

Your duty, your privilege

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We normally study a portion of the Book of Psalms before we start a new Book from the Bible. But I felt that the Lord told me to teach a topical lesson this morning.

In light of the election time, I believe that we need to look at the United States' current political landscape from the biblical view. I know that some of you may not care to listen to another political opinion since we get to hear them a lot on TV, radio, and read from newspaper and magazine. We also get tons of political junk mail in our mailboxes as well. However, this is not my personal opinion, but what the Lord God says in His Word. I happen to agree with Him because it is the truth. So if you consider yourself a Christian, please bear with me.

Though I can talk about the areas of this horrible economy and unemployment situation, I only am going to limit this teaching to the areas which directly affect our faith in Jesus Christ. Those areas are "the Freedom of Faith in Jesus Christ, Abortion, Homosexuality, and the Sanctity of Marriage."

Some may wonder, "Why a preacher gets himself involved into politics? Haven't you heard the separation of church and state? It is in the Constitution of the United States." For that comment, I must say, "You should be glad that you are not taking a test for that, because you were wrong in both facts."

First of all, the phrase "the separation of church and state" is NOT in the Constitution of the United States. It was written in a short letter to the Danbury Baptists on January 1, 1802 by President Thomas Jefferson who had no intention of allowing the government to limit, restrict, regulate, or interfere with public religious practices. Rather he believed, along with the other Founding Fathers of the United States of America, that the First Amendment had been enacted only to affirm free exercise of religion.

In other words, Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black in 1947 twisted the original intention of Thomas Jefferson' words and he added his own unbiblical and ungodly opinion. And those who hated God and Christianity jumped to their feet and declared it as a law even though there is not a shred of evidence for their opinion in the Constitution of the United States. This means that instead of applying the existing law, Justice Black came up with his own law from the bench which was a violation of the Constitution.

A. THE EARLY CHURCHES AT THE FRONT

The Black Robed Regiment was the name that the British placed on the courageous and patriotic American clergies during the Founding Era. It was a backhanded reference to the black robes that the clergies wore. The British largely blamed the Black Regiment for American Independence, and rightfully so. They were Absalom Jones, John Witherspoon, William Smith, Richard Allen, Israel Evans to name a few.

Even modern historians have documented that there is not a single right that was asserted in the Declaration of Independence which had not been covered by these preachers' sermons before 1763.

It was not just the British who saw the American pulpit as largely responsible for American independence and government, our own leaders agreed. For example, John Adams, the second President of the United States, rejoiced that "the pulpits have

thundered” and specifically identified several ministers as being among the “characters the most conspicuous, the most ardent, and influential” in the “awakening and a revival of American principles and feelings” that led to American independence.

The American clergies at that time courageously provided leadership during the times of difficulties – leading from out front of the troops and taking them to the battles; treating wounded; and distributing newsflashes throughout their communities; writing the State Constitution and governing documents; founding colleges and Christian universities; even serving in the Congress.

The American clergies were faithful expositors of the fullness of God’s Word, applying its principles to every aspect of life, thus shaping America’s institutes and culture. They were also at the forefront of proclaiming liberty, resisting tyranny, and opposing any encroachments on God-given rights and freedoms.

B. THE CURRENT CHURCHES IN THE BACK

I wish that I could say the same thing about the current Christian church preachers in America like those brave godly men full of conviction from God’s Word. But I have to admit that many current pastors, especially some of the mega church pastors, don’t care to talk about the truth regarding the current political situation from their pulpits.

I can see a few surface reasons. One of them is maintaining “501C3 Non-Profit Organization Status” from IRS. IRS has a right to take away that privilege if a non-profit organization declares any political status one way or another. However, I’ve seen many liberal churches side with liberal political groups, but they have not lost any of their 501C3 Non-Profit Organization Status. I guess that that rule only applies to the church that stands against the liberal political administration.

But the true reason behind not teaching the truth from the pulpit that makes their congregation think according to God’s way is that those mega church pastors don’t want to lose their people, which translates to congregation numbers, money, and their status – being the pastor of a mega church. Because they know that many of their congregation don’t see eye to eye with them politically.

C. THE FREEDOM OF FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST

Adolf Hitler once said to the German pastors before the World War II that he would not interfere with the specific doctrines of the church, just as long as the churches were teaching those things that were in harmony with the good of the German people. He called this “Positive Christianity.”

At the same time, Hitler removed Christmas and Easter from the German churches. Christmas was turned into a totally pagan festival. School prayers were banned and carols and Nativity plays were forbidden in the schools. Crucifixes were eliminated from classrooms. Easter was turned into a holiday that heralded the arrival of spring. In other words, he secularized Christian holidays as just another holidays. Sounds familiar?

He created a flurry of new laws and then accused pastors and church leaders of breaking them. In one way or another God had to be separated from government policies and ejected from the public square. Many courageous pastors who stood against Hitler were imprisoned for what we today call “hate speech because they dared to criticize Hitler’s regime from the pulpits.

With God and faith removed from government, the values of Hitler's socialism filled the vacuum. The church would increasingly become the enemy of the state.

