

Political Leaders: Does God Choose Sides?

Wylie United Methodist Church

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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 will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Does God choose sides? Saul and David (see 1 Samuel 13)

God is not a Democrat or Republican.

He is not Conservative or Liberal.

He is not just good or nice. He is Holy! He is Righteous!

God says, If my people will...

1. **RECOGNIZE WHO AND WHOSE THEY ARE.**

(2 Chron. 7:14) "**if my people**, who are **called by my name**"

While we are the greatest nation on earth, we are also a nation wrestling with who and whose we are.

2 Corinthians 5:17

If anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; the old has gone, the new has come!

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

You are **not your own**; you were **bought at a price**.

God says, If my people will...

2. **HUMBLE THEMSELVES BEFORE ME.**

(2 Chron. 7:14) [If my people will] "**humble themselves**"

God says, If my people will...

3. **REPENT FROM THEIR SIN.**

(2 Chron. 7:14) [If my people will] "**turn from their wicked ways**"

Moral Issues at Stake in Election:

- **Born Alive Infants Protection Act**
One candidate supports and one opposes
- **Constitutional Right to Abortion**
One candidate supports and one opposes
- **Partial-Birth Abortion**
One candidate supports and one opposes
- **Pro-Life Supreme Court Justices**
One candidate supports and one opposes
- **Federal Protection of Traditional Marriage between one man and one woman**
One candidate supports and one opposes
- **Teaching Homosexual Curriculum in Public Schools**
One candidate supports and one opposes

1.37 million abortions in 1996

1% due to rape or incest

6% due to potential health of mother or baby

93% of abortions occur because the baby is unwanted or inconvenient

God says, If my people will...

4. **PRAY.**

(2 Chron. 7:14) [If my people will] "**pray**"

God says, If my people will...

5. **SEEK MY WILL, NOT THEIR OWN.**

(2 Chron. 7:14) [If my people will] "**seek my face**"

John 5:30 (even Jesus didn't seek His own will)

[Jesus said] I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

Then God says He will...

6. **FORGIVE AND HEAL OUR NATION.**

(2 Chron. 7:14)

Then will I hear from heaven and will **forgive their sin** and will **heal their land.**

So what is God calling YOU to do?

PRAY, FAST AND VOTE

Pray Big Country "United We Stand"
next Monday night - Nov. 3rd – 6:30pm – New Hope Church