

## **Pray for Biden**

We are in the midst of another election year. May God help us. Really. Our nation is deeply divided and turning away from God. God's wrath upon us is inevitable if we don't repent as a nation. Our leaders seem to struggle actually leading. The moral fabric of our nation is threadbare. The presumed religious right is attacking the presumed liberal left and vice versa.

As believers in Jesus, how are we to respond to those who disagree with us and our God? What does God expect of us? Why are we here in this moment and this time? Paul told Timothy to drop a love bomb in order to silence those promoted false teaching and lies. What does that look like? Where does it come from?

The Church at Ephesus faced the very same issues that we face today at Remnant. Timothy was placed there to refute false teaching and to guard the gospel message. The only difference was that the Church at Ephesus was under far more persecution than we are. Roman Emperors established peace within the kingdom...called Pax Romana....but it was not peaceful around the church of Jesus Christ. Riots in the street would threaten the existence of the church .

What is the church to do under these circumstances? How do we respond to the threat?  
That is where God is going to direct Paul and Timothy.....and in the process us...Let's dive in.

## **Scripture**

1 Timothy 2:1–8 (ESV) 1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. 7 For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. 8 I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling;

Paul has just instructed Timothy to drop a love bomb on those who teach falsely. The aim, he tells Timothy, is love. Love that comes from a pure heart, good conscience and a sincere faith. How are we to do that? We learned last week that two key components empowered our witness. Our testimony and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

We have our testimony...our witness to what God has done to us and through us in our lifetime. Now Paul tells Timothy the first thing that you must do....is to pray. We have to make sure that we are empowered by the Holy Spirit. So we prepare ourselves through prayer.

For us to be successful against scoffers, false teachers, and those sent to thwart the gospel, we must do so in the Power of the Spirit. We must pray until our hearts are surrendered and aligned with God's heart. You keep praying as He peels away you so people can see Him. Let's look specifically at what Paul tells us.

Paul mentions four types of prayer...Supplications means to let God know about your needs and desires.

#### Supplications

Letting God know about your needs and desires as you see them. Everything from your physical needs to your Spiritual needs. Checking in and letting God know what is on your heart. Talking to Him about your day, your struggles, your hopes and dreams. In general, supplication means to let God know what is on your mind.

#### Prayers

Prayers reflect the general idea of submitting those requests to God. Placing your needs, wants and desires at His feet to do with as He pleases. It is submitting your desires to Him...Surrendering to His sovereignty and letting God address what needs to be addressed and discard what does not.

#### Intercessions

Turns your heart to the needs and wants of others. Recognizing that the world is not just about you. Praying for others as fervently as you prayed for yourself. This is the type of prayer that precedes our testimony and the advancement of the Gospel.

#### Thanksgiving

This includes being thankful not only for yourself and your relationship with God, but for every person you encounter. Being thankful for those God has placed in this world. Thanking God that He sent you here to reach those who hate Him and being thankful for them in the process.

Although Paul uses this cluster of four words, they all focus on a single theme... The Good News is for every single human being who ever lived.

#### For who? ALL PEOPLE

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There can be no doubt that this repetition is deliberate. These four truths belong together in Paul's mind. It is because God's desire and Christ's death concern everybody that the church's prayers and proclamation must concern everybody too

If we are really to pray for all people, we must believe that God loves them all without distinction and that Christ's sacrifice on the cross was indeed on behalf of all. It's difficult for us to appreciate the struggle that those early Jewish followers of Jesus had with this. Imagine being raised in the tradition in which the world was divided into two camps, Jew and Gentile, the children of light and the children of darkness,

and then, through faith in Christ, learning that God loves all people and that the old distinctions are invalid. It took a lot of doing to work out this new reality in which Jew and Gentile, slave and free, male and female, educated and uneducated are called to live together in a fellowship that seeks and accepts all people alike

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Paul now defines what all people really means...this is where we are going to camp out today....Paul instructs the Church at Ephesus to pray these four types of prayers for everyone, but interestingly he focuses on Kings and all who are in high positions.

This was a remarkable instruction, since at that time no Christian ruler existed anywhere in the world. Also notice that this is a promise verse. When God commands us to do something challenging, He often tells us the reward of obedience. These verses can be read backwards.

If you want to lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way....pray for Kings and all who are in high places.

