

WHAT TO DO WHEN BAD PEOPLE WIN

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Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong ... (Psalm 37: 1)

Commenting on the recent presidential elections in the United States of America, **Dr. Michael Brown** wrote;

Few things stir our emotions like seeing someone “get away with murder,” our way of referring to a devious person who did something absolutely terrible and yet got off scot free. And all the while these law-evaders laugh us to scorn, as if to say, “And there’s nothing you can do about it!” How frustrating and enraging.

The movie industry plays into these emotions too, as the good guy gets framed for what the bad guy did. We know what really happened, but the people on the screen do not. We are outraged, and there is nothing we can do about it. Nothing except keep watching with the hope that justice will eventually get done.

The world of professional wrestling thrives on these same emotions, as the crowd goes crazy when the honest and iconic hero gets robbed of a hard-earned victory by the despicable, cunning villain. Everyone in the audience saw what happened, but the referee missed it. Trickery triumphed over fairness, and a miscarriage of justice took place in plain sight. How can this be?

That’s how many Americans are feeling about the elections right now. (¹)

There is indeed a lot of suspicion about the legitimacy of the presidential elections of 2020 in the USA. Have deceptive people stolen the election from **President Donald Trump?** Currently, around 80% of Republican voters, 26% of Independent voters and even 15% of Democrat voters are of the opinion the election was rigged. As more evidence comes to light, these figures are increasing to the point where it’s estimated 100 million American voters believe they can “smell a rat”!

Adding to the frustration, all legal avenues for redress have hit a brick wall, and many people are feeling not only cheated, but totally powerless to change the course of events ...

In spite of hundreds of written *affidavits* (²) from eyewitnesses who claim to have seen fraudulent tactics during the count, in spite of security video footage showing the mysterious appearance of tens of thousands of ballots in Atlanta after official counting had ceased, in spite of thousands of documented cases where dead people voted and where

¹ **AskDrBrown** <info@askdrbrown.org> posted Saturday 12th December, 2020:- “What To Do With Your Righteous Indignation”.

² An *affidavit* carries the threat of imprisonment if found to be false, so the over 500 witnesses in this case should be taken seriously.

non-residents cast their ballots from bogus addresses, in spite of discrepancies over signature matches and mail-in ballots being post-dated, in spite of “glitches” in the electronic tallying devices, in spite of the censorship of the media and Big Tech to keep from public discourse damaging stories over the Biden family, it appears Joe Biden and Kamala Harris will be sworn into the highest offices in the land come next January. (³)

So, has significant fraud been perpetrated? I have my opinion and you probably have your’s. But the broader question about evil men apparently “getting away with murder” --- which is to say, injustice, crime, deception, oppression of the innocent, cover-ups and fraud has exercised good and godly people for generations. On the surface it can seem like bad people get away with the most egregious behaviour and good people often seem to suffer injustice without redress.

Nor is this a purely academic question, especially if you are the one who has suffered some kind of injustice. If you have had money or possessions stolen, had your house broken into, had your identity stolen, been raped, been mugged, been lied about, been bullied or hoodwinked, this question cuts right to the core of your being. Seeing someone “get away with murder” and never held to account can surely enrage the victim and his or her family or community, if not entirely break their spirits. As human beings we cry out for fairness, justice, reparation and satisfaction.

The psalmist complained along these lines when he said,

They say, ‘How can God know? Does the Most High have knowledge?’ This is what the wicked are like --- always carefree, they increase in wealth. Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure ... (Ps. 73: 11-13).

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THE PSALMIST ALMOST LOST HIS FAITH OVER THIS MATTER!

As he looked at the apparent success and prosperity of bad people the Psalmist admits he almost lost his faith in God. He confesses;

But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked (Ps.73: 2-3).

There is no surer recipe for losing faith than fixing one’s eyes on the prosperity and apparent success of the wicked and their schemes. His feet, the psalmist says, had almost slipped over the precipice into the despair of abandoning his faith in the God of Israel.

1. THE POWER OF A GOOD PEP TALK!

³ Reports of the Biden family’s money laundering connections with China and elsewhere for example. Since the election, these same Big Tech and Media outlets have suddenly seen fit to air the stories about Hunter Biden’s computer having been investigated for the last two years (!) for alleged tax fraud, and whether Joe Biden is implicated, etc. The reported effect is that at least 10% of those who voted for the Democrats now say this information would have changed their minds before the elections. Too late.

How are we to deal with this very real challenge to our equilibrium and our trust in our heavenly Father? Well, the first thing the psalmist does to stop from crashing over the precipice of unbelief is to have a little talk to himself. Contrary to what we are sometimes told rather humorously, talking to oneself is not necessarily a sign of madness --- it can be the sanest thing we can ever do --- provided it is talk based on the revealed truths and promises of the Bible!

It is a mark of Christian maturity to control our thinking, to reign in our thoughts and emotions, and to remind ourselves of certain unchanging truths. And the first thing the psalmist reminds himself of is that;

A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found ... but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land ... a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace (Ps. 37: 10).

Since God is God and on His throne, His promised kingdom is coming. He has set a limit to this present evil age. He has forewarned us that;

There will be terrible times in the last days, that people will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God ... (2 Tim. 3: 1f).

But He goes on to assure His people that Jesus Christ **will judge the living and the dead at his appearance and his kingdom (2 Tim. 4: 1)**. So, the antidote to despair over all the bad things which evil people are perpetrating, is to take the long view; the faith view, the kingdom view, and to fix our eyes on the Coming of Christ (*Parousia*). And this requires a good talking to yourself!

