

# Sermon Notes

## PC - Psa 33:12

### October 18, 2020

#### I. Introduction

- a. two things people don't talk about... politics and religion... why... both were God's idea... devil fights against things we should be talking about...  
Gen 4; 22... "Abel presented offering... *we'll go there to worship...*"  
Rom 13:1... "no authority except from God... authorities established by God..."

**Fools rush in where angels fear to tread. Alexander Pope - 1711**  
**Go where others fear to tread. Glenn Muske - 2018**

- b. neither fool, angel, or afraid... talk about Church and State next three weeks...  
God is not silent on politics and religion... we won't be either... pray...

#### II. PC

- a. according to Hebrew culture... shofar awakens our soul... used to prepare for war... make no mistake, we are in a war... good/evil, light/dark, heaven/hell...  
Num 10:9-10... "when you go to war against an enemy who oppresses you... sound alarm with trumpets... remembered by God... saved from enemies..."  
Josh 6:4-20... "priests carry ram's horn... on 7<sup>th</sup> day, blow the trumpets..."  
Neh 4:20... "when you hear the trumpet... rally to us... God will fight for us..."  
Amos 2:2... "enemy will die... with shouting and sound of ram's horn..."
- b. shofar also signaled victory... used to praise and worship God...  
Psa 47... "clap your hands... with sound of trumpet... sing praises to God..."  
Psa 98... "with trumpets... make a joyful noise before the King..."  
Psa 150... "praise God for mighty acts... praise with trumpet, dance, cymbals..."

**There is a hidden message in the shofar. It suggests... sleeping one, awaken from your sleep and remember your Creator. Maimonides - 1200**

- c. time to wake up America... get rid of apathy... return to the Lord...  
Rom 13:11... "it is already the hour for you to wake from sleep..."  
Eph 5:14... "get up sleeper... rise from the dead... Christ will give you light..."  
1Thess 5:6... "let us not sleep... as others do... let us watch and be sober..."
- d. series will offend some people... Jesus offended people with truth... he was loving, kind, merciful, compassionate, forgiving... not always tolerant...  
Matt 15:12... "do you know Pharisees were offended when they heard this..."  
Mark 4:17... "persecution arises because of Word... they are offended..."  
John 6:61... "Jesus knew disciples complained... does this offend you..."  
skandalizo... put a stumbling block in the way; cause to fall away; cause to distrust and desert one whom he ought to trust and obey; to cause displeasure at a thing...  
Matt 23:13-16... "hypocrites... fools... blind guides... snakes... vipers..."  
Luke 13:24... "narrow door to Kingdom... many will try to enter, but fail..."  
John 2:15... "made whip... drove out... scattered money... overturned tables..."  
John 14:6... "I am THE way, truth, life... NO ONE comes except thru Me..."

