Psalm 73

PS. 73:1-2 REV (Revised English Version throughout unless otherwise noted)

 Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.

 But as for me, my feet came close to stumbling. Yes, my steps had nearly slipped.

The writer of Psalm 73, Asaph, says his “feet came close to stumbling; my steps had nearly slipped”. In a literal sense this says that he came close to giving up on his chosen path in life. This happened when his steps, in other words, his thoughts and actions, began to be based on unstable foundations. What thoughts and attitudes did he mistakenly take?

 Ps.73:3

 For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

As he focused on the wicked prosperous people, Asaph began to want what they had even though they were arrogantly against God.

 PS. 73:4,5

 For there are no pains in their death, but their belly is fat.

 The troubles of other men are not theirs, nor are they afflicted like other people.

We don’t know the specifics of the prosperous wicked men at that time, but let’s look at our current situation to see if there are any similarities. At the end of 2019, the economy was buzzing in the US. The stock market was at an all-time high, unemployment was the lowest in decades and the consumer confidence for the future soared. Then came presidential impeachment, the COVID-19 virus shutdowns and the riots of 2020. The stock market tanked, unemployment spiked up, many small businesses suffered and died, and consumer confidence plunged. What happened to the rich?

**Top 10 Richest Americans in 2020, according to Forbes**

| **Rank** | **Name** | **Net worth in**[**billion**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Billion)[**US$**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/US%24) | **Source of wealth** | **Age** |
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| 1 | [Jeff Bezos](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeff_Bezos) | Increase187 | [Amazon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amazon_%28company%29) | 56 |
| 2 | [Elon Musk](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elon_Musk) | Increase142 | [Tesla, Inc.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tesla%2C_Inc.), [SpaceX](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SpaceX) | 49 |
| 3 | [Bill Gates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_Gates) | Increase129 | [Microsoft](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microsoft) | 65 |
| 4 | [Mark Zuckerberg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mark_Zuckerberg) | Increase105 | [Facebook](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Facebook) | 36 |
| 5 | [Warren Buffett](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Warren_Buffett) | Decrease87.5 | [Berkshire Hathaway](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berkshire_Hathaway) | 90 |
| 6 | [Larry Ellison](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Larry_Ellison) | Increase77.9 | [Oracle Corporation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oracle_Corporation) | 76 |
| 7 | [Steve Ballmer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steve_Ballmer) | Increase69 | Microsoft | 64 |
| 8 | [Larry Page](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Larry_Page) | Increase75.7 | [Google](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Google) | 47 |
| 9 | [Sergey Brin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sergey_Brin) | Increase65.7 | Google | 47 |
| 10 | [Alice Walton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alice_Walton) | Increase62.3 | [Walmart](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walmart) | 70 |

According to Forbes these top 10 rich people increased their wealth by a total of $337b in 2020, a year characterized by many as “a dumpster fire”.

 PS. 73:5

 The troubles of other men are not theirs, nor are they afflicted like other people.

Now that’s an understatement! They are “killing it”!

 PS. 73:6-8

 Therefore pride is their necklace. A garment of violence covers them.

 Their eyes bulge out from their fatness. Their heart overflows with delusions.

 They mock and speak evil. They arrogantly speak oppression.

According to the media source “the Hill” dated 1/14/21 under the headline **Big Tech Coalition Is Developing a Digital COVID Vaccination Passport,** “The initiative, which includes members like Microsoft, Oracle and U.S. nonprofit Mayo Clinic, is using the work from member Commons Project’s international digital document that verifies a person has tested negative for COVID-19,” the [Financial Times reported](https://www.ft.com/content/cf971639-3836-4c2b-93f6-622d4e0846ad). The goal of the Vaccination Credential Initiative is to empower individuals so they can safely return to travel, work, school, and life, while protecting their data privacy.”

Are you kidding? A vaccination passport that “allows” us to safely return to travel, work, school, and life”??! I don’t remember this passport in the Declaration of Independence where I was promised we “are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” I thought life and liberty were granted by God as unalienable rights. Didn’t know that I had to have a metabolic approved passport also. Thanks Bill Gates, Steve Balmer (major stockholders of Microsoft) and Larry Ellison (major stockholder of Oracle)!

