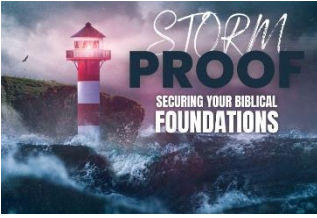


SERMON NOTES



Stormproof! Week 4 “Election Earthquakes”

October 27, 2024

When you think about the upcoming election, what emotions do you have around it?

The election doesn't have to rock your world...here's why:

1. The LORD is not on the ballot, so he won't _____.

- *2 Kings 19:15 And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord: “Lord, the God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth.*
- *Ephesians 1:19-23 That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.*

2. Every government _____ by God's authority even if it doesn't _____ God's authority.

- *Romans 13:1 Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.*

3. God uses government to carry out his _____, even if government rejects God's _____.

- *Psalms 33:10-12 The Lord foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. 11 But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.*

- *Luke 2:1-3 In those days **Caesar Augustus** issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to his own town to register.*
- *Isaiah 44:24,28 I am the LORD, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself, who says of **Cyrus**, 'He is my shepherd and will accomplish all that I please; he will say of Jerusalem, "Let it be rebuilt," and of the temple, "Let its foundations be laid."'*

4. We live as citizens of _____ kingdoms.

a. God's Kingdom

- *John 18:36 Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."*

i. Purpose: Make _____ of ALL Nations

- *Matthew 28:18-20 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

ii. Main Tool: The _____ of God/Gospel

- *Romans 1:16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.*
- *Romans 10:17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.*

iii. Our Role: Spread the _____

- *Mark 16:15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."*

b. Kingdom of the world

i. Purpose: Protection of _____ and _____

- *Romans 13:4 For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.*

ii. Main Tool: _____ and the Laws of the Land

- *We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.*

iii. Our Role: Honor, respect, _____

- *Romans 13:7 Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.*

To prevent an election earthquake in your heart, remember...

- We are electing a president, not a _____.
- We have a perfect _____, not a perfect _____.
- Replace any _____ with a focus on Jesus.
- While we advocate for candidates that promote Christian values, _____ don't make Christian people.
- Let your _____ shine in both kingdoms.
- *Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.*

Remember: In the earthquakes of elections, God is still in control!

MY PERSONAL NOTES

Everyone Outreach Witness Idea: *Everyone is thinking about the election. As it comes up in conversation, express the peace we can have knowing God is in control, while encouraging involvement.*

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SERMON REFLECTIONS: Apply to My Life

The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:

The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:

The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:

My prayers today are:

Someone I would like to bless with today's message: