

THE UNSHAKABLE KINGDOM #32

“The ‘Lesser of 2 Evils’ Fallacy”

I. Introduction

A. Election Day is Tuesday

1. On Tuesday, Americans will go to the polls to make a choice between 2 political parties and 2 very different political candidates.

2. For Christians who believe in the authority of God’s word, the choice could not be clearer.

3. Donald Trump and the platform of the Republican Party much more closely align with biblical principles than do Joe Biden and the platform of the Democrat Party. Not even close.

4. So why most of the polls and pundits predicting the Republicans are will lose? Because many Christians are either not voting at all or voting for Biden.

5. The primary problem for many is the personality of the President and the fallacious way we think about voting for...

B. The Lesser of 2 Evils?

1. Some Christians claim that presidential elections force us to choose between ‘the lesser of 2 evils’ and therefore refuse to vote at all.

2. They argue that choosing either of ‘the lesser of 2 evils’ is still evil. Some might even quote the great....

Charles Spurgeon

“Of two evils, choose neither. Christians must turn from the endless cycle of voting for the lesser of two evils and expecting an unrighteous act to produce a righteous result. From a communist to a cultist, choosing the lesser of two evils is still evil, and never should we do evil that good may come.”

3. With all due respect to one of the great heroes of my life, he gets it wrong here. And if enough Christians think this way it could cost us our country.

4. Psychologist Dr. Jeremy Sherman spoke to the question in the last Presidential election...

Jeremey E. Sherman, P.H.D.

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Some people say that in this election we're forced to vote for 'the lesser of two evils', which means we're still choosing evil. They say, therefore, that we're better off not voting at all, or voting for some other candidate closer to your ideal even though they have no chance of winning and may bring the 'greater of two evils' into power.

Jeremey E. Sherman, P.H.D.

But the 'lesser of two evils' is, for the most part, a misnomer. It should really be called 'the lesser of two disappointing options'.

5. I love this because it's a good description of life in an evil world!

Dr. Jeremy Sherman

Life is a mixed bag. We are all forced to take the fleas with the dog. Lots. Every day you choose the best you can find among imperfect options — "the lesser of two evils" as the saying goes. And you do it with a mature acceptance that that's how life is. We don't get everything we want.

Dr. Jeremy Sherman

So why do we apply that logic to a national democratic election? To live in a democracy means compromise. Why suddenly the proud switch to a no-compromise rule when most of us know better than to apply that rule in everyday life?

a. Think of your spouse; your best friend; your children; are they perfect? Don't you put up with some of their flaws and shortcomings because losing the relationship would be the worse for you?

6. Let me apply the principle to politics:

Theme

All presidential candidates are imperfect people; the Christian predicament in Presidential elections is always a choice of the lesser of two evils; or better yet, Presidential elections are always a choice of the lesser of 2 disappointing

options. Why? Because there is only one perfect Leader; the Lord Jesus Christ. All men are ‘imperfect’ when compared to Him.

a. I found this blog from the last major election:

LiberalBackwardsThink.com (dustyk103) 5/5/16

Choosing the lesser of two evils may still be choosing evil, but believing that any man except Jesus can be 100% righteous is a fallacy. Americans are suffering because of choosing their leaders badly. What Americans need in Washington is a leader who will not continue the corruption to a lesser degree, but work against it.

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Hillary Clinton promises to continue the Democrat policies that are destroying this nation, strangling business, choking energy, and allowing our enemies to flourish. Donald Trump promises to reverse all of this and the question is not the stand he takes, but if he is true to his word. Those who work with him say he is. Believe he is evil if you want, but if you don’t choose the lesser of two evils then you allow others to choose the greater of two evils for you.

7. There are no perfect politicians!

a. Look at the kings in the Bible; most of them were evil. But even the good ones, even the ones handpicked by God, had horrible flaws.

b. 2 of Israel’s greatest kings, David and Solomon, committed great sins.

8. We need to remember we are electing Presidents, not Pastors; and there are no perfect pastors!

9. With that in mind, let’s look at our ‘disappointing options’ in this election and begin by putting personality aside and look at the choice between our 2 disappointing options.

10. The Republican ticket is disappointing; but the Democrat ticket is evil.

B. Who is Donald Trump?

WHO WAS DONALD TRUMP?

