

A man with glasses and a red polo shirt is speaking at a podium. He is gesturing with his hands. A large white speech bubble with the words 'table talk' in a stylized font is overlaid on the image. The background is dark and out of focus.

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“Praying for the Midterms”

Since the Midterm elections of 1994, I have seen in the Christian community, including our own, go a little fleshy over the results. No matter who wins or loses, I hear people lament that “they stole the election,” “this is just the spirit of Antichrist,” or “the country is being taken over by Nazis, racists, or fascists.” On the flip side, we also heard declarations that “God has cast down the enemy” or that “the new president, the new congress, or the new court will redeem us from destruction.”

Seriously, we’ve actually broken up a fight or two (IN CHURCH!) on a Wednesday night after Midterms. We had to re-direct requests in prayer meetings that were invoking the wrath of God upon those with whom we disagreed. We had to ask people to stop wearing clothing that taunted and flaunted.

There’s more I could reminisce about, but I will remain silent in order to protect the innocent (and the guilty).

Don’t get me wrong! These events are only a small slice of the pie here at Christian Life. Our church fellowship is exceptional – the best I have ever known. And the vast majority of our people realize that our focus in our voting must be based upon Biblical ideas. **Our hope is not in political parties but squarely based on Jesus, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Pastors, prophets, and congregations need to be reminded of that almost daily. Hate and anger are off the charts, and a significant percentage of Christianity is almost as angry as the anti-Christian society in which we live.**

With that being said, I believe God is moving in the hearts of His people. When I introduced the concept of “The Long Emergency” back in 2008, I said that the dark days ahead will also be days that would be known as “The Greatest Hour of the Church in History.” I still believe that.

God has shown so much mercy as we have turned to new levels of prayer. Some people have said the warnings given over the past few years have not come to fruition. That simply is not true. That view is a short-sighted interpretation of the extreme mercy of God. He has answered prayer, and the situations we face have been mitigated.

Remember how clearly Jonah heard the Word of the Lord. He not only predicted judgment but that it would come within 40 days. But it didn't. Because God saw the repentance of Nineveh. God wasn't saying "it's all ok; forget about it." God was giving the nation time to repent. They did, but it wasn't long lasting. The judgment would be held at bay. But when Nineveh didn't stay in humility, the judgment did finally come - and they were destroyed.

The same mercy was shown to Ahab when Elijah brought a death sentence. God spared Ahab for a while when he expressed remorse, but the stay of execution eventually expired.

A prophetic friend of mine spoke to me a few days ago about God awakening her to receive a message from the heart of the Lord over a matter. Part of the message (my summary) was as follows: "My Child, you have NO IDEA what has been averted in this nation because of prayer and the call of watchmen. Catastrophic, unimaginable plots and plans from the enemy have been thwarted, interrupted or postponed because My people have cried out to Me in Intercession. But there are new plans, and it should bring the people of God to a great dependency on Him. Only God is your hiding place."

Peter warned us: "knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, 'Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.'" (2 Peter 3:3,4)

Paul saw the same thing. "Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober." (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6)

I hope this gives some perspective to the importance of elections and the responsibility of Christians to be salt and light.

Next week, I'll share 12 ways to pray as we lead up to the Midterms.

I love you,
Pastor Stephen