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Commentary

Forging an American Character

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Three weeks have now passed since **the greatest number of American people ever, arose to speak their minds about American government and those who wish to lead us.** Since that momentous evening, voices from every corner of the political, spiritual and media spectrum have risen to either denounce the outcome and those who won, or proclaim a righteous return to the vision of our Founders and a nation "under God."

The liberal "left" in America demonstrate an arrogant intolerance toward those of us who believe in principles and values that come from God and were revered by the Founders. The conservative "right", on the other hand--buoyed and emboldened by the re-election of George Bush and victories in all eleven states that opposed so called same sex marriage--seem **uniformly determined to press their long frustrated agenda upon the President and members of Congress.** To them, the victories, brought about by the largest turnout of Christian voters, is a **"mandate" to redirect America** back to it's original values and faith in God.

The message of Americans in this election who are weary of the incessant obsession with sex, violence, and pornography in the "entertainment" industry, as well as the agenda of a small percentage of Americans to force us to accept their behavior and wants, was, and is, clear. The victories on these fronts however, while encouraging to those of us who want a return to Biblical values and principles...is **anathema to those who don't!**

Clearly, the battle for America is now underway in earnest. But **how, really, are we Christians to respond to the verbal and written attacks, the revulsion and the self righteous anger of the left?** With our own vitriol? With an arrogant, 'in your face,' determination to 'have it our way' now?

If we are not careful, our witness will be no better than the witness of the arrogant and angry left in the media, academia, Hollywood, and the halls of government. **Be advised brethren...if we conduct ourselves as have the secular and unbelieving humanists who believe they are right and we are wrong, we invite a polarity and persecution we have hardly imagined that will backlash in coming elections if not in the coming year.**

When the disciples of **John the Baptist** complained to John that the people were now flocking to Jesus instead of to John, John's comments were instructive.

John said, ***"He must increase, but I must decrease. The One who comes from Heaven is above all. And He testifies to what He has seen and heard, yet no one accepts His testimony. Anyone who has accepted His testimony has certified that God is true. For He whom God sent speaks God's words, since God gives the Spirit without measure."***

Those who supported John Kerry, 'same sex marriage' and the political philosophy of the left in America are as John's disciples...'smarting' at the fact that the people are turning elsewhere than to their teacher and leader, namely...to Jesus Christ.

John's first answer to them, that Jesus 'must increase' but he 'must decrease', is NOT acceptable to the blinded minds of those who do not believe in Christ, but do believe in human reasoning and contemporary humanistic teachings.

They, unlike John, do not believe that Jesus is 'above all.' As John said, "No one accepts His testimony." Nor do they care about what "He has seen and heard." **But those of us who have 'accepted His testimony,' know and witness to the fact that 'God is true.'** Jesus did speak 'God's words' and it is those words that we Christians must hold to, revere, trust and obey....and also **speak**.

But John also said something that we would be advised to consider as we contemplate the way we conduct ourselves now that the election is over.

He said that Jesus spoke 'God's words,' because, ***"God gives the Spirit without measure."***

And that is what we must remember...and choose. **It is not our sense of political righteousness, now that we believe the vote has vindicated our views, not our newly assumed political power and determination that must prevail.** It is speaking the 'truth,' 'God's words' under the influence of the Holy Spirit upon us and through us, at work, in the home, in the halls of government, with our neighbors, as we humble ourselves before Him, and demonstrate to unbelievers by our actions and words, that we are not interested in setting up a 'theocracy', or forcing our 'religion' upon them, that **must prevail**. It is the

winsome witness of sweet and reasonable people whose values, lives, confidence and joy in Christ is an aroma of life in Christ to those who are perishing that **must prevail**.

We must **prayerfully wish for unbelievers the wonderful grace and liberty in Christ that Satan hates and all men need, but have difficulty finding**. It is through biblically advised government, biblically enlightened family life, biblically enlightened business practices, biblically enlightened lives, and the caring witness of the Saints that those things are possible for unbelievers and by which government can release the blessing of God.

John went on to say, ***"The Father loves the Son and has given everything into His hands. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever disbelieves the Son will not see life, but God's wrath remains upon him."***

John the Baptist saw it clearly, and so must we. We are to press forward for good government, but we must do so with grace and the abundance of the Holy Spirit.

May God bless you, each and every one, as you draw aside with family and friends to give thanks for the blessings of God upon our nation, and families. May the **Character of our Forefathers be forged within us once again**.

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