

## Pondering November 2020

We are only a few days from election day, and people from all kinds of political convictions feel tension, uneasiness, and even fear, thinking about the outcome of the election of 2020. Praying and seeking the LORD in this matter I did receive this guidance – and no, it does not tell you how to vote.

Isaiah 6:1–5 (ESV)

*<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" <sup>4</sup>And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"*

Not to scare anyone, but some hopes and dreams will be dead after this election. Can you sense Isaiah's uncertainty with king Uzziah being gone? Who will follow? What might be the -- intended as well as unintended – consequences?

Suddenly there is divine revelation that GOD is still on HIS throne, not nervous or fearful, but majestic and certain. No matter which political party will carry the day and present the President for the 2021-2024 period, GOD is still on the throne. Take solace in that truth, yet continue to fast and pray, that GOD's will be done and GOD's Kingdom come in your own life as well as in Washington D.C..

The beginning of Psalm 121 declares, "I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth."

Over the last two decades plus there has been a teaching in the Christian community concerning the Seven Mountains or the Seven Spheres of influence. They include family, government, religion, business, education, entertainment, and media. The basic idea is to make sure that all seven mountains are governed by GOD-fearing individuals. As I explained before there is no separation between our Christian faith and other aspects of our life. Instead all that we do is meant to be done to the glory of GOD (Colossians 3:17)

While each of these mountains can serve as a channel to GOD's grace and sustaining power, the source is not the mountain itself, but GOD Almighty. We cannot afford to put our trust in human systems, we need to put our trust in the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. We need to seek HIM daily and following HIS guidance live our lives to biblical standards preparing the way of the LORD. You may wonder if that is even possible. Turning to the biblical stories of Judge Deborah, and Daniel – who served under three different rulers, it becomes clear that those who trust in the LORD, will find refuge even under difficult circumstances, and GOD will use them to bring HIS rule to fruition.

May GOD bless us all as we continue to pray for local, state, and federal government, and may we see HIS Kingdom come to breakthrough in our life-time.

Keep the faith and stay safe!

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