When Paul told Timothy to pray for kings, the reigning emperor was Nero, whose vanity, cruelty and hostility to the Christian faith were widely known. The persecution of the church, spasmodic at first, was soon to become systematic, and Christians were understandably apprehensive. Yet they had recourse to prayer. Indeed, prayer for pagan countries and their leaders already had a precedent in the Old Testament. For Jeremiah told those who had been captured and taken away to Babylon to raise families and multiply and then he instructs them to pray for Babylon's peace and prosperity,

Jeremiah 29:6-7 (ESV) 6 Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. 7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

For in its welfare you find your own....interesting...God through Jeremiah instructs them to pray for blessings upon those who have captured them and taken them away. Those who are holding them against their will and have exiled them from home.

Our lives as Christians are in some manner tied to the heart we have when we pray for everyone and particularly our enemies.

Paul could have chosen anyone as an example and He chose Nero. The very Roman emperor who would soon imprison him and kill him. It is easy to pray for those you love...those you encounter, generally those that you don't like...we can do that....but when you put a face to

your prayers...when you realize that all people really means all people....we start to stray from our focus...

Similar to the teachings of Jesus when the rich man after saying we are to love our neighbor.... asked Him who is our neighbor? And Jesus told him the story of the Good Samaritan....answer...you are to love every person you have ever laid eyes on. Yes...that includes your enemies....even the dreaded Samaritans.

Paul continues that theme here....your are to pray for all people..repeated 4 times...and with one example...Kings and those in high places.

Why?

Paul is quite specific in directing why the church should pray for national leaders. It is first and foremost that we may live peaceful and quiet lives. For the basic benefit of good government is peace, meaning freedom both from war and from civil strife

Prayer for peace is not to be dismissed as selfish. Its motivation can be altruistic, namely that only within an ordered society is the church free to fulfil its God-given responsibilities without hindrance

This is good (namely prayer that those in authority will maintain peace), and pleases God our Saviour (3), who wants all men to be saved ... The logic of this seems to be that peaceful conditions facilitate the propagation of the gospel.

Certainly the pax romana was a major factor in its early rapid spread. Jesus came in the fullness of time...the best time to bring the gospel to earth and He came when Rome was at peace. It is hard to spread the gospel in an active war zone. The ultimate object of our prayers for national leaders, then, is that in the context of the peace they preserve, religion and morality can flourish, and evangelism go forward without interruption.

Here is important apostolic teaching about church and state, and about the proper relations between them, even when the state is not Christian. It is the duty of the state to keep the peace, to protect its citizens from whatever would disturb it, to preserve law and order (using this expression without the oppressive overtones it often has today, referring to a clampdown on dissidents), and to punish evil and promote good (as Paul teaches in Rom. 13:4), so that within such a stable society the church may be free to worship God, obey his laws and spread his gospel

Romans 13:1–4 (ESV) 1 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4 for he is God's servant for your good.

Paul instructs the Romans...don't miss that...the people in Rome...under Roman rule...under the oppressive Roman empire...under the leadership of Nero...a man who

was persecuting Christians...who would soon kill Paul...Paul told them that he is God's servant for your good...note not just good....YOUR good.

That is either radical or ridiculous. So Paul continues.

Thus church and state have reciprocal duties, the church to pray for the state (and be its conscience), the state to protect the church (so that it may be free to perform its duties). Each should acknowledge that the other also has a divine origin and purpose. Each should help the other to fulfil its God-given role.

1 Timothy 2:2 (ESV) 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

God desires that all people are saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. That is the desire of God and it must be our desire too. Unfortunately, rather than focusing on spreading the gospel, many get to this verse and begin to argue about theology.

Rather than agreeing with God and getting busy...Christians for 2000 years debate this question. If God desires that all men are saved, how can He say that He chose us? Did we choose Him or did He choose us? Were we preordained for salvation...elected to it...or did we respond to the gospel and choose to follow Jesus?

Churches divide on this question...and I don't really see why it matters. People ask me are you guys Calvinist or Armenian...My answer is that we are Christian and we don't divide on what is not clear in Scripture.

Here is what we know for sure...God desires that all men are saved and come to the knowledge of truth.

Paul it seems is concerned that some people in Ephesus thought that the gospel was just for them...that they were either special or specially enlightened.

Paul may have had in mind those nationalistic Jews who believed themselves to be God's privileged favorites and forgot God's original promise to bless all earth's families through Abraham. They thought that they were saved because they were Jewish.

Alternatively, Paul may have been thinking of elitist Gnostics who argued that only a select group of people...the smartes ones...will have the knowledge to be saved. In our day there are other versions of this...various denominations, religious groups, sects, and cults.