- e. election not about Trump/Biden... Republican/Democrat... about good/evil... freedom/slavery... democracy/socialism... morality/immorality... life/death...  
Psa 33:12... "blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..."  
Prov 14:34... "godliness makes a nation great... sin is a disgrace to people..."  
Gal 5:1... "Christ has liberated you into freedom... don't submit to slavery..."
- f. America founded as Christian nation... survived 244 years because constitution begins with, *we the people*... not *we the dictator/government*... *stop, haven't you heard of separation of church and state*... yes, very familiar... we're right in line with the truth of what Thomas Jefferson wrote about it...  
1<sup>st</sup> Amendment - Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.  
Thomas Jefferson - there will be a wall of separation between the church and the state, this wall has been erected to protect you... it will keep the state out of the church's business... not the church out of the state's business.
- g. separation was to protect us from government, not them from us...  
Dan 3:14-30... "*if you do not worship, be thrown into the fire... we have no need to answer, we will not serve your gods or worship the image...*"  
Acts 4... "*let's threaten them against speaking to anyone in this name again... ordered them not to preach in name of Jesus... whether its right for us to listen to you rather than God, you decide, we are unable to stop speaking about Jesus... grant your servants to speak your message with complete boldness...*"
- h. for too long Christians have kept their mouths shut while chaos ruled... PC is about silencing truth... creating fear in those who speak out... PC is not about tolerance... see how tolerant people are when you disagree... simple definition of political correctness... trying to decide right and wrong without God...  
Isa 5:20... "woe, those who call good evil, evil good... dark light, light dark..."  
1Thess 2:4... "entrusted with Gospel... speak, not to please men, but God..."
- i. PC is oldest lie in world... started in Garden... have to pervert, twist language... satan didn't start out evil... wanted to be like God... but wanted to create his own version of right and wrong... not possible... thrown out of heaven for it...  
Gen 2:17... "*must not eat from tree of knowledge of good and evil... or die...*"  
Gen 3:1-7... "*did God really say... don't eat from this tree... you won't die...*"  
Isa 14:12-17... "*fallen from heaven... set up my throne, be like Most High...*"  
Reproductive Health/Planned Parenthood/Pro Choice - abortion, killing babies  
Common Sense Gun Control - confiscation, elimination, outlawing of guns, ammo  
Economic Justice - forced redistribution of wealth, property, income  
Minor Attracted Persons - legalizing pedophilia  
Equality, Diversity, Inclusion - penalizing Christians from living out Christian values...
- j. did God really say abortion is wrong... homosexuality is wrong... man needs to work... not to worry... against all sin because it's always destructive...  
2Kings 8:12... "evil you do... dash little ones in pieces... rip open pregnant women..."  
Lev 20:13... "if a man sleeps with a man... committed detestable thing..."  
2Thess 3:10... "if anyone isn't willing to work... he should not eat..."  
Phil 4:6... "do not worry about anything..."
- k. as you make voting decisions... careful of what sounds like good news... things that appeal to emotions... any attempt to determine right and wrong apart from God always ends badly... info on back table... pray...  
2Cor 11:3... "fear as serpent deceived Eve by his cunning... your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ..."

## Pastors and Politics

1Cor 10:31... *whatever you do... do it all for the glory of God...*

Does God want pastors to stay silent on the topic of politics?  
It may be the *safer* decision to make... but is that a good reason not to?

The bible speaks to all of life, including politics. **1Cor 10:31** says *whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God*. That includes politics. *All scripture is God-breathed for every good work*. **2Tim 3:16-17**. Again, voting in an election is surely included in every good work. If a pastor doesn't give people the bible's application to political issues, he is implicitly saying the bible is irrelevant to those issues and that is simply not true.

God cares about governments and their leaders. And throughout history, God's people have made an impact on those governments. Joseph, Daniel, Nehemiah, Mordecai, Esther, John the Baptist, and Paul all had significant influence on the kingdoms of the world and how they impacted people.  
Why would we think we are different?

Preaching the *whole counsel of God* includes preaching about civil government. **Matt 22:21... Acts 20:26-27... Rom 13:1-7... 1Tim 2:1-3... 1Pet 2:13-14**. That must include preaching about politics.

Pastors throughout history have preached about politics. **Alvin Schmidt**, in his book, *How Christianity Changed the World...* points out the spread of Christian influence on Government was primarily responsible for outlawing infanticide, child abandonment, and abortion in the Roman Empire... granting of property rights and protection to women... prohibiting the burning alive of widows with their husbands in India... outlawing the practice of binding women's feet in China... and many others. These reforms all required changes in laws that could not have happened without pastors teaching government about the bible.

The pastors of the Black-Robe Regiment were invaluable in preaching that resistance to tyranny was a morally good action. **Jonathan Mayhew's** sermon... *A Discourse Concerning Unlimited Submission* was distributed to the colonies in 1750 and spurred the American Revolution. Pastors played a huge part in abolishing slavery. 2/3 of abolitionists were pastors who were preaching against slavery from their pulpits. The Civil Rights movement of the 60's was led by Pastor Martin Luther King, Jr who dared preach on political issues.

It is not against the law for pastors to preach about politics. Even the Johnson Amendment limiting a pastor from directly endorsing a particular candidate would likely be overturned if a court case was ever brought against it.

