

# VOTING – WHY God’s children should vote this year



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*All scriptures are NKJV unless noted otherwise.*

**Summary:** *Should God’s children vote? Or are we to distance ourselves from anything political? Or could standing on the sidelines in 2020 actually bring God’s displeasure? Some of the things we bring out in today’s teaching may surprise some of you. I also cover the typical reasons conservative believers give for not voting. This is the most critical time in our country since the Civil War. The video will have a lot more graphics and information in it than just the audio.*

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**Most of my adult life I didn’t vote in any elections. Why?** That’s just the way I was raised, and my church gave me what seemed to be strong Biblically supported reasons why I shouldn’t ever vote.

So I could not have given this sermon 15 years ago. But in pondering over the scriptures more thoroughly since then, I’ve come to see some changes to some convictions – which I’ll flesh out in more detail as we go along.

I’m committed to being a lifelong student of God’s word. That means I’m still learning a lot. I have to listen to God’s spirit when I feel I’m being told to re-examine some long-held beliefs. That includes voting.

*Does God want his children taking a stand by their vote this year – or to sit things out? Some of you just “aren’t political” – but please listen carefully.*

**So welcome to Light on the Rock. I’m Philip Shields, host and founder of LOTR.** Whatever your strongly held convictions may be about voting, I hope you’ll check out this sermon, and I hope you know by now that I am careful, about what I teach.

So in the last 15 or so years, I’ve come to believe at least these things in terms of voting:

- Whatever your beliefs are – **I think most of us realize that 2020 has been a very strange and pivotal year everywhere around the world.**

**Satan’s FOUL spirit is flowing more freely now than ever before.** I hope you’ve heard my sermons on “Understanding the Times in which we live” that I gave recently. Our cities burn, and one party says almost nothing about that, as it is their voters who are doing it!

*The people out there looting, rioting, burning and killing are humans, made in the God's image, but they've let themselves be infected by Satan's foul spirit of hate and rage. Our real enemy is Satan and his demonic forces at work right now (**Ephesians 6:11-12**). I wonder if it's possible Satan has attacked God's throne and has been cast out and is furious, knowing his time is short (**read Revelation 12:9-12**).*

- **There's no clear command in the Bible saying it's a sin to vote – or not to vote.** We know the early church did rely on the brethren in **Acts 6:1-6** at least to pick 7 men to be the first deacons.
- Whatever each believer decides on voting is their choice -- and nobody should judge me or them based on whether they vote or not. And it shouldn't affect our fellowship and mutual respect for one another.
- **Whatever each one does this year, it must be from a clear conscience and faith, for "whatever is not of faith is sin" (Romans 14:23).** The context of that verse is on whether believers could eat meat or not. Obviously to most of us, eating meat is OK but Paul says the decision has to be one done out of faith and a good conscience. Conscience and faith can be educated though, when it's based on a false assumption – like the one about eating meat.

#### **Romans 14:23**

*"But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; **for whatever is not from faith is sin**".*

- When I vote, *I personally will NOT be voting for a particular party or person* so much as I'll be **taking a stand for ISSUES and principles important to God, to me and to our country.** There's a huge difference between voting for *issues* vs. voting for particular people.

**People - even God's people in the Bible and today – are flawed** and the Bible is open about the sins and faults of the Biblical giants like Noah, Abraham and Sarah, David, Samson, Bathsheba – all of them were flawed. And any candidate today, including Trump and Biden – are also terribly flawed. Are Trump and Biden the best this country can produce?

- **I also deeply believe that the will of God will be done,** and so whether I vote or not, or for whom, I accept what God does or allows. But we'll talk about this point too. Some feel that since God chooses our leaders (**Romans 13:1-2**), what's the point in voting? So hear me out.
- And if you end up deciding you ARE going to vote – but **haven't registered to vote yet – you can still register in time for the national elections until Oct 3,** in most states. Without a doubt, the results of the elections in Nov 2020 will be a tipping point – no matter who wins. We're being prepared that the election results will not be known for a while afterwards. Hmm. We are in **the most significant time** in America's history since the Civil War.