The truth is that God loves the whole world, desires all people to be saved, and so commands us to preach the gospel to all the nations and to pray for their conversion.

So people ask me all the time...Did God choose us or did we choose Him. My answer is always yes. And quickly followed by why does it matter? Even if you believed that you were somehow elected...you are still commanded to share the gospel with the whole world.

I could preach a sermon straight from Scripture that indicates that God chose a select few for salvation and He can choose to do that because He is God. He doesn't owe us an explanation.

I would use Scripture that clearly teaches divine election both in the Old Testament (e.g. 'he loved your forefathers and chose their descendants after them'), and in the New Testament (e.g. 'you did not choose me, but I chose you')...and I would be convincing...but not complete.

I would have to ignore a lot of Scripture that teaches that God desires all to be saved and we must respond and believe in Jesus as our Savior. I could preach an equally convincing argument solely from Scripture that indicates we must choose Him.

When Scripture is unclear we just accept it as truth and acknowledge that God has us on a need to know basis. This one, in my opinion, we don't need to know.

We must therefore teach that God wants both. He desires that all men are saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. He wants us to see truth and respond to what Jesus did on the cross for us. Election, God choosing us, is usually introduced in Scripture to humble us (reminding us that the credit for our salvation belongs to God alone), or to reassure us (promising us that God's love will never let us go), or to stir us to mission (recalling that God chose Abraham and his family in order through him to bless all the families of the earth).

Election is never introduced in order to contradict the universal offer of the gospel or to provide us with an excuse for opting out of world evangelization. If some are excluded, it is because they exclude themselves by rejecting the gospel offer. As for God, he wants all men to be saved. He choose us...we chose Him. He knows eventually who will respond to the gospel and who will not. But everyone gets the chance to respond to God.

In Ephesus, one issue facing the church had to be addressed. Paul was concerned about false teachers teaching elitism...He wants Timothy to address it...God wants all to be saved. But there was another issue of concern. Not only did they have elitism as a concern but they also had groups that focused on universalism. That all roads lead to God and everyone gets saved. So Paul moves us to the next truth.

1 Timothy 2:5–7 (ESV) 5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. 7 For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Paul teaches us that there is only one way to Salvation. Only one God and only one mediator Jesus. All other religions or teachings are lies.

The universality of the gospel invitation rests on a double foundation, namely the two truths that there is only one God and only one mediator

He begins: For there is one God (5a). The fundamental contrast in verses 4 and 5 is between the all men God wants to be saved and the one God who desires that they should be. The reason he wants all to be saved is that he is the one God, and there is no other.

Supposing there were, as the Greeks believed, a pantheon of many gods, or even, as popular Hinduism holds, millions of deities. Then presumably these many gods would either share out the human race between them

Over against such ludicrous speculations Scripture insists on the unity of God. In the Old Testament the recited Shema began with the declaration, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.' It was the basis of his demand for his people's wholehearted and exclusive love. This fundamental truth found further expression in Isaiah: 'I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God.' Hence the so-called 'jealousy' of God. Jealousy is the resentment of rivals.

He is intolerant of rivals; he refuses to share with any other the worship which is due to him alone. 'I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols.' Hence too his invitation to the nations to believe in him: 'Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.'<sup>35</sup> So it is already plain in the Old Testament that it is the uniqueness of Yahweh as the only God which justifies his 'jealousy' and so his universal mission, calling on every knee to bow to him and every tongue to swear by his name.

Isaiah 42:8 (ESV) 8 I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

Isaiah 48:11 (ESV) 11 For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another.

Isaiah 45:22 (ESV) 22 "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

Paul repeats this truth often....

1 Corinthians 8:5–6 (ESV) 5 For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— 6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

Ephesians 4:4–6 (ESV) 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Further, it is because 'there is only one God' that he is not the God of Jews only but the God of Gentiles too

Romans 3:28–30 (ESV) 29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, 30 since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

The apostle moves on from the one God, who desires all people to be saved, to the one mediator between God and human beings, who gave himself as a ransom for all people.

This is Paul's answer to another form of false teaching...It goes like this....why should not the one God, who wants all people to be saved, save them in different ways, some through Hinduism or Buddhism, others through Judaism or Islam, and yet others through New Age and other contemporary cults? Why should he insist that all people be saved in the same way and come to a knowledge of the (same) truth?' Paul's answer is that there is not only one Savior God, but also one mediator between him and us, and therefore only one way of salvation

A mediator is an intermediary, the person in the middle, who effects a reconciliation between two rival parties. And between God and the human race, Paul writes, there is only one, Jesus 'the only go-between'.