Jeff Bezos owns the Washington Post. Before the election it dismissed the investigation into Joe Biden and his son accepting influence money from Ukraine, China and Russia as “Russian disinformation”. They ignored the reporting of it, despite Hunter Biden’s computer revealing evidence of corruption with a firsthand collaborating witness. After the election, it was revealed that the FBI had an open investigation on him for years. It was certainly not “Russian disinformation”. After the election research showed that forty-five percent of Biden voters said they didn’t know about Hunter Biden’s deals, and 9.4% said they would not have voted for the former vice president had they known.”

After the Capital Hill “riots” on January 6th 2021, some in the business / government / ruling class decided that free speech was a luxury that the US could no longer afford. The social media giants censored and banned the sitting President of the US! These media giants include Twitter, Facebook (Mark Zuckerberg), Instagram (also Zuckerberg), Pinterest, Snapchat, and Reddit. When a social media site (Parler) took a stand for free speech, Amazon Web Services “pulled its plug” by denying it servers (Bezos again), and Google (Larry Page and Sergey Brin) and Apple denied them app space the same day. These actions are illustrative of “They mock and speak evil. They arrogantly speak oppression.”

I could also go on more about Warren Buffet and Walmart – the largest U.S. retail outlet for Chinese Communist labor products – but you get the recurring idea.

 Ps. 73: 9

 They have set their mouth against the heavens. And their tongue walks through the earth.

This Psalm not only speaks about the wealthy in money, but also those wealthy in power and influence.



The above politicians consistently lie with regularity, sincerity, and shamelessness. Their tongues walk through the earth, burning many and kindling more lying tongues. This is not a gender or race issue - although there are different races represented, Jews, Gentiles, Blacks, Whites and a Native American (Elizabeth Warren!). They all have Ph.D’s – Piled high and Deep! These are they who are telling us what’s good for us and the consequences if we don’t follow their “wise” and “beneficent” instructions.

These powerful leaders are pursuing another impeachment charge against former president Trump for inciting insurrection Jan. 6th 2021. He never did. I know because I was there and heard every word of his speech. Besides, how can the president “incite insurrection”? Against himself? I assure you that the crowd was large enough to take over the entire federal government in DC easily, if it wanted to. We never did because insurrection was the last thing on 99.9% of the crowd’s minds – an election investigation was. And is that happening? No. It seems that if you even seriously propose it, you will be silenced by social media or the press.

Al right - I’ll say it. Those wealthy in money, power and influence are winning. Those who desire righteousness are losing.

 Ps. 73:10

 Therefore God’s people turn to them here, and they slurp up waters of abundance.

At that time, the writer was seeing some of God’s people tire of doing things God’s way and join the seeming wicked “winning side”. They saw the current turning in favor of the secularists and God ignorers and wanted to be on the winning team to get some of the spoils like the billionaires and “enlightened” government leaders. This seems to be happening today. Supposedly, Joe Biden a 78-year-old lifelong politician who is obviously succumbing to mental deterioration, was elected to the toughest job in the world after failing to draw average crowds and barely leaving his basement for months with 81 million votes. Supposedly, Donald Trump only garnered 75 million votes. If these tallies are correct, a lot more people voted for a hobbled corrupt politician than a successful, yet flawed president who led in peace and prosperity more than any president in recent memory. This means that much of the US population, of which the majority is Christian, are acting as the verse says, “God’s people turn to them [the wealthy evil people], and they slurp up waters of abundance”. That figuratively means they are agreeing with the wicked to “drink water” (satisfy their needs) during a dry environment. In other words, instead of doing things God’s way, they are being sucked into the wicked leaders’ orbit. They watch their words to not get attacked or shunned. They parrot the leader’s words and attitudes. They wear masks everywhere. They join in the persecution of the righteous. And why not? The ones leading the way seem to be winning – gathering money, influence, and power at a record pace.