This old-world system and its evil works is going to be purged by the holy fire of God. Everlasting righteousness is coming (2 Peter 3: 10f). God guarantees that evil is going to get its day and that universal righteousness is going to prevail.

You ask, "How has God guaranteed this?" Answer: By raising His Son Jesus from the dead. The resurrection is the proof and the guarantee that the world's values have been judged, reversed and condemned and that Jesus is coming in glory to inaugurate universal goodness;

He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead (Acts 17: 31)

So, when you are tempted to fall into that hole of depression and despair as you cast your eyes over the state of the planet today, take time to have a little pep talk to yourself along these lines. The great Moses is a classic example of this godly outlook;

By faith Moses ... chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time ... for he was looking ahead to his reward ... [and] he persevered because he saw Him who is invisible ... (Hebrews 11: 24- 27).

Faith knows our Creator has not lost control of His world. Faith knows that Jesus sits at the right hand of his Father as the world's rightful Lord and King. Faith knows God's promised kingdom is coming and that ultimately His will is going to be done on the earth as it is in heaven.

Faith understands that, **the Lord laughs at the wicked, for He knows their day is coming (Ps. 37: 13)**. The Bible says God **catches the crafty in their craftiness, and the schemes of the wily are swept away (Job 5: 13)**. Since there is a God in heaven, we know that ultimately truth and righteousness will out because the kingdom of God is promised by the One Who cannot lie (**Titus 1: 3**).

IN A LITTLE WHILE

The wicked may get a little judgment from God in this life. The innocent may get a little justice and relief in this life. Or, maybe not, for **the sins of some people are conspicuous and precede them to judgment, while the sins of others follow them there (1 Tim. 5: 24)**.

Sometimes that wicked **Haman** swings on the gallows of his own making, and sometimes righteous **Mordecai** is honoured in this life. But sometimes **Haman** appears to get away with "bloody murder" and the good man or the innocent woman do suffer unjustly.

But this is when we are called upon not to **fret** over the apparent success of the wicked. Judgment, justice is coming. The **blood of righteous Abel still cries out from the ground** --- as well as the blood of every godly martyr, **"How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until You judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood"** (Rev. 6: 10)?

The answer is, **"Wait a little longer, until the number of your fellow servants and brothers who will be killed as you have been has been completed"** (Rev. 6: 11). Patience and endurance of faith are needed for **a little longer**.

Our Lord Jesus himself often spoke about the ultimate separation that is coming at the end of this present Evil Age. He promised there will be **a harvest at the end of the age ... the weeds will be pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil (Matt. 13: 39f)**.

This was the subject the psalmist talked to himself about --- the ultimate end of the wicked and the final blessedness of the people of God. **The meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace (Ps. 37: 11)**. Give yourself a pep talk and remind yourself of the coming Kingdom of heaven on earth.

2. DO NOT TAKE VENGEANCE.

Another strategy the psalmist uses is to refuse the very natural and powerful urge to take matters into his own hands. He says,

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret --- it leads only to evil (Ps. 37: 7-8).

The Christian response to injustice and evil is to **feed** your enemy, to **pray** for your enemy and those who take advantage of you, to **bless those who persecute you** and to **overcome evil with good** just as our Lord Jesus himself showed (Rom. 12: 17f).

The Christian response to the evil perpetrator is not to take out personal revenge for, **vengeance belongs to God** and **man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires** (Rom. 12: 19; James 1: 20). By all means lovingly warn, by all means appeal and plead your case. But leave your case in God's faithful care.

Only by taking up the cross and denying our own agendas for revenge can God send forth His resurrection power into this world. It was this way for His Son, so let's not imagine it will be a different programme for us!

3. GO UP TO THE HOUSE OF GOD!

Another strategy the psalmist adopted to beat the blues over the apparent success of the wicked was to put his "pep talk" into action;

When I tried to understand all this, it was oppressive to me **until** I entered the **sanctuary of God**; then I understood their final destiny (Ps. 73: 17). Which is to say, he put himself in the company of God's people and he met with them in the presence of God for worship and instruction in the word of God.

In the words of the old-timers, the psalmist used the "means of grace" at his disposal. He didn't sit around moping. He got up. He walked to the house of God. He visited the congregation of the LORD. He went up to worship.

Note, it was in that place, in the **sanctuary of God** where the psalmist found the fog in his thinking lifted. There, in the house of God, with the people of God, the man whose faith had almost slipped away, found a new perspective, a new hope, a new strength to face the world.

It was there in the **sanctuary of God** that the psalmist once again **understood the final destiny** of bad people and their wicked schemes. He got the long view in the company of God's people in the house of God. He put this brief and temporary life into its eternal perspective. With this renewed understanding he found new power in his very body and new confidence in his heart.

However, as soon as some Christians feel depressed and get overwhelmed by the state of things around them, they do the exact opposite: They stay away from God's congregation.

They self-isolate. But going into “lockdown” is not the answer. We have to act. We have to stand up and *move* in God’s direction.

CONCLUSION

What the outcome of the 2020 American elections will be, is still somewhat uncertain as I write. I hope the truth will come out. If **Joe Biden** won fair and square, good. God’s blessings be upon him and the USA. If there has been major deception and fraud, I ask the LORD God to bring truth and justice to the light, knowing it may take some time and that I must be patient and wait on the LORD.

No matter what the outcome, we will **not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong**. God is still God. His Kingdom comes! The meek will inherit the earth. The Day of the LORD draws ever nearer.

This is *What To Do When Bad People Seem to Win!*