Here, then, is the double uniqueness of Jesus Christ, which qualifies him to be the only mediator. First there is the uniqueness of his divine-human person, and secondly the uniqueness of his substitutionary, redeeming death. The one mediator is the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom. We must keep these three nouns together, the man, the ransom and the mediator

In our pluralistic age we may tend to say "there are many ways to God," but it would be more proper to say "there are many ways to Christ but only one way to God, and that is through Christ." When arguing over whether it is right that there is only one way to God, it is sometimes forgotten that it is God himself who has provided that way so that all people might indeed be saved. Pluralism is not to be confused with universalism, though the two usually come to the same conclusion. Universalism is the assertion that everyone will be saved regardless of their response to the gospel. Pluralism is the assertion that no one religion is right but that all have value

Paul calls our elitism, universalism, and pluralism as false teachings that Timothy must refute. These are the same issues facing Remnant and every other authentic church in the world.

Jesus the man, the ransom and the mediator. Only one way to salvation. God made this very clear.

Paul, with those concerns addressed, returns us to prayer.

1 Timothy 2:8 (ESV) 8 I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling;

To lift up "holy hands" does not put emphasis on the hands themselves (as washed and ritually pure). Such would go against Jesus' teachings. Rather, it is assumed that men will pray in the customary Jewish manner, with hands uplifted; thus, these hands should belong to men whose lives are consistent with God's holiness. Their desires are aligned with God's. Jesus is the only way and God desires that all are saved through a revelation of their knowledge of what is true.

You can't raise holy hands up in a prayer that is not aligned with your heart and Spirit. God commands Timothy to pray for Kings...for oppressive emperors like Nero. How do you honestly



pray that God blesses those you despise? How do you pray for a leader that you didn't choose for and who stands against everything you stand for? A leader who goes out of his way to persecute the church? Surely, God needs us to stand up and defend Him...to take a moral stand and attack ungodly leaders. Right?

So Paul is instructing Timothy...false teachers are here...pluralism is here..universalism is here...scoffers are here...Timothy is going to have to correct false teaching but he is not going to do it by arguing....He is going to reach them by loving them. Paul is desperate to see Timothy love those who hate him.

How do we love everyone? How do we share the Gospel with everyone? How do we honestly pray for our enemies...for those who hate us...for everyone? What do we have to have in us to be able to do these things?

Well, in our flesh...our sin nature..none of this makes sense...Pray for Nero? Pray for godless leaders? Those are God-sized prayers. Only God has that kind of love...unconditional love for everyone....I can't do this....I can't pray for the man who walked out on our family...who beat us....I can't pray for my ex spouse....the man who assaulted me...the person who really hates me...stalks me...or lies about me.

But you may be thinking...I don't want to pray for my enemies to be blessed...I don't care that Isaiah told the captives to pray for the success of Babylon...I couldn't honestly tell God to bless my enemies....because I deep down don't want them blessed...I want them to be cursed. I don't love people unconditionally.

You are right...You can't and God would never ask you on your own to do such a thing. He will however ask you to get out of the way so that He can do it through you. He has commanded us to surrender to His Spirit in you.

On our best day by ourselves...We can't forgive unconditionally...we can't love unconditionally...we can't honestly pray sincerely for our leaders to prosper and be blessed....If that is going to happen in me...God is going to have to do it for me....EXACTLY. That is why Jesus said...don't you dare go try to represent me to the world until you have received the Holy Spirit.

I say this all the time...you and I surrender...the Holy Spirit does what we can never do on our own. We must pray until our heart is aligned with God's Spirit. We must allow God to peel away our desire to attack, our desire to seek revenge, our desire to prove that we are right, our desire to tear down people that we disagree with. We must pray until what happens through us is no longer about us. We surrender more and more in prayer as God peels away us and all that is left is Him. We must say on our knees until we are totally surrendered to what God wants to do through us....then and only then do we have holy hands that we can lift to God in prayer.

Notice Paul says lifting holy hands without arguing or quarreling.....Is that how the church at Ephesus looked? People praying and lifting hands to God while at the same time full of anger and

quarreling? The problem is that they are not just quarreling with each other....they were in a struggle with God.

God who is sovereign has made it clear how we are to interact with other believers and with those who do not yet know Jesus. If we are in conflict with each other, we are not surrendered to God's Will. God said if it is at all possible, as far as you are concerned, live at peace with all men.

