought.

- Third, and Finally: This means that there will be no ‘salvation by politics’; we must face the fact that we will be in a prolonged spiritual warfare between those who live by lies and those who walk in truth—and there can be no neutral ground.

With that in mind, let me take my text tonight from the Apostle Paul...

**Ephesians 5:15-17 HCSB**

**Pay careful attention to how you walk—not as unwise people but as wise—making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So don't be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.**

**v.16 Redeem the time, because the days are evil. (KJV)**

- When the ‘days are evil’-our personal walk is the primary thing!
- We must be wise, not foolish
- We must learn how to redeem the time

**Matthew Henry**

**Literally, it means buying the opportunity.**

**Adam Clarke**

**Buying up those moments which others seem to throw away; steadily improving every present moment..**

**Albert Barnes**

**To rescue or recover our time from waste; to improve it for great and important purposes**

We must redeem the time because the days are evil.

We must buy up these moments others around us are wasting.

This is no time to waste time while our nation hangs in the balance.

## **II. We Must Walk in Truth and Wisdom**

**1 Chronicles 12:32**

**The sons of Issachar understood the times, to know what Israel ought to do.**

### **A. What Time Is It?**

1. It's time to know that in spite of a few modest victories, make no mistake, we are still in a war for the soul of America.

2. We are not wrestling with flesh and blood but evil principalities attempting to transform America into a totalitarian system of government by means of lies.

**Hannah Arendt, Political Philosopher/Holocaust Survivor**

**Totalitarianism, at its essence, is an attempt at transforming reality into fiction. It is the attempt of corrupt and pathological state (political) actors to impose a fictional account of the world onto the entire population.**

a. The Nazis came to power with a litany of lies:

- The German Aryan race was the superior race in the world
- This meant that Germany was destined to rule the world
- The greatest enemy was the Jewish race, which must be exterminated

b. The Communists came to power in Russia with a litany of lies.

- They promised the people a paradise by overthrowing capitalism and trusting the government to take care of everyone by the equal redistribution of wealth
- The nation has never recovered from belief in that great lie

3. The great 20<sup>th</sup> century Russian writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn suffered under Communist rule in Soviet Russia where he endured an 8-year prison term for writing one letter to a friend critical of the government.

a. After his release, he converted to Christianity and proceeded to write a series of award-winning books on how the Communists came to power using the power of lies.

**Alexander Solzhenitsyn, "The Gulag Archipelago"**

**Lying has always been used for political purposes. Lies cover up corruption, past mistakes, and hidden motives, and they are an essential ingredient in political**

**campaigning. Sometimes, however, political lies take on a much more sinister form. The lies become all-encompassing, embrace every aspect of life and infect every corner of society. This occurrence is a sign that totalitarianism may be rising.**

b. We see the same signs rising today in our American political system; with lies about everything from vaccines to climate change, and the redefinitions of gender and traditional marriage.

### **Alexander Solzhenitsyn, The Gulag Archipelago**

**In our country, the Soviet Union, the lie has become not just a moral category but a pillar of the State. In fact, led us so far from a normal society that you cannot even orient yourself any longer; in its dense, gray fog not even one pillar can be seen.**

c. This is what the Devil does—he creates a culture of lies and confusion that brings people into bondage.

4. The same pattern of lying that created Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union existed in many other European nations in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, including the nation of Czechoslovakia, where the patriot playwright Vaclav Havel survived Communist totalitarianism and eventually became President of the nation.

### **Vaclav Havel**

**Life in the system is permeated with hypocrisy and lies. Because the regime is captive to its own lies it must falsify everything. It falsifies the past. It falsifies the present, and it falsifies the future. It falsifies statistics.**

a. We have witnessed this today in how the leftists are falsifying the past: like the 1619 project; convincing young people that our founding was racist; our history is colonial oppression of other countries, etc.

b. We see a falsification of the present; controlling the mainstream media and turning it into a propaganda machine.

c. They falsify the future with promises of a socialist Utopia and warnings that the world will end in 12 years because of climate change.

5. The bad news is we are living in a world of lies; we feel powerless. Havel talked about this tactic in his book, “The Power of the Powerless”.

**Vaclav Havel, “The Power of the Powerless”**

**Totalitarian systems condition their citizens to believe that the individual is powerless to effectuate social and political change; but history has repeatedly shown otherwise.**

6. The good news is that God will give us the power to walk in truth with...

**B. The Simple Solution: Live Not By Lies!**

**Alexander Solzhenitsyn, “Live Not By Lies”**

**We are approaching the brink; already a universal spiritual demise is upon us; a physical one is about to flare up and engulf our children, while we continue to smile sheepishly and babble, “But what can we do to stop it? We haven’t the strength.”**

**Alexander Solzhenitsyn, “Live Not By Lies”**

**But we can do—everything!—even if we comfort and lie to ourselves that this is not so. It is not “they” who are guilty of everything, but “we” ourselves, only we! And therein we find, neglected by us, the simplest, the most accessible key to our liberation; a personal non-participation in lies!**

**Alexander Solzhenitsyn, “Live Not By Lies”**

**Even if all is covered by lies, even if all is under their rule, let us resist in the smallest way: Let their rule hold not through me!**

1. Here we have the perfect picture of the Christian posture, making up our minds to walk in truth in the midst of a world of lies.