- **An amazingly successful New York real estate executive**
 - **Forbes estimates his net worth at \$3.7 billion**
 - **Author of over a dozen best-selling books**
- **Host and Executive Producer of #1 TV show in America (“The Apprentice”) for 14 seasons**
(Trump was such a success even his enemies admired him)

President Barack Obama

“Donald Trump is the American Dream”.

And yet there is a...

The Disappointing Side of Donald Trump

- **Married 3 times, divorced twice**
- **A one-time Democrat who supported abortion**
- **Gave money in years past to Planned Parenthood**
- **Given to name-calling and slandering his opponents**

1. Most Americans can get past Trump’s past; the problem even his fans struggle with is his abrasive personality; the things he tweets and says that make Christians cringe.

2. Dr. Albert Mohler, former head of the Southern Baptist denomination sums up our frustrations.

Albert Mohler

“Let me be as clear as I know possible: President Trump's behavior on Twitter and his divisive comments and sub-presidential behavior are an embarrassment to me. Constantly. His arrogance and ego and constant need for adulation drive me to distraction.”

Albert Mohler

But character is some strange combination of the personal, the principled, and the practical. Let me put it another way—I cannot accept the argument that a calm man who affirms the dismembering of babies in the womb has a superior character to a man who rants like Genghis Khan but acts to preserve that life.

Albert Mohler

“In my ideal world, I would vote for a candidate in whom the personal, the principled, and the practical earn my admiration. I do not live in that world. I live in this world, and I must vote accordingly.”

3. As a Christian, I cannot make excuses for President Trump’s tweets and tirades; but on the other hand, as a practical matter, I have to look at what he has done.

WHAT DID HE DO IN HIS 1ST 3 YEARS?

(Before the Pandemic: March 9, 2020)

Created the most powerful national economy in world history

Had national unemployment level below 4%

Gross National Product grew at annual rates of 3.4% in 3rd quarter of 2018 and 4.2 percent in the second quarter.

Produced record low unemployment for Black, Latino, and Asian Americans

Weekly unemployment claims fell to a 50 year low

For first time in history, job openings outnumbered the employed

(And then came the Coronavirus pandemic)

WHAT DID TRUMP DO WHEN THE PANDEMIC STRUCK?

- **Took early action, implementing travel restrictions from China, Europe, and Iran**
- **Developed the most advanced testing system of all nations on earth (Over 65 million tested)**
- **Launched ‘Operation Warp Speed’ to produce a vaccine (3 already in Phase 3)**
- **Worked with the private sector to coordinate the delivery of 196 million respirators, 815 million surgical masks, 20 billion gloves, 34 million face shields, and 354 million owns.**

(No American who has needed a ventilator was denied one.)

- **Signed the CARES Act, which included the Paycheck Protection Program, to safeguard American workers and families during the coronavirus pandemic.**

Setting the Pandemic aside...

WHAT HAS TRUMP DONE?

- Has been the most pro-life/anti-abortion President in U.S. history
 - Signed an order preventing the use of taxpayer dollars to fund abortions
 - Took action to end federal research using fetal tissue
 - Passed the largest middle class tax cuts in U.S. history
 - Kept his promise to roll back business-strangling government regulations
- Made America energy-independent, ending our dependence on foreign oil

WHAT HAS TRUMP DONE?

- Appointed 3 conservative justices to the United States Supreme Court
 - Appointed over 300 judges to U.S. Circuit Courts
- Negotiated a Middle East peace plan between Israel and 3 Muslim nations
- The most pro-Israel President in U.S. history; moved the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem

WHAT HAS TRUMP DONE?

- Got the U.S. out of the disastrous Paris Climate Accords treaty
- Got the U.S. out of NAFTA and renegotiated new trade deal with Canada & Mexico
- Got the U.S. out of the disastrous Iran Nuclear Deal & re-imposed strong sanctions
- Reversed President Obama's disastrous Cuba Appeasement Policy
- Succeeded in procuring billions of dollars in increased support from our NATO allies

WHAT HAS TRUMP DONE?

- Built over 400 miles of border wall to hinder drug trafficking and illegal entry
- Signed several pieces of new legislation to confront threat of human trafficking
 - Took steps to end the policy of 'sanctuary cities'

- Ended Obamacare’s unconstitutional individual mandate penalty
- Enacted historic reforms at the VA; established a 24/7 VA hotline
- (Under previous administration, 300,000 veterans died on waiting lists)

This list is not half of what he has done for America-He never stops working.

