Bible Lesson: Election Day

Election Day is the Tuesday after the first Monday in November (November 2 to November 8), established by Congress in 1845 as the official day for national, state, and local elections. At the end of election day, voting ceases and the tallies of popular and electoral votes are counted. Fair elections provide the opportunity for citizens to select who should govern via the democratic process; that is, the electorate gets to pick who will represent us in office in accordance with the will of the citizenry. This was most eloquently stated by President Lincoln in his Gettysburg Address: “That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.” Amen to that, Mr. President.

Whether you vote for a conservative or a liberal; whether you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, Independent or whatever; regardless of your demographics or other individual proclivities, you should always vote your conscience. This is the part of you that knows right from wrong, good from evil. And how did you acquire that knowledge? It was endowed upon you by God; your conscience is the reservoir of certain truths, some of which were planted there by the Holy Spirit. Personally, I dislike politicians who consistently lie. I’m sure they all have lied at some point, who hasn’t? But there are professional liars out there who do not deserve your vote, which requires one to fact check everything being put out. Research multiple sources and see if there is any convergence. Even then, you should check it against what the Holy Bible says, which is the final arbiter of truth; the only source that we always can rely upon. Unfortunately, it is no longer the media and certainly not the Internet that we should trust.

In olden days, God chose rulers, kings, prophets, and priests; Christ selected apostles. God also appoints us to be disciples and carry on His message of truth. It is reasonable that we choose the kind of people God would choose: honest, upright, faithful, loyal, kind, truthful, trustworthy. That should narrow the field considerably. It would be nice if God would choose our leaders, people that love Him above all, who love this country and its people, and who love all humankind. God also chooses His elect; if you choose God, He chooses you to be His children and to live in heaven with Him and our brother Jesus Christ.

* ISA 65:22–24 ~ God says, “They will not build houses for someone else to live in; they will not plant crops for others to eat; for my elect will enjoy the fruits of their labor. They will not labor in vain or produce fruit for nothing, for they are my offspring. When they call, I answer; when they speak, I hear.”
* JER 2:3 ~ Israel was holy to the Lord and represented the first fruits of His increase. Those who try to destroy God’s elect will have evil come upon them.
* DAN 12:1 ~ Michael the great prince will stand for God’s people. There will be a time of tribulation worse than ever before or ever again. But God’s elect will be delivered, all whose names are written in the Book of Life.
* ISA 65:9 ~ God will bring forth a seed from Jacob and Judah; then my elect will inherit the mountains of the Holy Land.
* MAT 24:31 ~ Jesus said, “At the great sound of the trumpet, God will send His angels to gather His elect together from the four winds and from one end of heaven to the other.”
* MAR 13:22,27 ~ Jesus said, “False prophets and antichrists will come, showing signs and miracles, to deceive even the elect if they could. God will send His angels to gather His elect from everywhere, even the outermost parts of the earth and the heavens.”
* LUK 18:7–8 ~ Will God not avenge His elect, who plead with Him day and night, when He feels it is the right time? However, when the Son of God returns, will He find such a persistent faith on the earth?
* ROM 11:7–8 ~ The Israelites did not find what they were looking for; but God’s elect found it. Thus it is written, “They have eyes that do not see and ears that do not hear.”
* EPH 1:3–7 ~ Praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has chosen us before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before Him in love. We were destined to be God’s adopted children, in accordance with His good will and grace, through Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption and forgiveness through His blood.
* COL 3:12 ~ As God’s elect, holy and blessed, we should be merciful, kind, humble, meek, and patient.
* 2 TI 2:10 ~ Therefore, I endure all things for the elect’s sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.
* 1 PE 1:2 ~ You have been chosen in advance by God the Father, and sanctified by His Holy Spirit, through the shedding of the blood of His Son Jesus Christ, to whom you have become obedient. May God bless you with His abundant grace and peace.

Do you want to be elected? I’m not talking about running for office, I’m talking about running the human race and winning. What do you have to do to win? Vote for Jesus Christ.

* ECC 9:10–11 ~ Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might; for there is no work, device, knowledge, or wisdom in the grave where you are going. I returned, and realized that the race does not belong to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor sustenance to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to the skilled; but time and luck happen to everyone.
* ISA 40:31 ~ Those who wait on the Lord will be renewed in their strength. They will mount up with wings of eagles; they will run and not tire, and walk and not faint.
* HEB 12:1–3 ~ Since we are being watched by numerous spectators, let us discard everything that hinders us such as the sin that trips us up, and run the race that has been set before us with perseverance. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and who now sits on His throne at the right hand of God. Remember Him, who endured great opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow faint and lose heart.
* 2 TI 4:6–8 ~ I (Paul) am ready to sacrifice myself as my time of departure is near. I have fought a good fight and I have finished the race, and my faith is still intact. Hereafter a crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me. He will give it, not only to me, but also to everyone who lovingly awaits Christ’s coming.

Dear Father, Abba Father, to your altar we come in prayer. We pray for our leaders and all who are in authority, that they would hear the voice of your Holy Spirit and be moved to speak and write; to legislate, execute and uphold your laws and the moral laws of our nation, its citizenry, and the world population. All peoples, tongues, tribes, and territories need to hear your voice, Father, who controls all things from the beginning to the end, and before and after, and hereafter for those who hear and perceive; to dwell in your house, as a family, along with the hosts of heaven. There is plenty of work left to be done; please send workers and advisors as the harvest is plentiful for lost souls and their wayward rulers. Help us overcome, even as Christ has overcome the world and its sin, in His name we pray, Amen.