

## **Governance and the Spirit of Absalom**

### **2 Samuel 15**

**This evening, we are going to talk about governance.**

**As the world is gripped with the news of apparent movements for democracy; time will tell what has happened.**

**People think that all will be well. I don't think so.**

**When the Shah of Iran was deposed thirty years ago, and a new regime emerged; was the quality of life improved for anyone but the leaders?**

**Recently there have been two European leaders non-violently deposed from office by staged events; and replaced by non-elected people.**

**Remember something like this happened over twenty years ago, with the supposed fall of the USSR.**

**Governance, or how people are governed; will only be as good as their underlying foundation. And from what I have seen; that which is based on Christian principles, is the best.**

**Even though there are no democracies mentioned in the Bible; there are principles we can use. 1 Timothy 2: 1 to 4 - I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**

**Matthew 16: 19 - And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**

**Mark 3: 27 - No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.**

**Ephesians 6: 12 - For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.**

**Luke 10: 19 & 20 - Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.**

**Daniel 10: 13 & 20 - But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.**

**V20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.**

**So we have authority over the forces that control the jurisdictions of the world. As Our Lord God is in ultimate control; is there anyone with limited and temporary rule?**

**Luke 4: 5 to 8 - And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.**

**And given all the demonic forces at work, believers need all their tools.**

**2 Corinthians 10: 3 to 6 - For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.**

**So for those who want more information on spiritual warfare; Win Worley's are the best. His #4 Booklet, " Warfare Prayers" has some good prayers that can be used in elections.**

**Most countries cast ballots, instead of bullets to pick their leaders. The more advanced ones even finish marking their ballots within days of the polls closing. But anyways, the key to getting elected is how to convince the voters to get out and vote for them. And as there are elections; it would be helpful to study how people can be manipulated in the wrong way.**

**But this is not only confined to the world of politics.**

**Mark 15: 9 to 11 - But Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews? For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy. But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them.**

**Are there any other examples of people moving, or controlling, or manipulating people? Absalom, the son of David, is a good example of a bad example. His story is found in 2 Samuel 13 to 18. His schemings go throughout his short life. The main scam is in chapter 15, where he almost takes control of the country, even if he had to kill his father.**

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prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him. And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city art thou? And he said, Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel. And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee. Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice! And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him. And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel. And it came to pass after forty years, that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the LORD, in Hebron. For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, If the LORD shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD. And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron. But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron. And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, that were called; and they went in their simplicity, and they knew not any thing. And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counsellor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom. And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom. And David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not else escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword. And the king's servants said unto the king, Behold, thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my lord the king shall appoint. And the king went forth, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women, which were concubines, to keep the house. And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and tarried in a place that was far off. And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men which came after him from Gath, passed on before the king. Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite, Wherefore goest thou also with us? return to thy place, and abide with the king: for thou art a stranger, and also an exile. Whereas thou camest but yesterday, should I this day make thee go up and down with us? seeing I go whither I may,

return thou, and take back thy brethren: mercy and truth be with thee. And Ittai answered the king, and said, As the LORD liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be. And David said to Ittai, Go and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that were with him. And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness. And lo Zadok also, and all the Levites were with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God: and they set down the ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the people had done passing out of the city. And the king said unto Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favour in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me again, and shew me both it, and his habitation: But if he thus say, I have no delight in thee; behold, here am I, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him. The king said also unto Zadok the priest, Art not thou a seer? return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz thy son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderness, until there come word from you to certify me. Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem: and they tarried there. And David went up by the ascent of mount Olivet, and wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot: and all the people that was with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up. And one told David, saying, Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness. And it came to pass, that when David was come to the top of the mount, where he worshipped God, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat rent, and earth upon his head: Unto whom David said, If thou passest on with me, then thou shalt be a burden unto me: But if thou return to the city, and say unto Absalom, I will be thy servant, O king; as I have been thy father's servant hitherto, so will I now also be thy servant: then mayest thou for me defeat the counsel of Ahithophel. And hast thou not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be, that what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the king's house, thou shalt tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests. Behold, they have there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadok's son, and Jonathan Abiathar's son; and by them ye shall send unto me every thing that ye can hear. So Hushai David's friend came into the city, and Absalom came into Jerusalem.

The main point in getting elected, is how to get the support of the people. There are two ways. The honest approach is to make comprehensive and

intelligent arguments that can be evaluated. But more and more, various tactics, like psych ops, negative ads, etc. are being used to control the emotions. And as most react to situations, instead of rationally deciding, these means can be very effective.