I've spoken recently about how **YHVH wants his children to stand in the breach in the wall of protection he's given us, and give him (God) a good reason not to punish Israel** (we in America are part of the tribe of Joseph – Ephraim and Manasseh – among the leading tribes of Israel, I believe totally). He wants us taking a bold stand and speaking out on issues.

**NOT TURNING A BLIND EYE to what's going on**

*Here's an example: We live in a country spiraling down on major issues – like the outright murder of 62 MILLION unborn baby boys and girls because of laws passed by the Supreme Court and liberal jurisdictions. Now so much more is also being changed: the definition of marriage, or male/female sexes, and now white people, especially white MEN, are decreed to be bad simply because they were born white. Genders, fatherhood, and now male masculinity is called toxic by those listening to Satan's spirit.*

Does God want you and me to stand aside and remain silent on all this going on or about to happen?

*The most powerful way we have to make a stand for certain issues – **besides FERVENT PRAYER for our country** -- is to vote.*

In ancient times, the nations around Israel – and eventually the Israelites as well -- offered their babies in a burnt sacrifice in flames to **Molech**. God detested that! They had trumpeters and other musicians and noisemakers to drown out the screams of the babies as the fire and hot metal burned them alive.

I know today it's not a Molech idol, but we ARE sacrificing our unborn babies to **abortion** – for whatever reasons. A very tiny percentage do so because of rape or incest. But most abort because it was unplanned, and they're not ready to have a baby yet. Well, maybe we should be considering our actions before a new human life is started. Though I can feel for a woman who unexpectedly finds herself "with child", as the Bible puts it, there is no right any woman has to end a separate new life developing inside her womb – which was supposed to be the safest place for her baby girl or boy.

Look what God says about those who were aware of the baby-killing going on back then – but chose to do nothing. Of course we don't go around stoning people today – but get the point being made here: *God wants people taking a clear stand and – even more importantly -- DOING something.*

**Leviticus 20:1-5**

Then YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Again, you shall say to the children of Israel: 'Whoever of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell in Israel, who gives any of his descendants to Molech, he shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones.

3 "I will set My face against that man, and will cut him off from his people, because he has given some of his descendants to Molech, to defile My sanctuary and profane My holy name.

**4** *And if the people of the land should in any way **HIDE THEIR EYES from the man**, when he gives some of his descendants to Molech, and they do not kill him, **5 then I** will set My face against that man and against his family; and I will cut him off from his people, and all who prostitute themselves with him to commit harlotry with Molech.”*

Did you get that? Today in America alone we've sacrificed 62 MILLION of our most defenseless – the babies growing in the womb – on *the altars of whatever their reasons are for deciding* they don't want the baby. 62 MILLION. That's more than all of Canada/Australia combined. That's just a little less than the total population of Great Britain. Or of France. It's 10 million more than all of Kenya!

*God is saying: you and I cannot just stand by and see atrocities like this going on – and allow the 62 MILLION little unborn boys and girls being sucked out, salted out and cut out and killed in our abortion mills – while we do nothing?! God's saying he won't tolerate his people's **inaction**.*

Some of you will say Molech sacrifices and abortion are 2 different things. The unborns today are still being sacrificed – with relatively little dissent and action from most of God's children. **Many of you are against abortion. But what have you publicly said or DONE about it? Anything?**

Have you at least said something on Facebook about abortion? Or been part of a **Right to Life march** or rally? Have you stepped up? *Or are you “hiding your eyes” from this barbarism?* Are you saying nothing because it's so controversial and you just want to get along – regardless of God's view?

Well, take that up with God. HE strongly condemns the Hide-Your-Eyes approach! We just read it in Leviticus 20:3-5. (Read again).

And you all know, don't you, that the founder of Planned Parenthood, **Margaret Sanger**, was a eugenicist, who hated blacks and saw abortion as a way to control the spread of black lives? Study it. It's true!

We can also start joining some **Right to Life marches**. I have. Take a stand! We can also help fund and support **Crisis Pregnancy Clinics**, which give such a big helping hand to scared and penniless pregnant women and give them alternatives to abortion and give them hope, love and a future.

**In our society today, the way we take action is to use the gifts God has given us to be able to live in a democratic republic and choose our own leaders** by voting for those who support the issues the Bible does! Then they in turn, at least in the **US Senate**, get to pick conservative judges who enforce the laws.