2. Politics are important; but the salvation of a nation begins in the individual human heart.

**Alexander Solzhenitsyn**

**Gradually it was disclosed to me that the line separating good and evil passes not through states, not between classes, not between political parties either – but right through every human heart – and through all human hearts.**

**Vaclav Havel**

**The best resistance to totalitarianism is simply to drive it out of our own souls, our own circumstances, our own land, to drive it out of contemporary mankind.**

**Vaclav Havel**

**If the main pillar of the (totalitarian) system is living a lie, then it is not surprising that the fundamental threat to it is living the truth. This is why the system must suppress the truth more severely than anything else.**

- a. This is why we can't teach creationism in the government schools
- b. This is why they must control the mainstream media.

3. This is why they seek to censor the social media platforms. My Facebook page just got restricted again. Little old me! Why would they be afraid of ME???

(This was the post that 'violated their community standards')

**Adolf Hitler** (addressing German Christian pastors)

**"I will protect the German people. You Pastors should take care of the church. Worry about getting people to heaven and leave this world to me."**

a. The fact that a multi-billion-dollar company would take the time to swat down a little fly like me over a post prompting pastors to speak out about politics tells us how vulnerable they are.

**Vaclav Havel, The Power of the Powerless**

**This unveils an important but underappreciated characteristic of this type of political system. Despite appearances, it is by nature weak, brittle, and in need of constant infusions of fear and lies in order to prevent it from collapsing.**

**Vaclav Havel, The Power of the Powerless**

**This weakness is why totalitarian regimes constantly slander and persecute anyone, even harmless musicians, who engage in an even modest attempt to**

**live within the truth. Truth is the primary enemy of totalitarianism because it erodes the foundation of lies upon which it is built.**

4. In his book “Live Not By Lies”, Rob Dreher tells the story of how nations under totalitarian rule, like Havel’s Czechoslovakia, came out from under Communism without firing a shot. Here’s something we need to hear today!

**Vaclav Havel, The Power of the Powerless**

**The ‘velvet revolution’ in Czechoslovakia occurred not through political reform, but upon the existence of growing numbers of individuals who were willing to live within the truth, even when things were at their worst.**

**Vaclav Havel, The Power of the Powerless**

**They could have equally been painters, musicians, or simply ordinary citizens who were able to maintain their human dignity. One thing seems clear: the attempt at political reform was not the cause of society’s reawakening, but rather the final outcome of that reawakening.**

a. Reforming our politics will not reawaken the people; the reawakening of the people will reform the politics.

5. It matters what we say; not just for us.

**Academy of Ideas (Website)**

**What we choose to say and how we decide to act influences not just the state of our own character but also the state of society. And when living in the midst of totalitarian rule, the fundamental choice to make is whether we are going to stand on the side of truth, or on the side of lies and malevolent authority.**

a. Solzhenitsyn had something to say to those who choose to live by lies:

**Alexander Solzhenitsyn**

**Let not him who lives by lies brag of his progressive views, boast of his status as an academician or a recognized artist, a distinguished citizen or a general. Let him say to himself plainly: “I am cattle, I am a coward, I seek only warmth and to eat my fill.”**

### III. Close

#### A. Review

1. We are deeply divided.
2. Our spiritual condition is worse than we thought
3. There will be no political salvation—just a prolonged spiritual warfare between those who live by lies and those who walk in truth

#### B. My Personal Reflection

1. I believe I was right to be informed and involved. But my reaction, (disappointment/discouragement), revealed it was time for a heart-check. It took me back to Jesus and the Gospel: to remember that ultimately, changing the world begins in the heart of every individual.

2. The overturning Roe V. Wade was wonderful; but the election results prove that millions of women will still fight for their right to murder their babies. Their darkened hearts are unchanged.

3. Until they do, we must redeem the time in these evil days. God is calling us to walk in truth and live not by lies; national deliverance begins with individual repentance and a courageous commitment to speak the truth on every issue:

- Evolution is a lie
- Abortion is murder
- Homosexuality is perversion
- You can't make a male into a female (or vice versa)
- Marriage is between a man and a woman

4. The fact that speaking simple truth today can get you cancelled, fired or persecuted proves that we live in a world of lies.

**George Orwell**

**The further a society drifts from the truth the more it will hate those who speak it.**

5. Why should we be surprised? Look what happened when the Lord Jesus confronted the liars of His day...

**John 8:40**

**But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God.**

6. Eventually, Jesus was crucified for telling the truth! So we must walk in truth, even if they seek to kill us. We must not walk in fear. God is doing a mighty work right now. He is exposing those who live by lies and those who walk in truth.

7. I will close with these comforting words from the Apostle John... 5

**1 John 4:4-6**

**You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.**

**Closing Prayer**

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