Pastors have a great responsibility to preach about the biblical implications of elections. A nation is destroyed by lack of knowledge and when it is in our power to do good, it is critical that we do so. Whether its safe or not.

**Professor Wayne Grudem**  
*Christian Ethics and Politics According to the Bible*

## Sermon Study

Political Correctness - **Psa 33:12** - October 18, 2020

1. Do you ever talk about **religion and politics** with family and friends? Generally, how does that conversation go? Should we **be afraid or avoid** those conversations? Why or why not?
2. Do you believe we are **in a war**? Is there anyone who can help? Read **Num 10:9-10... Josh 6:4-20... Neh 4:20... Amos 2:2**. What can **praise** do for us? Read **Psa 47; 98; 150**. Do you think **you** need to be awakened? Read **Rom 13:11** and **1Thess 5:6**.
3. Did this sermon **offend you**? Why or why not? Read **Matt 15:12... Mark 4:17... John 6:61**. Why do you think it might offend people?
4. Read **Acts 4:15-31... 1Thess 2:4... Dan 3:14-30**. Are you willing to **stand up** for the Gospel? Take your time. What might it **cost you**?
5. Read **Gen 2:17... Gen 3:1-7... Isa 14:12-17**. **Political Correctness** is simply trying to decide right and wrong without God. Explain and give some **examples** of current political correctness.
6. Read **Isa 5:20** and **2Cor 11:3**. How can you **prevent** being **deceived** in the upcoming election? Check out the table with **voting info** at the back of the church and be sure to **share** with others.

**Political correctness is America's newest form of intolerance. It's especially evil because it comes disguised as tolerance and presents itself as fairness... yet attempts to restrict and control people's language with strict codes and rigid rules. I'm not sure silencing people or forcing them to alter their speech is the best method for solving problems that go much deeper than speech. George Carlin**

# Church and State Quotes

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(This nation is founded) for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith.

**Mayflower Compact** (1620)

Whereas we came into these parts of America with one and the same end aim... to advance the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ and to enjoy the freedoms of the Gospel in liberty and peace.

**New England Confederation** (1643)

**George Washington** took the first oath of office with his hand on the Bible. His first official act as President was to hold a 2-hour worship session in Congress. They opened sessions in prayer and paid tax dollars for a chaplain to lead it.

Gentlemen, my hand trembles, but my heart does not. **Stephen Hopkins** (age 70 as he signed the Declaration)

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

**1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution**

I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just and His justice cannot sleep forever.

**Thomas Jefferson** (1781)

Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to government of any other.

**John Adams** (1798)

I've lived a long time sir... 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 an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured in the Bible that

*except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it.*

**Ben Franklin** (responding to complaint about prayer in politics)

No book in the world deserves to be so unceasingly studied and so profoundly meditated upon as the Bible.

**John Quincy Adams**

There will be a wall of separation between the church and the state. This wall has been erected to protect you (Danbury Baptists). It will keep the state out of the church's business, not the church out of the State's business.

**Thomas Jefferson** (January 1, 1802)

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved with peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, power, and wealth as no other nation has ever grown... but, we have forgotten God. We have forgotten His gracious hand, which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us... and we have vainly imagined... in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom or virtue of our own.

**Abraham Lincoln** (1863)

America was born a Christian nation. Her desire to exemplify that devotion to righteousness is derived from the revelation of the Holy Scriptures.

**Woodrow Wilson** (1911)

A community where men have abandoned and scoffed at their religious needs is a community on the rapid downfall.

**Theodore Roosevelt** (1917)

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America... and to the Republic for which it stands... one Nation under God, indivisible... with liberty and justice for all.

**Frances Bellamy** (1892) **Adopted by US Congress** (1942)

Without God there could be no form of American government... nor an American way of life... recognition of Him is the first... and most basic... expression of being an American. The Founding Fathers saw it... and with God's help... it will continue to be.

**Dwight D. Eisenhower** (1955)