**JUST on the issue of abortion alone – God is saying to his people – don't you dare think you can just stand on the sidelines and DO NOTHING to stop this evil.** *Can we say we really care if we really do nothing?*

Are we not denying Christ himself before men when we decide not to vote (Matthew 10:32-33) – when it’s within our power to protect unborn lives, “protect our Constitution and secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity”—as Dr. James Dobson says?

**So in this election I will devote much prayer to God asking HIM to absolutely pick the ones HE wants, while I also VOTE THE ISSUES.** Then I’ll definitely accept God’s decisions; I’ll be at peace. But God wants me and you to *do* something, as long as we can, about the evils in the land.

God also protects those believers who sigh and cry for the abominations in the land. I’ve covered this several times recently, so please – you go back and read **Ezekiel 9:1-11** yourself, especially verses 4-6. If you’re really sighing and crying, you’ll do something.

Besides prayer, the strongest tool you and I have been given – is the VOTE.

**And remember: we are all going to be judged partly by what we have done with what we’ve been given (Luke 12:48) – and whether we just remained silent and hid our eyes from admitting the sins going on!**

### **STANDING IN THE GAP**

If you understand the book of Esther, it appears that at first Esther thought she could stay silent about standing up for her Jewish people when a law had been passed authorizing their “ethnic cleansing”. She ends up being a real leader, but at first, she needed a scolding from her cousin Mordecai:

#### **Esther 4:13-14**

And Mordecai told them to answer Esther: "Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews.

14 For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, *but you and your father's house will perish. **Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?***"

Have you been created and put here by God for “such a time as this” as well? YHVH wants to know what his children think and will do. He even seems to *enjoy* the heat shown by those who stand up for their people *even against God’s stated intentions*, said in his anger sometimes. Yes, you read that right!

**Remember Moses** – after the Gold calf incident! God told Moses he was going to eradicate Israel, but Moses went toe -to-toe with God on that and even said, “if you do that, I don’t want to be part of it or of you” in essence – “blot me out of your book of life”... (**Exodus 32:30-33**). WOW!

By our vote, we can SHOW God we really CARE about what’s happening!

**And Abraham in Genesis 18** pushed back at God also -- in defense of SODOM, of all places, after God said he was going to vaporize the city! Sure, he was thinking of Lot, but

Lot's name never came up. He got YHVH down to "if there be 10 righteous in Sodom, I will not destroy it". SODOM!

God is looking right now who among his people are standing in the GAP. Will he see you? "The gap" refers to the broken-down wall of defense and God's punishments were about to ensue.

**Ezekiel 22:29-31 YHVH speaking:**

"The people of the land have used oppressions, committed robbery, and mistreated the poor and needy; and they wrongfully oppress the stranger.

**30 So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I FOUND NO ONE."**

**CJB: Ezekiel 22:30-31**

*I sought for a man among them who could build a barricade or **stand in the break to oppose me on behalf of the land**, so that I would not destroy it; but I found **NO ONE**".*

**31 Therefore** I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; and I have recompensed their deeds on their own heads," **says the Lord GOD (Adonai Yehovah).**

**What do we do with a verse like that, where Yehovah is saying, "I want to someone to give me reasons NOT to pour out my will, NOT to do what I've said I'll do – like in Nineveh, like when I told Moses I would kill all Israel after the gold calf, like Numbers 16 when I told Moses and Aaron to distance themselves from the mob intent on killing, but THEY stood in the gap, in the middle of the plague, and went INTO THE MOB praying for them". (Read Numbers 16:41-50).** God wants us like that today!

**Your silence (not voting) speaks VOLUMES.** It's been often said especially in democracies -- **that "silence is the same as agreement"** when things are going on and God's people say nothing – you're basically saying you agree with what's going on! You're certainly saying and doing nothing to stop it or change the course if you stand idly by and do not speak out against the evil by your VOTE for the side that is at least more pro law and order, more pro-life, more pro GOD!

**We've been called to be the WATCHMEN on the WALL, FOLKS – sounding the alarm, crying out (Ezekiel 33:1-11). I will cry aloud and I will stand in the gap, and I will speak out on the issues,** and I will cast my vote against the far left and their baby-killing, cop-defunding evil ways – and I will vote FOR the side that wants law and order, wants to limit or even stop abortion and on and on.