So let us look at how Absalom almost took over.

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**37 So Hushai David's friend came into the city, and Absalom came into Jerusalem.**

**And restoring the soul is a major factor. If their souls were not stolen, Absalom would not have caused all this trouble.**

**For praying about elections, there are important points to remember.**

**We are praying from the viewpoint that we want God's Perfect Will done.**

**Not everyone supports that stance. And we will be waging spiritual warfare, using the principles that were mentioned at the beginning.**

**For more info on this subject, please visit our web site, [cos-had.org](http://cos-had.org).**

**When praying for the elections; there are some considerations to remember. We want Our Lord Jesus to raise up the politicians, and bureaucrats that He wants, and to set down the ones He wants down.**

**We ask for the restoration of everyone's soul. One of the main areas, is the mind. For those of us in true deliverance; is the authority from Our Lord Jesus Christ, to bind up and cast out the Mind Control demons; and to loose into us the Godly mind spirits. Luke 10:19**

**In elections, there is a lot of spiritual activity, and some of it is even Godly.**

**But as for the rest of it, we break off (curses etc.) in the Name of Our Lord**

**Jesus Christ; and send it back to the original sending demons.**

**The areas to pray over are:**

- the nation & all parts down to every riding & poll.**
- the mechanics of the election; Elections Canada, and the Chief Electoral Officer, all officials down to returning officers etc; the enumerations, the voting (no voter fraud), the counting, all involved in recounting etc.**
- the ungodly influences and manipulations; the anti-christ forces, buying the election with hand-outs; dumbing down tactics; fear and smear; lies and deception; ungodly vote splitting; ungodly strategic voting; ungodly third party involvement, including unions, occult etc.**
- the media, including the internet, social sites, etc., opinion polls, analysis, coverage, etc.**
- the politicians, parties, staffers, advisers, war rooms, strategies & tactics, the choosing of candidates etc.**
- the voters; (all groups - undecided, women, seniors, youth, disabled, ethnic, special interest, religious, etc.)**
- other extraneous influences; weather, disasters, death, or accidents etc., other external factors trying to push their agendas etc.**

**So by using the above mentioned information, we can best fulfil the Biblical command in:**

**1 Timothy 2: 1 to 4 - I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**

### **Binding and Loosing for Elections**

**In the name and authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, I bind the strongman, rulers of darkness, principalities, powers, spiritual wickedness in high places, thrones, dominions, world rulers, etc over every aspect of all current and future elections; over everyone and everything having anything to do with them. This includes all potential voters, the whole political process, all spiritual influences the media and any other external or internal factors.**

**Heavenly Father, in Jesus name, I ask that you restore the souls of the voters in accordance with Your will so they can vote with their minds and not be controlled by their emotions. I ask that You would guide them how to vote by whatever means necessary, such as dreams and visions. I ask that you would cut off all ungodly controls off them. I ask that you**

**would bring out those you would have vote and keep away those you don't want to. I ask You, Heavenly Father, to guide all undecided voters how to vote in Jesus' name.**

**In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bind the strongmen etc over all the weather systems having anything to do with the electoral districts. I rebuke and cast down all the weather gods, like Baal, and ask You, Lord, for Your weather.**

**I ask, Heavenly Father, that you would restore the whole political process to what it should be in accordance with Your will. This means to raise up your candidates, parties, leaders, governments, & bureaucrats; and remove those you don't want in, as mentioned in Daniel. I ask that all ungodly masks would be removed so that the true images and personalities of the politicians would be shown.**

**In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bind and cast down all lying & deceiving spirits and ask Lord that the truth would come out. I also cast down all dirty tricks and bind the strongman over all the tactics, strategies, damage control, dynamics, & debates, of the campaign.**

**In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bind the strongman over the media. I ask the Lord that all ungodly controls over them would be cut off, so only the truth would come out. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bind, rebuke, cast down all spiritual forces trying to influence the election in any way. I ask Lord for as many of Your angels as necessary to do battle in the heavenlies, to turn back the plans of the devil as in Daniel. I ask Lord God that Your will and way would be done in every riding. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bind the strongman etc over all other internal, external factors influencing this election like big business, IMF, One Worlders.**

**I ask Lord God that You would cancel all their plans and purposes. I ask, Lord God, that if there's anything else that we should be praying about that you would expose them and bring them to our attention. We thank & praise you, Lord God, in Jesus' Name.**

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