

IT'S TIME TO PRAY. VOTE. STAND 2020

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Nehemiah 2:17-18

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**It's Time To:
Pray, Vote, Stand**

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Introduction to the Text: Nehemiah 2:17-18

**Deuteronomy 28
(excerpts)**

:1 “Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, **:2** that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. **:3** And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God: **:4** “Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. **:5** “Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. **:6** “Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. **:7** “The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated in front of your face; **:8** They shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. **:9** The LORD will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your womb, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you. **:10** The LORD will open To you His good treasure – the heavens, to give rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hands. **:11** You shall lend money to many nations, but you shall never need to borrow money. **:12** And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above, and not be beneath, **:13** If you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.

:14 "But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, :15 That all these curses will come upon you and overtake you :16 "Cursed shall you be in the cities, and cursed shall you be in the suburbs. :17 "Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. :18 "Cursed shall be the fruit of your womb and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. :19 "Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out. :20 "The LORD will send upon you cursing's, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, ;21 Until you are destroyed and until you perish suddenly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Me. :22 The LORD will make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from the land which has been promised you. :23 The LORD will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with a severe burning fever, with scorching heat, and with mildew; :24 Your enemies shall pursue you until you perish. :25 And the heavens which are over your head shall be like bronze, and the earth which is beneath you shall be like iron. :26 The LORD will change the rain of your land into powder and dust. :27 "The LORD will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them; :28 The LORD will strike you with insanity and blindness and you will have confusion in your heart. :29 Your sons and your daughters shall be taken away from you and given to others :30 A nation whom you have not known shall come to you and eat the fruit of your land and enjoy the produce of your hard work. :31 So you shall be driven mad because of what you will see with your own eyes. :32 You shall become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword among all nations of the earth. :33 "The foreigner who comes among you shall rise up higher and higher above you, :34 and you shall go down lower and lower before him. :35 The foreigner shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail. :36 "Moreover all these curses shall come upon you as a nation all because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God, :37 to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you. :38 And curse shall be upon you for a sign and a wonder to the world, and on your descendants that shall be born after you. :39 Unless you repent of your wrong doing and begin this day to do righteously.

Nehemiah 2:17-18

Then I said to them, "You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach." **18** And I told them of the good hand of my God which had been upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me.

1 Californians 1:1-2

Then I said to them, “*You see the distress that we are in, how **California** lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let us build the wall of **California**, that we may no longer be a reproach.*” **18** And I told them of the good hand of my God which had been upon me, and also of the king’s words that he had spoken to me.

IT’S TIME TO PRAY

1.) Prayer – It’s a God-given American priority

This history of prayer in America

Governor William Bradford’s Account of Pastor John Robinson’s Farewell:

...Spent a good part of the day very profitably and suitable to their present occasion; the rest of the time was spent pouring out prayers to the Lord with great fervency, mixed with abundance of tears. And the time being come that they must depart, they were accompanied with most of their brethren out of the city, unto a town sundry miles off called Delftshaven, where the ship lay ready to receive them. So they left that goodly and pleasant city which had been their resting place near twelve years; but they knew they were pilgrims, and looked not much on those things, but lift up their eyes to the heavens, their dearest country, and quieted their spirits.

Bradford's Manuscript Of Plymouth Plantation
The Epistle to the Hebrews 11:13-16.

Our Nation’s Calls to Prayer are Unique

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Benjamin Franklin’s Address

(it was actually an interruption and a rebuke and an invitation)

to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia Pa. Thursday June 28th, 1787

In this situation of this Assembly groping as it were in the dark to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us, how has I happened, Sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of lights to illuminate our understanding? In the beginning of the contest with G. Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayer in this room for the Divine Protection. -- Our prayers, Sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a Superintending providence in our favor. To that kind providence we owe this happy opportunity of consulting in peace on the means of establishing our future national felicity. And have we now forgotten that powerful friend? Or do we imagine that we no longer need His assistance. I have lived, Sir, a long time and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth -- that God governs in the affairs of

men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings that "except the Lord build they labor in vain that build it." I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without his concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the Builders of Babel: We shall be divided by our little partial local interests; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall be become a reproach and a bye word down to future age. And what is worse, mankind may hereafter from this unfortunate instance, despair of establishing Governments by Human Wisdom, and leave it to chance, war, and conquest. I therefore beg leave to move -- that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that one or more of the Clergy of this City be requested to officiate in that service.

Benjamin Franklin

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Abraham Lincoln, 16th. President of The United States of America

"We have been recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God."

And when our Nation Having no hope of securing our liberties and freedoms from the British Empire, we turned to the Only Hope we had been taught – That God is in His Heaven.

<https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0394/9549/products/AppealHeaven-Wood-Flag-1.jpg?v=1423632361>

APPEAL TO HEAVEN

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Furthermore, the APPEAL TO HEAVEN was far from being the only national symbol recognizing America's reliance on the protection and Providence of God. During the War for Independence other mottos and rallying cries included similar sentiments. For example, the flag "Resistance to Tyrants is Obedience to God," was taken from a sermon preached by the Rev. Pastor Jonathan Mayhew. In 1776 Benjamin Franklin suggested that this phrase from that sermon be part of our Nation's Great Seal. The Americans' thinking and philosophy was so grounded on a Biblical perspective (biblical worldview) that a member of the British parliament upon returning from America reported back to London that in *"If you ask an American, 'Who is his master?' He will tell you he has none – nor any governor but Jesus Christ!"*

2 Chronicles 7:14

If My people (who are called by My name) will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

1 Corinthians 1:20

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

Why Should I PRAY Jack?