Are the candidates perfect? NO, but God says I cannot see child sacrifice going on and do nothing, so I'm praying like crazy and going to DC, and I will vote.

One party has cut way down taxpayer funded abortions. The other wants to have abortion right to the point of delivery! I have had children born prematurely, but under New York's new law, they could have been killed at 7-8-9 months of pregnancy and development!

**Whether you vote or not, at least do 2 Chron 7:13-14**

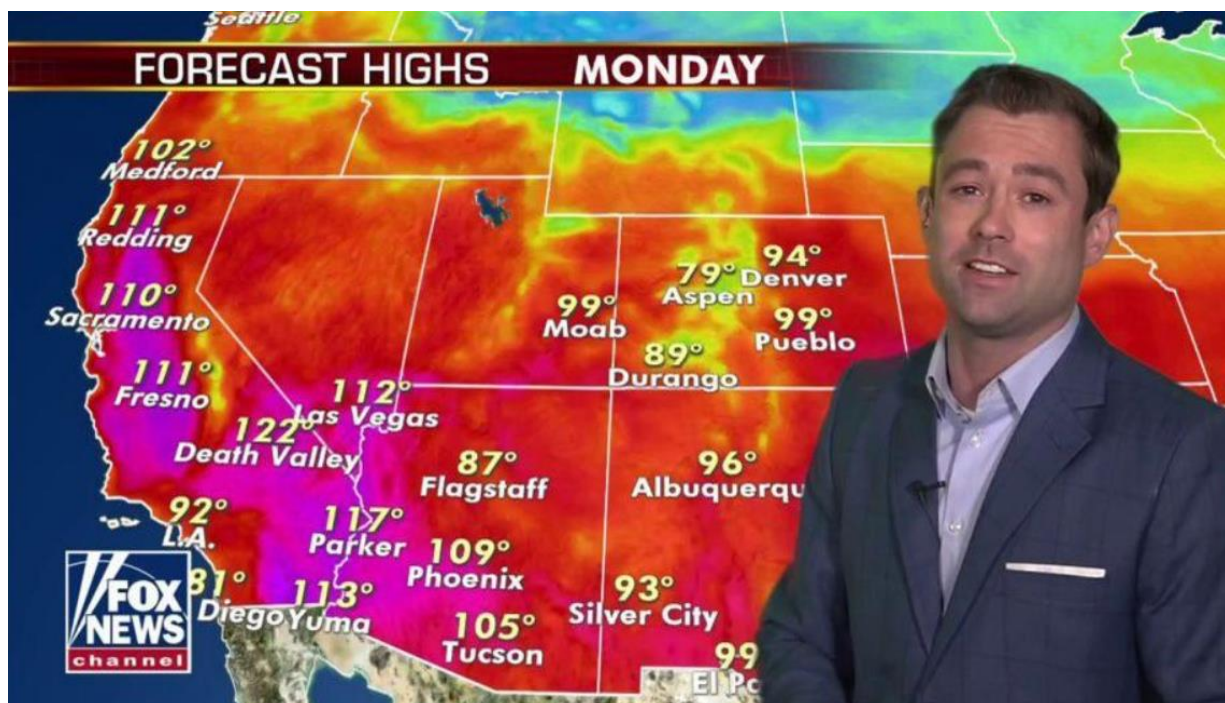
I hope ALL God's children are at least praying fervently for our country, your country. 2020 has had some phenomenal and unusual things happening – not just here, but all over the world. Sure, the Wuhan virus came from China. **But I think God, in his mercy, is trying to get our attention** and bring us to our knees in seeking after him. So be sure you are at least praying fervently for God to clean YOU up first, and then pray for the land.

**2 Chronicles 7:13-14 CJB**

“If **I** shut up the sky, so that there is **no rain**; or **if I** order **locusts** to devour the land; or **if I send an epidemic** of sickness among my people;

14 *then, if MY people*, who bear my name, will humble **themselves**, pray, seek my face and turn **from THEIR evil** ways, **I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land.**”

No rain? We're having record breaking heat waves in the western states, droughts – no rain; Over 3 million acres of forest land have burned – like all of Connecticut. Locusts? We saw some of the *hundreds of BILLIONS* of locusts recently sweep over northeastern Africa and Asia and wipe out everything green; the worst locust plague in many decades. And now we have an EPIDEMIC, a plague – a PANDEMIC – it is God's wakeup call for people around the world to wake up! To repent!





