

Tuesday, November 3, 2020
Devotional Thoughts from Pastor Jim Murr...

**"I am the Lord; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols."**

Isaiah 42:8

I, for one, am glad that God does not share His glory or His authority with anyone else. Anyone else would mess things up. We have seen this in life in our world. But God is sovereign. That means that no matter what or who else SEEMS to be in charge, they aren't! God is the only One in charge. He works His will in and through earthly means: governments, presidents, elections, pandemics, troubles. However things may seem, God is working out His good and perfect will, especially for those who have trusted in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. God does not share His ultimate authority with anyone or anything.

Depending on when you are reading this, or how long it takes for the results of the Presidential Election to be completely tallied, you may be relieved or distressed about which man got (or will get) elected as President of the United States for the next 4 years. It does feel like a pretty big deal, especially this election. The chasm between the two biggest political parties in our nation seems to be wider than it has ever been. Each side has concerns about the other side's viewpoints.

What a blessing it is, however, to know that whoever is elected President does NOT have more authority over this country than God does. This is true even if Christianity is diminishing in our country. Our country and our world are not run by Christianity. They are run by God. No one can change that fact. God never relinquishes His authority over this world no matter who sits in the Oval Office. That's good news if you ask me, because no human being is flawless. No human being has complete or total wisdom. Solomon was the wisest man who ever lived (besides Jesus), and even he was led astray when he married many women who worshiped other gods. The Bible says that no other human being (besides Jesus) will ever be as wise as Solomon was, and yet he messed things up.

So, even as each of us carries out our civic duty and civic right in voting for a President of the United States, we recognize the limits of that person's power and authority. Just read the Bible, especially the Old Testament, and you will see that no matter who sits in earthly positions of power and authority, God is the Sovereign Lord! So, be at peace. Jesus is reigning!

God's Peace!
Pastor Jim