

“Changing World” Series: Politics

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I. Representation & Exploitation

Key Truth: Politics Is Not The Solution To Society’s Problems

II. Referendum

1st Samuel 8:4-7, 19-22

v. 4-7

Public Grievance

v. 19-22

Public Demand

Point: Politics Is Inevitable

III. Wicked Rulers

Psalms 94:19-23

Point: Corruption Will Be Judged by God

IV. Realistic Political Expectations

Mid-Week Devotion *(Take time this week to pray & respond to the following)*

Politics is inevitable and it affects every aspect of life. It is at work everywhere that rules are implemented, power is exercised, and resources are utilized. Political engagement in human institutions can be beneficial, but it cannot solve all of society’s problems.

God knew that human beings would be inclined to engage in dialogue, debate, and conflict. He also knew that humanity would struggle under the rule of corrupt and incapable leaders. Though the political climate of the world is presently growing colder and darker, He still expects His people to stand firm in His power and resist corruption.

God has promised to be with His people through conflict and affliction. He will fairly and thoroughly hold every person accountable. The wicked will not go unpunished and the faithful obedient will surely receive His praise.

To what degree is politics shaping your thoughts, feelings, and actions? Have you tuned it all out in an effort to better cope? Have you become obsessed with it to the point that it is a detriment to your relationship with God or with others? Are you in need of a re-balancing of priorities so that your reliance on worldly things can diminish and your dependence on God can increase?

Prayerfully share with God your hopes and fears about this world. Consider the role He wants you to play in engaging in the politicized struggles of these challenging times. Ask God to direct your focus and guard your heart against distraction and deception. Commit to be a role-model of mercy, grace, and love in your interactions with others.