Charlie Kirk

“This guy is a vessel for us; for those of us who have nothing but resentment for the kingdom of Washington, D.C. D.C. is the only place in America-8 out of 10 of the wealthiest counties in America are in the Washington, D.C. area.- where they get richer by gunpoint.”

4. So here’s the ‘\$64,000 Question’: With all he has done, and is doing why is he so hated?

- Why did high ranking members of the FBI, the CIA and the Intelligence community try to destroy him during the 2016 campaign?
- After his election, why did the Democrats hire 300 lawyers and spend 30 million taxpayer dollars to impeach him?
- Why did they investigate his son Don, Jr. and shut down his other son’s charity that was raising money to help kids with cancer?
- Why is his youngest son under ridicule and constant attack?
- Why does the media hate him so?

Hint: It’s not his tweets! It is the fact that he is not one of them; he is not a politician; he is an outsider who threatens to overturn their swamp.

Charlie Kirk

Because everyone who preceded him, except for Reagan, was part of the problem. Ivy League educated-protectors of the establishment-keep raising the taxes-increasing the size of the government-keep borders open-give them more benefits.

Charlie Kirk

He could have been in the ruling class if he wanted. But he is a defector from the ruling class. He was in the cocktail parties-a donator to both parties-where he saw the contempt the politicians had for the people.

So he brought his wisdom to Washington to keep his word. He was the only person talking a about China and immigration. He listened to his workers-like a true populist.

Charlie Kirk

“He is the only American President in history who will be poorer after becoming President than he was before he was President. He will never get a book deal big enough to what he gave up to be President- and he donates his salary to charity.”

Yet with all this, many Christians say they are voting for Joe Biden, a man who is promising to do in 4 years what he failed to do in 47 years in Washington, 8 of them as Vice President!

B. Who is Joe Biden?

1. Some Christians, including me, have complained about Trump’s Tweets and insults; so this blog review of the Presidential Debate may surprise us.

Lifesitenews.com

Mainstream pundits seemed to think President Trump lost the first debate. But a quick-fact check reveals that it was Joe Biden who lobbed more insults, and that he even used the Lord's name in vain during the event.

Lifesitenews.com

I agree with Ben Shapiro’s statement that it was not clear who won the debate. But after looking at the transcript, it became absolutely clear who won the insult contest. In fact, it wasn't even a contest.

Joe Biden insulted Donald Trump or used foul language 24 times to Donald Trump's 7.

a. If you wouldn’t vote for Trump because of his Tweets, how could you vote for Biden?

Who is Joe Biden?

The man who accuses Donald Trump of name-calling has himself called the President:

- A clown

- A racist
- A fool
- A xenophobe
- A no good S.O.B.
- Told Trump to ‘shut up’ at least 3X in the second debate

b. So if it’s a contest of potty-mouthing, I would say it’s a draw; both men need to repent. But let’s look at the issues.

WHO IS JOE BIDEN?

- **He is an outspoken, lifelong supporter of abortion on demand**
 - c. Let me stop right there on policy #1. If you call yourself a Christian, this is all you need to know about Joe Biden and his running mate, radical abortion supporter Kamala Harris.
 - d. This the ONE ISSUE Christians ought to agree on! Abortion is murder.

Jerry Newcombe

“Why I Am A One-Issue Voter”

The issue of abortion has barely come up in the debates of Election 2020. But for many of us, it is still the issue that matters most. I am a one issue voter, without apology, and that issue is abortion. I’m against it. If a politician thinks it is acceptable---whatever the rhetoric---to deliberately kill a living, developing human being in the womb, that politician is wrong. And he or she will never have my vote.

Jerry Newcombe

The issue of life is so basic. It is even the first Creator-given right listed in our nation’s birth certificate, the Declaration of Independence. Without life, how can there be liberty or the pursuit of happiness or the right to property? Or any other right? Those politicians who get the issue of life wrong tend to get just about everything else wrong.

2. This certainly applies to the rest of Joe Biden’s policies...

WHO IS JOE BIDEN?

- **He is an outspoken, lifelong supporter of abortion on demand**
- **He has promised a national economic shutdown if the medical authorities tell him to**

- He will do away with the Trump tax cuts, which will amount to a big tax increase for middle income households
 - He favors providing free healthcare to 13 million illegal aliens

WHO IS JOE BIDEN?