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A man attempts to fend off a swarm of desert locusts at a ranch near the town of Nanyuki, in Laikipia county, Kenya

**ON Sept 26, 2020, Saturday, in Washington DC** – there will be thousands gathered for the March for Prayer and RETURNING to God; repenting of their own sins first, and then for God's mercy and healing on the country. Will you join us, and if you can't be in DC, at least set the day aside for fervent praying for God's mercy on you and on your country?!

**I have my ticket already to fly into Washington DC** to witness and participate in this first hand. You do it at least locally please and tell others about it. Check out [www.thereturn.org](http://www.thereturn.org) We are basically employing 2 Chron 7:14 and standing in the gap.

We are supposed to be LIGHTS in a dark world; SALT that makes a difference.

Remember God hears *even* very wicked people if they will repent and return to him. **He pleads with his people in Isaiah 1 and many more** to turn back to him. He **even heard Ahab who mourned** and walked about quietly – and God changed his prophecies about him (**1 Kings 21:17-29**).

I'm also praying for God to protect President Trump and lead him to repentance and to come to know the living true God. He's been prayed over by numerous ministers but he's got a lot of repenting to do, so even though there's a lot I like about Trump, there's also a lot I don't like and pray he'll repent like all of us had to repent as well – and find God. Will you join me?



So God tells us to stand in the GAP, to do what we can to stop child sacrifice. To sigh and cry. Besides prayer, the actual intervention we can do with the country God's blessed us to live in – is to VOTE. And again, I see nothing that clearly says not to vote.

**IS IT TOO LATE for your vote to make any difference?**

**Some of you think it's too late for God to turn things around, so why vote?**

Maybe. It's God's choice. But it can't hurt to do **2 Chron 7:13-14** on Sept 26 within your own group. Had 10, *just 10* righteous shown up in Sodom, it would not have been destroyed. Later, **Nineveh** was doomed – but enough people repented and turned that God did NOT do what **he** had said he would do. Would you have scoffed at the ancient Sodomites or Ninevites?

This election is about so many things. Now we have hundreds of highly paid seminars in businesses, in the military, in West Point, in Government – on Critical Race issues, where white people, especially white men, are being attacked as being disgusting simply because they're white. In these seminars, its not uncommon to even divide the room between white and black people – and I believe that's illegal, but they were doing that. It's happening.

It's considered typical white supremacy to want America to remain great, or to want to keep the traditional father-mother-children family, to that you want America to be great. Nonsense.

In 2015, New York City even projected an evil display on to the Empire State building of the Destroyer, the horrific and violent black Hindu goddess **Kali** – with a bloody red tongue... right in our largest city and world financial center. It's demonic, it's wrong! Check out Kali on Google. She represented pure blood-thirsty evil. And talk about putting up an idol in our leading city! Do you think our God was OK with that? The 2 worst centers of anti-God actions – New York and California – are being destroyed and more will come, as God shows his anger.



### WHY MANY CONSERVATIVE CHRISTIANS DON'T VOTE

Let's look at some points that especially conservative religious people bring up *against voting*... but on the other hand, if I stopped right here – that God will punish those who turn a blind eye to the evils of the land (Lev 20:1-5), and that he's looking for strong people to stand in the gap, I think a strong case has been made already to decide to make a stand.

So here are the typical reasons and excuses people make not to vote.

1. **Some say, "GOD DOESN'T NEED US to get his will done". But God loves to use people to get things done.** He doesn't hog all the action! So the "God doesn't need me" reason not to vote – is a poor reason. And to claim God's will is always done is not a correct understanding. Why else do we pray "thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" if it's always already done?

God didn't need **David** to kill Goliath either. God could have done it all himself. But he chose David.

God didn't *need* **Esther** to approach the king and find a way to save all the Jews in the empire from certain death. But he did use Esther. God bless her! Read her story – Mordecai reminded her she was called "**for such a time as this**" (Esther 4:13-14). **YOU also were called for "such a time as this"**.

