

The Kingdom Perspective Eternal Hope and the Lordship of Jesus

Hello! This is Pastor Don of Christ Redeemer Church. Welcome to The Kingdom Perspective!

In our current political climate, we are increasingly tempted to become anxious not only for any given election result, but also the potential reaction to it. However, as Christians we need not be anxious nor filled with dread. Rather, we are free to walk in faith and be peacemakers.

Why?

Well, first, we can know one thing for sure, that the day after any election nothing will have changed in heaven...or even ultimately on earth. Jesus is Lord regardless of the outcome. And that is very good news...for everyone!

Recently, a dear brother commented to me about the "devastating" situation our world is in. He wondered "what people hold onto without the hope and assurance of Christ." How true! Thank God we have a hope that goes beyond elections. Indeed! We have a hope that goes beyond the grave!

Jesus—not earthly kings, congresses, or courts—determines our fate. All earthly kingdoms shall "come to pass," but Jesus's kingdom shall have no end.

One of the most arrogant politicians of all-time, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, finally got it right after God humbled him:

For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the inhabitants of the earth are of no account, But He does according to His will among the army of heaven And among the inhabitants of earth; And no one can fend off His hand Or say to Him, 'What have You done?' (Daniel 4:34-35)

Nebuchadnezzar had quite literally lost his mind. His self-obsessed pride had driven him mad, until he "raised [his] eyes heavenward and [his] reason was restored" (Daniel 4:34). Nothing restores our sanity like a glimpse of the Sovereign Savior.

Are you anchoring your hope in the eternal God or in earthly government?

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"This is the interpretation, O king: It is a decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king, that you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. You shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and you shall be wet with the dew of heaven, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will. And as it was commanded to leave the stump of the roots of the tree, your kingdom shall be confirmed for you from the time that you know that Heaven rules. Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you: break off your sins by practicing righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed, that there may perhaps be a lengthening of your prosperity."

~ Daniel 4:24-27 (ESV)

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