

Politics and the Believers

Politics is the ruling by the consent of the governed; an activity whereby solutions to social and economic problems are arrived at and different aspirations are met by the process of discussion and compromise rather than by the application of decree or force. Politics is essentially an activity and not a science or set of rules. It is an activity based on diversity: diverse opinions about aims to be achieved and means to achieve them. Politics accepts this diversity as a fact of life and seeks to resolve conflicting views by discussion and compromise.

The nation of Israel was called, chosen, and separated from among many nations of the world. God initiated a divine leadership over them which they resisted and rejected. They asked for a king (1 Samuel 8:5-7) and even with the warning of the evil that their king will do they insisted (1 Samuel 8:10-22). Saul was admired and chosen by the people (1 Samuel 8:5, 9:2, 17) while David was the God's chosen king for Israel (1 Samuel 16:7, 12). Saul by practice was a politician, while David served his people as a leader.

A leader led his people while a politician uses the people. Politics is the art of preventing people from taking part in affairs which properly concern them. A politician uses propaganda, lies, deception, intrigue, covert violence to remain in power. God instituted human government for the protection of lives and property, maintenance of law and order.

By definition, politics originally was good until the god of the cosmic system uses it as a showcase of the glory of the world (Matthew 4:8-9). Politics has become the art of acquiring, holding, wielding power without being overthrown by his foes.

The cosmic system continues to offer glittering prizes to those who have ability to accumulate funds and capable of fighting with a sharp sword of tongue. Man with his old sin nature, is a political monster willing to lose his soul just to gain the glory that the world offers. Most of the present day politicians know that politics is evil, but they cannot let it go. They are willing to be hooked to its snares, and they are willing to do anything just to remain in the limelight.

At the Garden of Eden, God appointed and designated Adam as the ruler of the world (Gen. 1:28) but he deliberately turned over his authority to Satan (Gen. 3:6). It was the first recorded coup d'état in the history of man. Lucifer was the author of world politics and every politician is serving his purpose. During the election, the electorates are deceived to believe that God's has a certain candidates on the list. However, winners have already agreed to do the will of Satan in exchange for the most coveted glory of the world (Mat. 4:8-9).

Some spiritualizes the election process by praying for an honest and peaceful election, for the electorate to have wisdom in selecting their candidates and things that God cannot answer positively because it is not according to His will. Christians are mandated to pray for their salvation (1 Timothy 2:1-4) which is God's concern.

Fair and honest election is next to impossibility in the cosmic system where lies, deception, intrigue and violence is the rule of the game. Every politician has an inflated ego and elevated opinion of himself thinking that he alone can do better than others, and he is willing to go beyond the limits just to gain his glorious seat of power.

The power and approbation lusts play the major factor for this intense mental attitude of selfish ambition, though some claim that it is for the benefits of God and man. God does not need politicians or anybody else in this world to do His purpose. God is independent from His creation and self-sufficient in all things. He does not need politicians working on His side. Satan is quite successful in manipulating the electorate and the people in general to believe and put their confidence in men. (Jer. 17:5-6).

The unbelievers are the children of the devil, the father of all lies (John 8:44). It is normal for any politician to lie and to give the people a false hope. Thus says the Lord, Curse is the man who put his confidence (trust) in man and makes flesh (old sinful nature) his strength, so that his heart (kardia) turns away from the Lord, for he shall be like tumbleweeds in the desert Blessed (being made happy) is the man whose confidence (trust) is in the Lord and whose confidence (trust) is the Lord (Jeremiah 17:5-7)

People are relying on men to change the course of human history; they expect their beloved candidates to provide solution to their problems and provide them prosperity. Fearful people are like tumbleweeds in the desert, they live in the parched places (stony wastes). Tumbleweeds have no roots, they are vulnerable to any wind that blows, and they are being carried in many different directions.

Parched places refer to spiritual condition of the souls that turned away from God. Tumbleweeds refer to souls that have chosen to trust in man rather than in God and souls that constantly ignores and rejects the Word of God. It refers to the souls that failed to wait upon the Lord and resolved to seek help from man. The politicians are not heroes, they might be valiant but they are still villain in the life of the people.