Did God *need* Noah, or Abraham, or Moses, or the apostles? NO, but he likes using his people and letting them be part of His Work, His project – just as I enjoy having my grandkids help make breakfast, or sweep the floor, or help water the plants. Do I need them to do that? No, but I enjoy doing things with them, so they learn the family way.

2. **Others won't vote because "God chooses our leaders anyway, so whether I vote or not, GOD decides, not me."**

#### **Romans 13:1-2**

"Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. **For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.**

2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves".

**Daniel 4:17 NIV says God sets over the kingdoms "the lowliest of men."** I think that statement was for Nebuchadnezzar's ears in particular and it's true for some leaders, but surely not all.

I do NOT believe Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Ronald Reagan and others were "the lowliest of men". But I do feel, God may well *give us the lowliest of men when he sees our total apathy!*

This could explain the kings of Israel and Judah who were beyond horrible.

But we're still called to pray for our leaders – and the reason given was that WE, God's children, could lead a peaceable life (1 Timothy 2:1-2). If we can PRAY for them, is it that much more of a stretch to vote for those likely to give us "a quiet and peaceable life"? There

has been a hedge of protection around Israel and USA for most of our existence – but when our nations' leaders demolish our own walls of morality, what next?

**3. Some won't vote "because it's all inevitable anyway", they say. "And the sooner this all ends, the better".**

Remember Nineveh. King Ahab. King Manasseh. God had spoken, but he still relented and changed his stated word – when he saw a change in the people.

The sooner the better? Let's get all this horror done and over with?

**Amos 5:18 – "WOE to you who desire the day of the LORD."**

God's punishment right now is NOT inevitable if we can help enough people see they must repent – starting with me, and you, and God's children!

**Ezekiel 33:10-11**

"Now as for you, son of man, say to the house of Israel: You have said this: Our transgressions and our sins are heavy on us, and we are wasting away because of them! How then can we survive?

11 Tell them: As I live"—the declaration of the Lord God—"I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked person should turn from his way and live. Repent, repent of your evil ways! Why will you die, house of Israel?"

**Ezekiel 33:14-16**

"So when I tell the wicked person: You will surely die, but IF he repents of his sin and does what is just and right— 15 he returns collateral, makes restitution for what he has stolen, and walks in the statutes of life without practicing iniquity—**he will certainly live; he will not die.**

**16 None of the sins he committed will be held against him.** He has done what is just and right; he will certainly live."

**4. Others say they can't vote because they're citizens of HEAVEN as Eph 3:20 says. Also Ephesians 2:19.**

**True, we are heaven's citizens, but Paul** made it clear he considered himself a DUAL citizen – of heaven, and of Rome. He USED his earthly Roman citizenship to further God's work and to keep him alive! But his love, his heart, was with his heavenly citizenship. He used his earthly citizenship and the rights that citizenship afforded him – such as not being BEATEN before he was tried (**Acts 22:25-29**) and appealing to Caesar – like us appealing to the Supreme Court (**Acts 25:11-12**).

*Yes, we are also pilgrims on this earth also (1 Peter 2:11; Hebrews 11:13).* This is not where our hearts are, but this is where God has placed us and I'm thankful to be a dual citizen.

In a way like Paul, I also use my US citizenship to write/call state senators and legislators on issues important to believers.

But is it not a bit hypocritical to either appeal to them or complain about them, *if you don't use your God-given rights as a US citizen to vote?* If you don't vote, you should never again complain.

5. **Some won't vote because of Revelation 18:4 – to come out of her (Babylon) my people. “COME OUT OF BABYLON”** – yes, but every single one of you are participating in nations that *are* a part of Babylon and its system.

So “coming out of Babylon” means not accepting their ways, their mores, their standards. It frankly pictured “stop committing adultery – close union – with Babylon.” What do you think “come out of her” meant? But it doesn't mean we can't live in it and use the privileges we've been given. You all pay taxes to “Babylon”. We all have to obey the laws of our “Babylon”.