 Ps. 73:11

 And they say, “How does God know? And is there knowledge with the Most High?”

There seems to be a consistent thread through the list of the wealthy – no known connection to God. They are all pretty much agnostic or ungodly. They certainly live as though they think God is not watching or knowing what they are doing. This is similar to the political leaders. Though some suggest otherwise, they live as though God is unaware of their hypocrisy and breaking of His commandments. That Nancy Pelosi and Joe Biden say they are Catholic is a joke. They have supported abortion from the inception of Roe vs. Wade in 1973 leading to the abortion of over 62 million babies since. That’s about 20% of today’s U.S. population. That’s vile on a cosmic scale.

According to experts, about half the Catholics nationwide (who compromise 20% of the US population) voted for Biden. About 38% of Protestants voted for Biden. There is where the millions of votes difference could be. Christians (at least self-professed Catholics and Protestants) voted for Biden, an abortion, homosexual marriage, transsexual “rights” and left-wing activist supporter. These folks seem to have given up on the Bible and joined the “popular side”. And, why not? It seems like it is winning.

 Ps. 73:12

 Behold, these are the wicked! Being always at ease, they increase in wealth.

It makes one’s head hurt. $337 billion increase on a down year! A corrupt hobbled politician becoming president. There’s only one conclusion…

 Ps. 73:13

 Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure, and washed my hands in innocence,

The situation leads us to think, “I have wasted my time renewing my mind, praying, reading the scriptures, and serving others. These God rejecters don’t do any of these things and they have zillions of dollars while I have squat! I control my tongue to speak words of kindness and truth and I am a nobody while the captains of culture lie like dogs and come out on top constantly. They are on TV and Magazines. I am on the phone, making a living!”

 Ps. 73:14-15

 For all day long have I been afflicted, and my reproof came every morning.

 If I had said, “I will speak like they do,” behold, I would have acted unfaithfully toward the generation of your children.

This messed up situation makes one’s head hurt and heart ache. This especially true when you consider that us Christians are used to winning. We don’t want poverty – we want prosperity. We don’t want sickness and strife – we want health and peace. And because we pray to God in Jesus’ name, He hears us and we receive these things. So a consistent losing streak is not something we’re accustomed to or expect. As the great coach Vince Lombardi said, “Show me a good loser, and I’ll show you a loser.” We want to win. Didn’t Jesus pay the price so that we could always win? Doesn’t the Bible say…?

 2 Cor. 2:14 King James Version

 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

This verse seems to indicate a common Evangelical doctrine taught in many churches today – God always causes us to triumph in Christ. Have you heard this? I have – and I’ve believed it also. Only one problem. Do we always triumph in Christ? No. Sometimes we win and sometimes we lose.

 Ecclesiastes 3: 1-3,6,8

 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

If there is “a time to get, and a time to lose”, why does 2 Corinthians 2:14 say, “God … always causes us to triumph in Christ”? Because it is mistranslated and misunderstood. Let me quote from the REV commentary, “2 Corinthians 2:14-16 refers to a Roman event known as the ‘Triumph,’ which we sometimes refer to as the Triumphal Procession. The Roman Triumphal Procession was a parade honoring the victory of a Roman general and his army.”

“Leading the Triumph were the Roman senators and magistrates, who met the parade as it entered the streets of Rome. Next trumpeters and musicians came, announcing to all the victory and the celebration. After them came the captives, led in chains and destined for the slave market or the arena.”

“After the captives came the spoils of war. The captured treasure was displayed, including gold, silver, and other valuables. Some of this treasure was later distributed to the returning troops as thanks for their bravery and sacrifice…”

“Following the spoil, dressed in the black of mourning, came the captured foreign king. After the spoils came members of the victorious army carrying laurel branches symbolizing victory…”

“Following the troops was the conquering general in a chariot usually drawn by 4 beautiful horses. After the commander and the last troops came oxen (usually white), which would be sacrificed. The meat from the oxen was then distributed to the people of Rome…”

