

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Proverbs 26.

In Acts 1:8, Jesus instructed the church to take the gospel message around the world, starting in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and then to the rest of the world. By moving the gospel message away from Jerusalem, Jesus was well aware that believers would live under the authority of dictators, kings, judges, and all kinds of sovereign nations.

He knew His followers would face opposition, persecution, imprisonments, and, yes, even death. He was well aware of those who would be martyred for their faith. He knew the great losses His children would endure.

And yet, with all the odds stacked against the church and the gospel message, truth expanded to the uttermost parts of the world. God's word, as it goes out, will not come back void. (Is. 55:11)

After more than a year, we have heard speeches from those seeking political office. We have endured political commercials. We have listened to promises we know no candidate will be able to keep. Honestly, many are exhausted by the whole process. While we are blessed by the process and the privilege of voting, which we should, in the end, today, God is still in control.

Romans 13:1 "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment." (ESV)

As believers, we are called to live under the authority of God and who He has put into office. We are not to resist but are called to pray for leaders and authorities. I don't know about you, but I always look forward to election day and the results, trusting God has a purpose and a plan for what happens next. Some will like the results, while almost the same amount will be discouraged. But in the end, God is still on His throne, the gospel message will go forth, and believers will live by faith.

Happy Election Day.