1 Timothy 2:1-3

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

IT'S TIME TO PRAY. VOTE. STAND!

2.) Voting – It's a God-given American opportunity

The history of voting in America

Early Colonial America continued its tradition of voting rights that were inherited from the mother country of England.

In those early 13 colonies, voting was reserved for those who qualified to vote according to English Law.

- Only a gentleman (landowner) could vote.

(Thank God the Constitution prevailed)

- Women were not permitted to vote.

(Thank God the Constitution prevailed)

- And slaves had no voting rights.

(Thank God the Constitution prevailed)

Then Comes The US Constitution

"In order to form a more perfect Union"

What is voting according to God?
Selecting our leaders has always been rooted in the Scriptures.
Moses and Jethro, Joshua, Kings, Rulers and Generals, David...

Acts 6:3

Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;

Is voting a biblical issue?

Yes, In two ways: #1 a moral reflection of the citizens and
#2 it is how “the issues” are either rejected or accepted

I urge you by all this is dear, by all that is honorable,
by all that is sacred, not only that you pray but also that you act!
- John Hancock

Why do some people ignore the opportunity to vote?

Now more than ever before, the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness and corruption. If it be intelligent, brave and pure, it is because the people demand these high qualities to represent them in the national legislature. If the next centennial does not find us a great nation...it will be because those who represent the enterprise, the culture, and the morality of the nation do not aid in controlling the political forces.
- **President James Garfield**

What is the basis of a Republic?
“We The People...”

Providence has given to our people **the choice** of their rulers and it is the **duty** as well as the **privilege** and **interest** of our Christian Nation to **select** and **prefer** Christians for their rulers.
Chief Justice John Jay, US Supreme Court

The Bible is the best of all books, for it is the word of God and teaches us the way to be happy in this world and in the next. Continue therefore to read it and to regulate your life by its precepts.
John Jay

Proverbs 14:34

Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.

Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Proverbs 29:2

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.

“But My Vote Doesn’t Matter?”

Why does it appear that the Christian is always very late to the party on this one?

Did you know that The Democrat party is calling for the **defunding of the police?** Do you know they are going to do that? They’re going to do that by voting. (There is a tactic called “Vote to Block”)

The next SCOTUS bench of Judges will determine the next 100 years of Laws and Justice.

Why Should I VOTE Jack?

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3.) Standing – It’s an American responsibility

Ephesians 6:11-18

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **stand** against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **withstand** in the evil day, and having done all, to **stand**. :14 **Stand** therefore,

Battle of Monongahela

“In 1755, then Colonel George Washington of the British forces in America having survived the battle of Monongahela wrote; “But by the All-Powerful dispensations of Providence, I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation; for I had four bullets through my coat, and two horses shot out from underneath me, yet escaped unhurt, although death was leveling my companions on every side of me.”

"Gathering" the Courage to Stand
is always motivated by a cause that is believed in. A cause greater than you"
- me

"Accuse others of what you do."
- Karl Marx

"The first battlefield is rewriting history."
- Karl Marx

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In last week's debate, Joe Biden called *Antifa* an "*idea*, not an organization"

"One of the delightful things about Americans
is that they have absolutely no historical memory."
- Zhou Enlai – The First Premier of the People's Republic of China

"Take away the heritage of a people
and they are easily persuaded."
- Karl Marx

"Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when have removed their
only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people
that their liberties are the gift from God."
- Thomas Jefferson

Who will stand to fight to defend our Religious Freedom?
Who will stand to fight the war A second chance (prison reform)
Who will stand to fight to defend our Economy?
Who will stand to fight the war on Racism?
Who will stand to fight the war on Human trafficking?
Who will stand to fight the war on illegal drugs?
Who will stand to fight the war on stupid (1619 project)

Who will stand to fight to against
The manifested presence of lawlessness

2 Peter 2:12-13

But these (the wicked), like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, they will utterly perish in their own corruption, 13 and will receive the wages of unrighteousness, as those who count it pleasure to carouse (riot) in the daytime.

**Legal Immigration Creates Patriotic Citizens
The Citizenship Oath to America**

(Not to Moa, Stalin, or Marx. Not to Nancy, Bernie or Biden)

“I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God.”

Joshua 24:15

And if it seems evil to you to serve the **LORD**, (pray)
choose (vote) for yourselves this day whom you will **serve**, (stand)

Will you pray? Will you vote? Will you stand?
It's Time. Now's the Time.

My only hope of salvation is in the infinite transcendent love of God manifested to the world by the death of His Son upon the Cross. Nothing but His blood will wash away my sins [Acts 22:16]. I rely exclusively upon it. Come, Lord Jesus!
Come quickly! [Revelation 22:20]

Dr. Benjamin Rush
1st. Surgeon General of the United States

**Robert Treat Paine,
Founding father and signer of the Declaration of Independence.**

I desire to bless and praise the name of God most high for appointing me my birth in a land of Gospel light Gloria's tidings of a savior end of pardon and salvation through him have been continually sounding in my mine ears.

End of Study

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