“Properly interpreted, [2 Corinthians 2:14-16](https://www.revisedenglishversion.com/comm/2Cor/2/SIT) is speaking of the Triumphal Procession that occurs at the end of the war. Battles may be lost, but the war has been won by Jesus Christ. Although the actual fight between good and evil is not over, our eventual victory is so assured that God uses the analogy of the Triumph to demonstrate that it is just a matter of time before the victory is total and final. The analogy of the Triumph shows us that the outcome of the war is not in doubt. Jesus Christ is the conquering general of the highest rank (his name is above every name), who has soundly defeated his enemies and won a victory on foreign soil (earth; now controlled by the Adversary). Because the war is “won,” he leads his “Christian army” in a Triumph. We can march along in life, knowing that we will win by resurrection, even if we are killed in this life.”

Here is a better translations of 2 Corinthians 2:14 in the [**English Standard Version**](https://biblehub.com/esv/2_corinthians/2.htm) **“**But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession…”

Here is another reference to this ancient custom.

 Col. 2:15

 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.



Properly translated, 2 Corinthians 2:14 doesn’t say that we will always triumph in Christ. It says that we will ultimately triumph in Christ and be involved in a victory parade where the enemy will be vanquished, and our contributions recognized. Just as in every war, there are many smaller battles. The object is to win the war despite losing some of the battles. In World War 2, the US lost the battle at Pearl Harbor and basically had a tie at the battle of Midway. We also began to lose the battle of the Bulge years later and turned it around, beating the Germans and ultimately winning the war. If one side gets too discouraged because of a lost battle, they could give up and lose the whole war.

This is what Asaph was dealing with when this was written. He was going through a figurative “Pearl Harbor” or “Battle of the Bulge” and was getting very discouraged.

 Ps. 73:16

 When I tried to understand this, it was troubling to me;

“We’re getting creamed by the influential, wicked rich! WHY? They have more money and power than governments! What can we do to them? I will be crushed like an ant! Many of God’s people are joining their team! WHY? Should I join them? I feel like I’m taking crazy pills!”

 Ps. 73:17

 until I entered God’s sanctuary; then I perceived their end.

Aha! When Asaph went into God’s sanctuary, he set his mind to the things of God and remembered God’s perspective. He got his mind off the earth and into the sky. He realized that no matter how high the pile of gold a man has, God has more – a lot more! He remembered that no matter how much influence a man has, God has more. He will decide the eternal disposition of everyone and everything. No matter how smart a man is, God is smarter – a lot more. He designed the periodic table and galaxies. The rich may be winning now, but in a few years they will go the way of the Rockefellers, Vanderbilts, Goulds, and Carnegies. Who are they? They are yesterday’s imperial influencers. One day they will be in a parade too. The only question is, “Will they be in front of the parade (captive enemies about to die) or in the back of the parade (honored conquering heroes)?”

 Ps. 73: 18

 Surely you set them in slippery places. You will cast them down in their deception.

The wicked wealthy have built their lives upon lies. They don’t believe in God or that He’s paying attention. That is not a solid foundation but a slippery one. Those willfully deceiving and being deceived will be cast down from their lofty perches. Is. 45:23, Romans 14:11 and Phil. 2:10 say that “every knee shall bow to God”. Those who don’t want to bow will get some help to bring it to pass.

 Ps. 73: 19,20

 How in a moment they will become a horror! They come to an end—they perished by destructive events.

 They are like a dream when one wakes up; O Lord, when aroused you will despise their mere shadow.

The figure of speech Heterosis exchanges verb tenses to emphasize the certainty of future events. We say that something expected in the future is so certain to happen that it is a “done deal”. The French call it “a fait accompli”. In Ps.73:19 God says about the wicked that “they perished (past) by destructive events”, meaning they will (future) perish by destructive events. The future certainty is being emphasized because the present reality looks like prospering, certainly not perishing. Yet God says, “If you want to get to know them, do it quick!” They will soon be bowing down before they bow out – permanently.

 Ps. 73: 21,22

 When my heart was embittered and my kidneys felt pierced,

 then I was stupid and ignorant. I became like a senseless animal before you.