The essence here is to be in prayer and fully surrendered to the Holy Spirit. If you are not there...if you can't honestly and whole heartedly ask God to bless others...you need to keep praying and surrendering until God is free to work through you.

We will never love the way He commands us to love. We will never see others the way He desires us to see them without the Holy Spirit. Only the Holy Spirit can prompt us to fully surrender and accept the sovereignty of God.

Those of us who grew up in a Democracy really struggle with the Sovereignty of God. It goes against our arrogance, our independence, our false belief that we control our destiny, and the lie we believe about how we control the world around us and the future.

The sovereignty of God means that as ruler of the Universe, God is free and has the right to do whatever he wants. He is not bound or limited by the dictates of his created beings. Further, he is in complete control over everything that happens here on Earth. Why does anything happen on earth? Because ultimately it was God's will.

In the Bible, sovereignty is often expressed in the language of kingship: God rules and reigns over the entire Universe. He cannot be opposed. He is Lord of heaven and earth. He is enthroned, and his throne is a symbol of his sovereignty. God's will is supreme.

The result of trusting in God's sovereignty is knowing that his good purposes will be achieved. Nothing can hinder God's plan; history will be worked out according to the will of God:

Romans 8:28 (ESV) 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Ephesians 1:11–12 (ESV) 11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

Isaiah 46:9–11 (ESV) 9 remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,' .... I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.

Psalms 115:3 (ESV) 3 Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

Daniel 4:35 (ESV) 35 all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?"

We too often forget that God is Sovereign. We tend to forget it when we think about the salvation of others, the spread of pandemics, or the election of a President.

God has a mission for earth. All that He has promised will be accomplished. Nothing will be forgotten....nothing that He promises will fail to come to fruition. He has a plan for our nation and its leaders.

In every election...every appointment of a King...every rise of a leader...occurred at and by the Hand of God. What do Julius Caesar, Pharoah, Nebecaneezer, Alexander the Great, Napoleon, Abraham Lincoln, Hitler, Mussolini, Churchill, Truman, FDR, JFK, Ronald Reagan, Barak Obama, and Donald Trump and Joe Biden all have in common?

They were all chosen by God...allowed by God...to lead....in a specific place, in specific times, to carry out God's Specific Plan for mankind.

So, we find ourselves once again in an election year in a country that is deeply divided. We have been placed here for this moment and this time. and we are not here to just elect a President. No matter how you vote, God's choice will win...that is not the reason God has us here....

We are here to be the Remnant. To reach out in love to those who are lost. To live life differently because we have aligned our hearts to God's. To love when it is hard. To care for people when others do not. To respect those who disagree with us. To live in contrast to others. To pray, surrender, pray, and surrender some more until we want God's very best for those we didn't vote for.

To engage the world for Jesus by loving everyone with a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith. To silence critics with God's love...to share the Gospel with gentleness and respect....and to take the gospel to every person on the planet.

Regardless of your political perspective, the reality is that God chose Joe Biden to be our President and He commanded us to pray for him. God chose Kamala Harris to be our VP and commanded us to pray for her. They are our leaders because God placed them there. Your opinion of our President, whoever it is, does not excuse you and me from obedience....currently or at any time with any future president. They desperately need our prayers. And as believers we must align ourselves with God and surrender to the point that we can do so with holy hands lifted and without conflict in our heart.

Have you thought about how much our nation would change if both President Biden and former President Trump actually surrendered to Jesus and became believers? If they were actually being led by the Spirit of God? What if the President Biden, VP Harris and the entire cabinet surrendered to Jesus. What if all the Supreme Court Justices and the House and Senate all had an awakening. What if revival swept through our nation and we actually repented and humbled ourselves?

Paul is telling Timothy to step into a zone where God must show up. We need God's unconditional love to flow through us. The world needs to see God's unconditional love flow through believers...The world does need to see more of you and me...they need to see less of you and me and more of Him. ..God sized prayers require God.

Who will be elected as the next President of the United States? And the one in 2028, 2032? The person that God chooses to bring about His perfect plan and His Sovereign will. Regardless of who is elected in this or any future election...our assignment does not change. We are to pray for our President with hearts fully surrendered to God and holy hands lifted without quarreling. We must pray that all that they do with prosper in alignment with God's will.

We vote our conscience...but the outcome is not ours. Will Trump steal the election? Will Biden steal the election? Will the Supreme Court determine the outcome? Will we fight in the streets to try to bring about change? I hope not but I don't know. But here is what I do know.

We are to pray for those in high places because it pleases the heart of our God and He desires that all people are saved. Let's pray.