"And He Shall Reign Forever and Ever"

"When It Is All Said And Done God Will Still Be In Control"

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Sermon Notes:

We are really ready for this presidential election to be over. We're ready for an end to the hostility and tackiness. Voters on both sides feel frustrated, even embarrassed by it all. There is a instinctual fear, and anxiety about the result. What if so and so wins? When we wake up to November 9th, post-election, when the confetti is swept away and the election is

finally over, what will we see? I know this to be true, what November 9th will bring is another day of God's perfect sovereignty. He will still be in charge. His throne will still be occupied. He will still manage the affairs of the world. Never before has His providence depended on a king, president, or ruler.

"The LORD can control a king's mind as He controls a river; He can direct it as

He pleases" (Proverbs 21:1). "He Can Still Stir The Hearts Of Kings"



On one occasion the Lord turned the heart of the King of Assyria so that he aided them in the construction of the Temple. [1] On another occasion, he stirred the heart of Cyrus to release the Jews to return to Jerusalem. [2] Nebuchadnezzar was considered to be the mightiest king of his generation. But God humbled and put him in "detention" for seven years. [3] "The kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the nations" (Psalms 22:28). Understanding God's

sovereignty over the nations opens the door to peace. When we realize that God influences the hearts of all rulers, we can then choose to pray for them rather than fret about them. Rather than wring our hands we bend our knees, we select prayer over despair. Make no mistake, the battle ahead is great, but our God is greater! Don't lose hope or accept that America's demise is a forgone conclusion. We should refuse to give up on America because America is its people. Millions of people. God has not written our nation off and neither can we. My beloved of God there is a better position to fight from! The psalmist wrote, "O God to Whom vengeance belongs, shine forth. Rise up, O Judge of the earth; render to the proud what they deserve ... But the Lord is my defense, and my God is the Rock of my refuge" (Psalm 94:1-2, 22). Reliance upon God is the only road that leads to true reformation. That requires a faith only the true church can possess. Therefore let the remnant arise up and properly position itself for the battle ahead. Position yourself in prayer. Now is the time to appeal to Heaven! Let the church awaken! Our united voice is needed at this hour and we can shift the balance this year if we will weigh out truth and judge what is righteous and stand accordingly. Never settle on what the world claims can win, We must stand with what we know to be the truth regardless the cost.

Martin Luther

Sermon Notes:

A Man Who Changed The World

1483-1546



"America was founded on prayer. Therefore, the removal of prayer from its public life was a central part of its fall from God. A nation that turns away from prayer will ultimately find itself in desperate need of it."

Christianity is about the truth. When we minimise or downplay truth, we no longer have biblical Christianity. People today are dying for a lack of truth. We must offer truth to people like we would offer food to a starving man. But some will reject the truth and be offended by our offering of it. It matters not. As Martin Luther put it, "Peace if possible, truth at all costs." And as Messianic Rabbi Jonathan Cahn put it recently, "Without truth there is no love." So we must be people of truth. We must live it, believe it and proclaim it. "These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgment in

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"The Whole Truth"

The word truth appears more than 200 times in the Bible! In addition, the Bible makes lots of other statements about things that are absolutely true. The most famous ones are the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17) and Jesus' instructions to "Love the Lord your God

your courts." (Zechariah 8:16).

with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind" and "love your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27). The Bible holds the truth for all kinds of circumstances, and we can trust it for answers to all kinds of questions. We are to fill our minds with "whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, and whatever is admirable" (Philippians 4:8). Now that's a different kind of whatever! Truth is powerful. It brings life. It has been here since the beginning, and it still exists today. Truth is available to all who seek it in the person of Jesus Christ. Even though our society tells us that it's narrow-minded to believe in ultimate truth, there's lots of evidence that says we should run after it with all our hearts. Christ says the truth will set us free. And that promise is true for all time.

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"What Is Truth"

One of the most profound and eternally significant questions in the Bible was posed by an unbeliever.