When we focus on the wealthy wicked our “heart is embittered, and our kidneys feel pierced”. How can it be said better? We become despondent, depressed, heartbroken, pessimistic, and dispirited. Notice the word “dispirited”. When we obsess over a losing battle in the spiritual war, we get dispirited. We still have God’s spirit but we are obsessing over the senses realm loss and forget the spiritual dimension. That’s why we get “stupid and ignorant” - ”like a senseless animal”. We are walking by the flesh as only a body and soul man, not by the spirit with God.

I would rather have God wonderful spirit and nothing else than $187 billion and everything earthly else, but no spirit. This life is short. Eternity is a looooong time! God’s spirit is eternal life. No spirit and billions is good… but only for a very short time, relatively speaking.

Some of us want judgement… now. Certainly, these billionaires throwing around their wealth and power, hurting and crushing the innocent make them candidates for the “Early Judgement Plan”. That’s when I ask God to move up Judgement day to when I say it should happen to accommodate my ideas about justice. It’s an idea I’ve floated to God a few times. It always floats back down. Know why?

 1 John 4:16a

 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love;

There once was a man wealthier and more powerful than all the “Top Ten” today combined. Nebuchadnezzar ruled the known world and demanded everyone worship a golden image he set up. If you didn’t, you died. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to worship and were condemned to death. God saved them right in front of Nebuchadnezzar. He also heard testimony about the true God from the Prophet Daniel. God then gave Nebuchadnezzar a dream warning him to submit to Him. He refused and went through a horrific season of humbling until he did what God had asked him to do – glorify God as the source of all good. Amazingly, Nebuchadnezzar – the one world government, absolute ruler who demanded that everyone on earth worship him - became a believer because of God’s mercy, grace, and love! Why doesn’t God do the “Early Judgement Plan”?

 2 Peter 3:9 KJV

 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

There probably was some knucklehead like me praying for the “Early Judgement Plan” in 1953 that God ignored. Boy am I glad he did! I was born in 1954! God was longsuffering toward me, you and Nebuchadnezzar because He is love. He’s also longsuffering toward today’s wicked wealthy because … He is love. He loves everybody and wants all to join His family and be together forever. All a person has to do is bow the knee and accept Jesus as lord. God sees wealth as an obstacle for life, not necessarily as a goal. Nebuchadnezzar had everything a man could get except a good life and peace with God. When he bowed the knee, it all came together.

God will have long suffering for the top 10 (or top 10,000) in order to reach them with His offer of Christ. He’s not put off by their arrogance or wealth. He is trying to get them to spiritually come home. Until then, we could be in for a bumpy ride, just like the Babylonians were. So, what do we have?

 Ps. 73: 23

 Nevertheless I am continually with you. You have taken hold of my right hand.

We don’t have billions. We don’t have islands or railroads. We don’t have great influential earthly power. But we do have the Creator of money, power, and islands! We are “with Him”. And if we walk by the spirit, we can walk “with Him”. When it says that God has taken hold of our right hand, that means he will bless us because in that culture the right hand was the hand of blessing. The world and its system may not bless us, but God will. We should be bold in asking for those earthly blessings. (Christians have already been blessed with all spiritual blessings in Christ!) So what if the world is going nuts? God will take care and bless each of us according to His promises. He loves us!

 Ps. 73: 24

 You will guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will lead me to a position of honor.

This is one of the clearest promises of God guiding us in this life. We need His guidance to prosper and thrive in this crazy world. He will guide each of us as we ask. And the answer may be different for each of us. Mask up or not? Facebook or not? Move to the country or not? Get guns or not? Be politically visible or not? Start a home fellowship or attend one or not? God will help each of us make the right decision for us. That’s guaranteed, just as the second part of the verse is, “you will lead me to a position of honor.” That means the back of the Triumphal procession, with the other conquerors getting cheered. We may live in the low rent district now, but not for long. We will be ushered into a gated community for eternity, to love and serve the Lord forever. If I must endure some dishonor from misguided knuckleheads till then, oh well! Let’s try to win some!