#### Look at our spiritual forefathers/ mothers:

- **Daniel** served as a top government official right *IN Babylon* and later Persia.
- **Joseph** served as a top government official right in Egypt (**Gen 41:39-49**). They hardly were “coming out” of the system.
- Ditto for **ESTHER and MORDECAI** - they became top royal officials in Persia (**Nehemiah 8**). That was with God's blessing!
- **Righteous LOT sat in the gate** of Sodom (Genesis 19:1) – and that probably meant he was a city leader, a judge or councilor of Sodom.

Yeshua sent his disciples INTO the world, while admitting they are not OF the world. **THIS IS THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING “coming out of Babylon” – we're IN it, but not OF it.** Coming “OUT of Babylon” means to quit being a part of its WAYS, it's VALUES, being “OF” it. We're in it, but not “OF” it.

#### **John 17:14-19**

“I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 **I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.**

16 They are not OF the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

18 **As You sent Me INTO the world, I also have sent them INTO the world.”**

VOTING, while we can, can actually fight the direction the country is going, while we can, *and it shows God there are still people who are sighing and crying for the abominations of the land...* instead of those who want to just stand on the sidelines and then grumble about everything.

Concluding:

OK – so where does this leave us? **The main reasons I will vote are the first 2 big points I used in the sermon:**

1. **To NOT hide my eyes and do nothing about the child slaughter** going on with abortion – just as when they sacrificed to Molech. God wants us saying something, speaking up, doing something about it. Lev 20:1-5.  
So join a Right to Life march. Support Crisis Pregnancy Centers. Pray for God's mercy. And if you've had an abortion, repent – and God will forgive you and we accept you. We all have sins to repent of.
2. **I want to be a man standing in the breach, the gap in the wall**, and saying to God himself that I love Him and love the people of my land – like Moses did, like Esther did, like Abraham did for Sodom. God wants to see us caring enough to sigh and cry for the abominations of the land and beg for his mercy.

My Bible tells me it's NOT all inevitable anyway. "IF my people, called by my name, will humble *themselves* and pray, and repent of their own wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and heal their land." 2 Chron 7:13-14. The stories of Nineveh, Ahab and others... show me our God is a merciful God.

3. **We'll all be judged partly based on what we do with what we've been given.** The gift of being able to speak up, to worship how I wish, to VOTE – and so much more – means I must do something with all of these gifts.

**Luke 12:48a**

"To whom much is given, much will be required"

We're one of the very few cultures that truly can work where we want, live where we want, and can vote for leaders we want. We've been given very, very much. And we WILL be judged for what we did with the free opportunities God has given us. *Evil thrives when good men and women sit on the sidelines.*

*Edmund Burke wrote: "All that is required for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing."*

4. And the usual objections against voting don't bother me because I'm ***sent INTO the world, to be like salt and light*** – but if the light refuses to go where there's darkness, what good is it?
  - a. I'm a DUAL citizen – like Paul and will use my American citizenship when given the opportunity, like Paul.

SO when I see all these points, and God's amazement at how few – if any – are willing to DO something about what's going on, or willing to stand in the breach to speak for the land – and all the other points – I feel, for myself at least, ***that I will have much to account for ... if I DON'T vote!***

I feel, this year more than any, I must vote. And if God still puts in the man and party that want to do various anti-Bible things, then I have to accept it and realize time left before Christ returns must be truly short indeed.

This year is a pivotal year, a tipping point year. For me, I cannot remain silent. I must speak up with my vote and go to Washington DC on Sept 26 – all the while I pray fervently for "thy kingdom come."

If this teaching has stirred you to take part and make your voice be heard by the vote and other means – please do so. *If you know others who don't plan to vote for religious reasons, please encourage them to listen to this sermon.*

**And in the meantime, if you haven't registered to vote yet, and now see that you CAN vote and SHOULD vote -- please do. In most states, you have til Oct 3 or even later.**

If you don't know how to register and want to – then Google “How to register to vote in (your state).” You can also call your County elections office, or even register from city libraries. Take your photo ID with you – drivers license or Passport.

May God be with you as you make your stand for defenseless unborn babies and vote for the group most likely to think like you on that and other vital points.

And – Father in heaven... “Thy kingdom come... soon!”

Closing prayer.

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*If this message has helped crystalize the reasons we can and should vote, **please let others know about this website and this sermon.** And feel free to make comments on the website. I'd love to hear from you. – Philip Shields*