



# The Candidates Their Course The Consequences

ON ELECTION DAY!

We are voting for people whose governing directly **affects our daily lives**. It is a critical time requiring our support to continue the advances made with respect to taxes, regulations, immigration, health care, judicial appointments and international relationships. We must continue to support our military, our veterans, our local police, etc. We must defend our very special foundation, even our **Declaration of Independence** and our **Constitution** lest we lose our rights to **"life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,"** etc. The media, aligned with numerous politicians, more often than not represents that which opposes our historic American way, such as the ideologies embraced by socialism and godless communism. Add to this the contamination of morality which makes for the **approving** of what is wrong, **attacking** that which is right, and **abandoning** historic, ethical common sense. Public laxity and apathy about the religious, educational, sexual, governmental realities do not encourage **correcting our course**. It requires a serious effort, like that of our **founding fathers**, to pursue the good practices of moral sense, common sense, social sense, etc. We will reap the consequences of our **conduct** which is but the expression of our **character**.

**Character is essential** in rightly resolving our conditions. The consequences of indifference, tolerance, false hope, unprofitable anxiety and anger will not be a new deal. Such will be a **bad deal**. Where the candidates stand is revealed by what they vote for and **what they promote**. But all that is voted for needs not to be disappointing. At the very least, let there be a voting for the good governing of one's heart. God's rightful righteous rule seeks one's decision to **receive God's saving grace**. We either vote for the direction of rightness or for the direction of wrongness. Consider:

## A "NO" VOTE IN THE PAST

The elders of Israel said to Samuel: "Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now **make us a king** to judge us **like all the nations**. And the **LORD** said unto Samuel, "Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, **but they have rejected Me that I should not reign over them.**" (1 Samuel 8:5,7). "Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar" (John 19:15)

## A "NO" VOTE IN THE PRESENT

"This know also, that in the last days perilous (difficult) times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers... lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, having an (outward) form of godliness, but denying the **POWER** thereof (that power and life that makes for inward reality): from such turn away... But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (2 Timothy 3:1-5, 13; 4:3-4). "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools" (Romans 1:22).

## YOUR VOTE?

"I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you **LIFE** and **DEATH, BLESSING** and **CURSING**: therefore **choose life**, that both thou and thy seed may live. That thou mayest love the **LORD** thy God, and that thou mayest obey His voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto Him: **FOR HE IS THY LIFE**, and the length of thy days" (Deuteronomy 30:19-20). The Lord Jesus said, "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have **eternal life**: and they are they which testify of Me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have **life**" (John 5:39-40). "And this is **life eternal**, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent" (John 17:3).

**God's proven** record of grace and mercy, rightness and truth, is ours to know. "As for God, His way is perfect: the Word of the **LORD** is tried: He is a buckler (shield) to all those that trust in Him" (Psalm 18:30). "Look unto Me, **and be ye saved**, all the ends of the earth: for **I am God, and there is none else**" (Isaiah 45:22). "For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed" (Romans 10:11).

Will it be **NO** or **YES** to God, His Word and His saving grace in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ? Cast a **YES VOTE** today!

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