These politicians are the devil's advocates assigned to divert and distract the confidence of the people from God. By principle, Satan does not care to whom you trust as long as it is not on the God of the Bible.

Election is the showdown of the politics, and the only victims are the electorate and the people who are deceived to put their trusts in men. The money of the government that is supposed to be spent for the welfare of the people is being diverted for the campaign funds of the dirty politicians. Election is the devil's showcases of cosmic glory where these egoistic people are earning their power and approbation lust.

The arrogant souls of men are hungry for recognition, admiration, approbation, commendation and popularity. The politics is a massive arena for building human arrogance and Satan has successfully enslaved a ward of politicians on the way to destruction. Politics is not for believers, because it is dangerous for their spiritual health. The believer's lives according to divine plan, purpose, will.

His priority is to know God and to do His will in his life. The politicians lives according to human viewpoint inspires by demonic doctrine. The believers operate under God's system and standard, the politicians exists in compromises and manipulation of others. Putting your confidence on men and things is the fast lane to miseries.

Christianity and politics are two extremely opposite systems that cannot be reconciled and have no point of agreement. Christianity and politics are like spirituality and carnality; you cannot have both at the same time.

Christians must live under the renewing process of their mind through systematic and progressive intake of Bible doctrine while politicians live under the moral and spiritual corruption.

The renewing of the mind (Romans 12:2, Philippians 4:8-9) is the process of doctrinal thinking in which the human viewpoint is being demolished by divine viewpoint (2 Corinthians 10:4-6). The evil of politics pollutes the souls of four groups of people namely:

- the politicians
- the electorate
- the general public
- the government

The means for the believers to contribute to the nation is by way of spiritual maturity and functions are invisible here not through entering the realm of politics. Politicians are not the catalyst and nucleus for change, improvement and blessings of a nation. God blesses a nation because of the pivot of spiritual mature believers not because of the genius of the politicians. God did not design politics for blessing the people.

The political setting of the Old Testament is Theocracy that is the ruler-ship of God over His people. Israel rejected that system and demanded a political leader (monarchy; rule by kings) by which they rejected the rule of God. We cannot accept the very system of leadership (human ruler-ship) that God gave to man as a tool of discipline. God did not design believers to serve in politics but in the world as His royal ambassadors, His representatives before men who are responsible for the proclamation of the Gospel to the unbelievers.

The responsibility of the believers is not to wage war against the corruption of politics but to reside and function inside the divine system of God while on this planet. Believers are not commanded to crusade against anything but to aim for spiritual maturity. God designed the Church Age believers to be silent, invisible but real heroes that have tremendous impact upon human history.

The legacy of the believers is spiritual blessedness in time and in eternity not the dirty realm of politics. God's objective for the believers is spiritual maturity not the pursue of a political career. The motivation of all believers is the blessing in time and blessing in eternity not political power. It is not God's will for believers to be caught up in the cosmic world of politics either directly or indirectly, not even by campaigning for them.

Christianity is a personal relationship with God, and everything in this spiritual relationship is private affairs of every believer. The Christian giving, serving, working, praying and other activities are all personal affair. The Christian loyalty or commitment to God is very personal. The hypocrite prays for an audience to hear and see, he serves to be noticed, he works to be commended, and he gives to be accepted. His commitment is a show for all to watch. Nothing is genuine. Christian commitment involves your free will decision. You use your free will to believe and accept the free gift of salvation, and you will continue to execute your free will in making daily decisions pertaining to your Christian walk of life.

Your loyalty or dedication to God has nothing to do with the altar call enforced by some preachers. They are demanding decision that rightfully belongs to God from your souls. God does not act apart from human free will and never does He force anyone to make a decision to accept His grace or do His plan and purpose. The altar call is not biblical or spiritual but human viewpoint based on demonic doctrines. Arrogant preachers wanted statistics and data to boast about. Their objective is not the spiritual growth or maturity of believers but statistics to gratify ego. Don't be influenced by what people say. If they push you to run for government office, refuse it.



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