This is exactly what is happening in America. Systematically, the liberals have been working their ways into every fiber of the fabric of our society. The spearhead of this attack is the ACLU – American Civil Liberty Union. They sue anyone, any company, and any institution to have God of Christianity ousted from government, from law, from education, and workplace. They largely succeeded. But they are not done yet. Their noose against Christianity is growing tighter under the name of "hate speech" and "bigotry".

In addition to that, our freedom of religion is being eroded and being betrayed by the elite – those who should be guarding our liberties in government and media. Because the same minded people like ACLU infiltrated educational system – mainly universities and colleges, and even churches.

In case you have any doubt what President Obama did against Christianity, I provided you hard evidences done against our faith by him in your hand. We will upload this document in our church web site and church Facebook as well.

D. THREE OTHER AREAS WE ARE GOING TO PAY ATTENTION

I want all of you to follow with me about three things:

1) Abortion

In the Illinois legislature, State Senator Barack Obama opposed the "Born-Alive Infants Protection Act" three times. The bill recognized babies born after attempted abortions as persons and required doctors to give them care. He wouldn't even bring himself to protect infants brutalized through the abortion surgery and utterly left alone in some medical facility taking what might be only a few fragile breaths on this earth.

Now he even supports the gender choice abortion which allows parents to abort their baby if they don't want one particular sex at that time, not because the baby was abnormal, sick, or a result of rape or incest.

President Obama is an extremist on abortion. He has never supported any meaningful restriction on it, and never will, especially in his second term if he gets reelected.

Abortion is not a woman's choice, rather it is a murder of that helpless baby in mother's womb. When you vote for any political candidate who endorses abortion, you are endorsing murder of that baby. How can you cast your vote like that with a clear conscious? You will be accountable for that to the Lord later. Life is precious.

Psalm 139:13-14 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.

By the way, aren't you glad that your mom didn't abort you?

2) Homosexuality

Some Christians would tell me that I shouldn't talk bad about homosexual people. I am not, but about their actions. They say that these people are lonely, confused, and unloved by churches. I guess that you can say the same thing for a meth addict if

that is the case. He is lonely, confused because of his last hit from the meth joint he had. So should I give him another dose of meth so that he feels loved? No. We want him to walk away from his addictive lifestyle. The same goes for homosexual lifestyle. They'd rather stay in that perverted lustful lifestyle with taxpayer funded medical clinics so that when they get AIDS, they can get treated for free. The most of them have absolutely no desire to walk away from that destructive life.

The homosexual groups want to be treated as a protected special class people with free access to everywhere. That is why they make those who stand against them as "bigots"; themselves "victims."

When God created man and woman, He created exactly man and woman, not a man's body with a woman's mind trapped in it. I cannot quote all the verses that stand against homosexuality in the Bible, because there are too many. So I am listing a few of them here:

1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Genesis 19, Leviticus 18:22; Leviticus 20:13; Romans 1:26-27; Matthew 19:1-8; Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 5:3-7; Jude 1:4, 7, 19; Revelation 21:27; Deuteronomy 23:17

Yes, our God is the God of love, but not the God of lust.

When you vote for any political candidate who endorses homosexuality, you are endorsing what is the opposite of God's heart. You will be accountable for that to the Lord later.

3) The sanctity of marriage

This directly relates with homosexuality. The first institution which our God established was a marriage of one man and one woman biologically. Anything else would be out of God's will. If He wanted us to know and have it, He would have told us.

It is satan's desire to destroy the unit of family. Once the family is gone, the rest of the society would be a cake walk.

When you vote for any political candidate who endorses homosexual marriage, you are directly standing against how the Lord intended for marriage. You will be accountable for that to the Lord later.

E. LET'S DO SOME SIMPLE MATH

Some pastors and Christians insist that we shouldn't and cannot vote for a Mormon to be the next President of the United States of America. So they told me that they would not vote either one of them. In response to that, I am asking you to do a simple math, not complicated algebra, or calculus.

Since this nation is pretty much divided evenly among two presidential candidates, we will have 50 on one side and the rest of 50 on the other side. I know that we have an extremely horrible choice of the presidential candidates to choose from. Because Romney is a Mormon, so if you choose not to vote for him or anyone for that matter, your vote and someone else who thinks like you will not be counted. But all the liberals will vote for Obama. Now who is going to win because you choose not to stop the worse candidate of two?

I like what British Statesman Edmund Burke said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." You think about that.

F. SO WHAT DO WE DO?

I once heard that there are over 50 million born-again Christians conservatively in America of which population is about 311 million people. If all of those born-again Christians vote according to the biblical principles, not according to their family connections, their wallet situations, jobs, nor even their personal opinions, there will be many born-again Christian political leaders in Washington D.C., state capitals, and county and city mayor and council supervisor positions. The problem is that in spite of what they know and have learned from the Bible, they do whatever they want when it comes to voting.

Some of you are considering voting for the candidates who will endorse taking away the freedom of our faith in Jesus Christ, promoting homosexuality, abortion, and same sex marriage. May I urge you to reconsider your idea? Now that you've heard what those candidates are standing for against your faith, as a born-again Christian you must do what is right in the sight of God. You cannot segregate who you are in Christ and how you vote. If you do, you are living a double life.

Let your voice to be heard with your vote according to what the Lord tells you to do from the Word of God, not according to your personal opinion. Don't sit there and complain. Go vote with Jesus. It is your duty, your privilege.