- He wants to ‘redirect’ financial budgets for local police departments (defund the police)
- He favors student loan debt forgiveness and the expansion of tuition free colleges
- He supports the right of children to make a decision to change their sex beginning at age 8

3. When you look down the list of policies supported by the Biden/Harris ticket you may wonder what’s happened to the Democrat Party. The answer is, it is gone. It’s been totally taken over by those who want to turn America into a socialist nation.

Rush Limbaugh

“This is not the old 'Republicans versus Democrats,' where we all have the same objectives, just different philosophies on how to get there. The Democrats do not have those objectives any more. Their purpose is to erase the Constitution, start over rewriting it, eliminating the concept that the citizen has rights which prevail over government.”

4. The history of socialism is enslavement of those who believe in it. Socialists suck you in by promising everything and delivering nothing. They believe bigger Government is the answer to everything. They accuse the President of dividing the nation when their Socialist strategy depends upon their ability to divide us.

Gary DeMar

How many times have you heard Democrats tell us that Joe Biden will unify the nation? Don't you believe it. There is no common ground between the Democrats and Republicans. The Democrats are revolutionaries dressed up in nice clothing. They are content to let their revolutionary minions burn down our cities while they bloviate that Trump supporters will destroy Democracy.

5. There is NO COMMON GROUND HERE!

Rev. Mark Creech

“This is a time of great testing for our country. We are now at a tipping point, and the differences between the candidates and the two parties represented couldn’t be more precise.”

6. Neither party is perfect; neither candidate is perfect; but the choice for Christians is clear. It should be a ‘no brainer’. And yet, the Church is divided.

7. Ill-informed or misguided Christians can cost us our country by failing to vote at all or failing to vote biblically. Some of our own are against us:

Dennis Peacocke

“If we can ever get past our brothers we might engage the enemy.”

8. The fact that the American Church is so divided over something that should be uniting us is proof-positive that the devil’s at work.

III. Conclusion: Let Me Close With A Question

A. Is Donald Trump a Man of God or is He God’s Man?

1. A ‘man of God’ is a born-again man; a man with a new heart; a child of God on his way to heaven. He may be immature; untaught; somewhat ignorant of the Word of God; but he is the real deal.

2. I don’t know if Donald Trump is a man of God; but I do know He is God’s man! He is God’s choice to lead the nation; that’s how he won 4 years ago.

3. I believe he is a Christian, a man of God; but even if he isn’t he is God’s man in the same sense that God used many unlikely men in history to bless His people.

B. Politicians Who Were God’s Men

1. The prophet Isaiah spoke of the Persian king Cyrus by name, 200 years before he was born!

Isaiah 44:28

The Lord says of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, You shalt be built; and to the temple, Your foundation shall be laid.

a. **Cyrus was not a man of God; not even Jewish; but he was God's man**; the one who released the Jews from captivity and financed their return to Israel and the rebuilding of the Temple at Jerusalem!

b. He was an outsider; an unlikely supporter of God's cause and friend to the Jews.

c. This is why when President Trump announced the American Embassy would be moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and America would recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu compared him to Cyrus...

Benjamin Netanyahu

"I want to tell you that the Jewish people have a long memory, so we remember the proclamation of the great king, Cyrus the Great, Persian king 2,500 years ago. He proclaimed that the Jewish exiles in Babylon could come back and rebuild our Temple in Jerusalem."

Christianity Today

"Is Trump Our Cyrus?" was the cover story in Christianity Today magazine 10/29/18

2. God used other less than perfect kings to bless His people:

- Artaxerxes allowed his cupbearer to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the city; the king even financed the operation
- Artaxerxes son Darius continued to help the Jew and financed reconstruction of their Temple

3. I could continue but the point is made: whether President Trump is a man of God, or God's man, or both (!)-God has used him to hold back the sinister strategies of socialism that are stalking our country.

4. He is not the 'lesser of 2 evils'; though he may be the 'lesser of 2 disappointing options'. President Trump is the best choice for Christians.

Gary DeMar

"We can't change the world by escaping it or sitting on the side while greater evil advances. God works in and through us in this world, including all its evil. Everything is tainted by evil."

CLOSING PRAYER