

SERMON NOTES

October 26 & 27, 2024

In God We Trust: The Four Elections

First Election: God or _____

I Samuel 8:4-18

God's Platform - _____

God _____ the election

I Samuel 8:19-22

Political Power: Reveals _____

Political Power: Has _____

Second Election: Jesus or _____

Matthew 16:21-28 | John 18:33-40

Jesus Campaign Slogan: "The Kingdom of God is _____"

Jesus _____ the election

Third Election:

Philippians 2:5-11

Only One Office: _____

Only One Platform: _____

Only One Candidate: _____

Only One Precinct: _____

Only One Voter: _____

Ephesians 1: 21-22

Fourth Election: God or _____

I commit in the 2024 election to:

1. Be _____

James 4:17

2. Be _____

1 Timothy 2:1-2

3. Be _____

Revelation 21:2

Life Steps

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Monday

1 Samuel 8:5-7, 10-22

Reflect: Why did the Israelites reject God as their King? Why did they ignore God's warnings of what they would lose out as individuals if they chose an imperfect human king? In light of our current election, what new helpful biblical insights or encouraging truths did you learn from the weekend message?

Prayer: Lord of heaven and earth, forgive me for all the times I place human powers on the throne that only you can rightly occupy.

Tuesday

John 18:33-40 | John 19:16

Reflect: What parallels do you see to Israel demanding a King in 1 Samuel 8? Pilate had supreme authority over that region. Why was he not successful in saving Jesus? What insights does this election of who was to die and who was to be set free give into our current election?

Prayer: Lord of heaven and earth, have mercy on America. Like Israel, we have been more consumed with fighting for the ways of political power than humbly walking in the way of Jesus.

Wednesday

Philippians 2:9-11 | Ephesians 1:20-22

Reflect: What was the Father's plan for Jesus which required the cross? How can Jesus be the supreme authority, and yet, at times, we have chaos in our nation and perhaps in our lives?

Prayer: Lord of heaven and earth, you are our commander in chief, the ultimate authority and supreme ruler of our lives. Help us to follow in the footsteps of your son, Jesus, the resurrected Christ.

Thursday

Isaiah 9:6-7 | John 18:36-37 | Philippians 2:5-8

Reflect: What are some characteristics described of Jesus as president/king/supreme ruler? How is this different from human rulers? How is this election affecting your faith?

Prayer: Lord of heaven and earth, there never has been, or will be, anyone like you. Your ways are perfect, your kingdom is real, may your will be done in America and in me as it is in heaven.

Friday

1 Timothy 2:1-2

Reflect: We made three commitments last weekend. The first is to be involved. How will you honor that commitment?

Prayer: King Jesus, help me to serve our country, especially during this election season in a way that honors you and brings what you are doing up there down here.

Saturday

Romans 13:3 | Titus 3:1-2

Reflect: Our second commitment is to be civil. What are some of our Biblical responsibilities towards government? In light of our faith, what is to be our attitude toward those with whom we disagree politically or disagree on policy?

Prayer: Pray for the well-being of Kamala Harris and Jim Walz, Donald Trump and J. D. Vance. Pray the same for Joe and Jill Biden. Pray for the well-being of their families. Pray for all who will attend worship this evening.

Sunday

Revelation 21:2-3

Reflect: Our third commitment is to be confident. How does the vision of Revelation 21 help us keep the election in perspective and not be anxious? How would your thoughts and emotions be different if Jesus was the ultimate king/leader of your life? How could that become a reality for you?

Prayer: Pray for any friends and family who would be served well if they yielded her/his life to the Lordship of Jesus in their life. Pray for our country and for all who will attend worship today.