Pilate the man who handed Jesus over to be crucified turned to Jesus in His final hour, and asked, "What is truth?" It was a rhetorical question, a cynical

response to response to what Jesus had just revealed: "I have come into the world, to testify to the truth." (John 18:37)

Sermon Notes: "And He Shall Reign Forever and Ever" So. What Is Truth? Here's a simple definition drawn from what the Bible teaches:

Truth is that which is consistent with the mind, will, character,

glory, and being of God. Even more to the point: Truth is the self-expression of God. That is the biblical meaning of truth. Because the definition of truth flows from God, truth is theological. Reality is what it is because God declared it so and made it so. Therefore God is the author, source, determiner,

governor, arbiter, ultimate standard, and final judge of all truth. Jesus is "The brightness of God's Glory and the express image of His person" (Hebrews 1:3). He is truth incarnate—the perfect expression of God and therefore the absolute embodiment of all that is true. "I And My Father Are One." (John 10:30) "As You,

Father, Are In Me, And I Am In You." (John 17:21) The Foundation Of Truth Jesus also said that the written Word of God is truth. It does not merely contain nuggets of truth; it is pure, unchangeable, and

sacred truth that (according to Jesus) "Cannot Be Broken" (John 10:35). Praying to His heavenly Father on behalf of His disciples, He said this: "Sanctify Them By Your Truth. Your Word Is Truth" (John 17:17). Moreover, the Word of God is eternal truth

"Which Lives And Abides Forever" (1 Peter 1:23). Scripture is called "The Word Of Christ" (Colossians 3:16). It is His message, His selfexpression. In other words, the truth of Christ and the truth of the Bible are of the very same character. They are in perfect agreement in every respect. God has revealed Himself to humanity through Scripture and through His Son. Both perfectly embody the essence of what truth is. Remember, Scripture also says God reveals basic truth about Himself in nature. "The heavens declare His Glory" (Psalm 19:1). His other invisible attributes such as His wisdom, power, and beauty are on constant display in what He has created and the knowledge of Him is inborn in the human heart; (Romans 1:19-21)"For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened." And a sense of the moral character and loftiness of His law is implicit in every human conscience; "Who show the work of the law written in their hearts..." (Romans 2:15) Truth cannot be adequately explained, recognized, understood, or defined without God as the source. Since He alone is eternal and self-existent and He alone is the Creator of all else, He is the fountain of all truth. Spurgeon said it best: "Discernment is not knowing the difference between right and wrong. It is knowing the difference between right and almost right. Remember Satan told half truths to Adam and Eve!

There are serious moral implications too, whenever someone tries to separate truth from the knowledge of God. Paul writes, "Even as they did not like to

retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting" (Romans 1:28). Abandon a biblical definition of truth, and unrighteousness is the inescapable result. We see it happening before our eyes in every corner of contemporary society. In fact, the widespread acceptance of rebellion, and all forms of iniquity that we see in our society today is a verbatim fulfillment of what Romans 1 says always happens when a society denies and suppresses the essential connection between God and truth. **God Will Send Them A Strong Delusion** A NATION

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What Happen When a Society Abandons Biblical Truths?



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"If a kingdom is divided against itself, it cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, it

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cannot stand." (Mark 3:25) A Bedrock principle of Natural Law (the Law upon which Western Civilization rests) is the primacy of truth. Without a desire for, and appreciation of, truth, society cannot sustain itself. Lies, deceit, fraud, etc., are more than moral

evils; they are the curse of freedom and liberty. Take away truth, and one is left without honor, justice, or decency. Truth is the cement that holds the bricks and stones of a sane and civilized society together. Remove the former and the latter will crumble. "Because they received not the love of the truth. God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie." (II Thess. 2:10, 11) This is one of God's universal principles: when people deliberately reject truth, God will allow them to believe lies, which always leads to ultimate destruction. One can read the scriptures and discover the destruction of the many nations that rejected God's truth and this also included Israel (The Apple of God's Eye). (Zechariah 2:8) "For thus says the LORD of hosts: "He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye." As we look around at our society today we can see it is breaking apart due to a lack of appreciation for truth. Small businesses are being put out of business due to a lack of truth. Families are being torn apart due to a lack of truth. Our political institutions mock the principles of decency and honor due to a lack of truth. The national media loves to distort truth and the federal judiciary loves to twist truth. As a nation we must be in search of Heaven's blessing and protection, let us remind ourselves that God always judges people who reject truth. Always! If we truly want Heaven's blessing and protection upon our land, we will start—each of us--by being willing to seek and embrace truth, even if doing so costs us something; because, in reality, people who reject truth lose a whole lot more than whatever they had hoped to gain. Eventually, they lose, not only their own lives, but also the life of their country.