 Ps. 73: 25

 Whom do I have in the heavens? And there is no one on earth whom I desire besides you.

Whom do we have on earth that loves us unconditionally? No one. All men are liars. Turn on the news to confirm that. And also, sometimes the church is guilty too. I heard some prophesies lately that were dead wrong. How do I know that they were wrong? Because what they foretold never came to pass.

 Deut. 18:22

 When a prophet speaks in the name of Yahweh, if the word does not happen, is not fulfilled, that is the word that Yahweh has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it out of his presumption, do not be afraid of him.

Although probably well meaning, some prophets foretold of mass imprisonments of wrong doers and Trump winning the election. This never happened. Were the prophesies from God? Obviously not. Should these prophets be shunned because of their error? Yes, until they repent as publicly as their prophesies were spread. Until then, respect in them is misplaced. God loves them and can forgive them, but trust is earned and lost in the church. Repentance begins the road to regaining trust.

 1 Thess. 5:20,21

 Do not treat prophecies with contempt, but test everything and hold on firmly to what is good.

Test everything – prophesies, teachings, revelations, “the news” – everything! On earth there is no perfection. But thank God we are not limited to earth only! “Whom do we have in Heaven?” Our Father, God, and His son, Jesus, who will return and change us to be as he is. How blessed we are!

 Ps. 73: 26

 My flesh and my heart grow weak, but God is the rock of my heart and my portion forever.

In this world we want to be liked and respected. It hurts us when we’re not respected for doing good. It hurts when we’re called evil names like “white supremacist” or “domestic terrorist”. But also…

 Prov 29:2 New King James Version

 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.

We groan over lousy, lying leaders in authority. But we fix our foundations squarely upon God and His Word and manage our expectations from the world. We realize our hope, our heart, our portion is with God in heaven. He is what we want. This world can be a blessing at times, but when we become subject to others who make bad or ungodly decisions, we can be oppressed, and experience hurt. That’s why we make God “the rock of our heart”, not anything earthly.

 Ps. 73: 27

 For behold, those who depart from you will perish. You have destroyed all those who act like a prostitute toward you.

The second part of the verse is the figure Heterosis again. It literally means “You will [future] destroy all those who act like a prostitute toward you.” Like a good husband, God has given us everything – life, intelligence, ability, and the possibility of a wonderful relationship with him. But like a prostituting spouse, God rejecters refuse to honor God for the gifts He gave them and wander off after other gods for fulfillment. Despite their current appearance, they will absolutely perish in destruction.

 Ps. 73: 28 KJV

 But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works.

I’ve had it with these political animals and cultural captains of corruption. I’ve tried to influence leaders big and small. All I’ve gotten is a headache. Do you know what’s good for me to do? “Draw near to God”. He is the only thing solid in this world, the only one trustworthy and faithful. All else – including myself – falls short.

We will win again soon. How do I know it? Because we will ultimately win the war and to do that you must win more battles than the enemy. We need to “draw near” to God and His Son, our conquering general Jesus Christ. “He will guide us with his counsel”. When we follow him into battle we will win.

Spending time in the Bible helps me get my eyes off the ground and into the heavens. It reminds me that I’m seated in the heavenlies looking down. The problems look so much smaller from that vantage point. Spending time in prayer allows me to unburden the hurt and allows God to help mold my heart to health and strength. We have access to the Almighty. Let’s use it. Who knows what He can do?

I’m turning from trusting man to trusting God. The wealthy and influential are not trustworthy. Even some in the church fall short. But God is faithful and willing to guide, help and bless. He is worthy to be praised!

My best bet at influencing the world and those in it is “declaring all God’s works”, of which the greatest is His Son, Jesus Christ. I will be an agent of light, a voice of grace, a messenger of the gospel, an ambassador for Christ, a beacon of truth and a spreader of mercy and love.

So what if we have imperfect people for our financial and political leaders? We keep thinking spiritually because “God will guide us with His counsel, and afterward receive us to glory.” Would we rather have a billion dollars and / or a powerful influential position, or the promise of eternal life? I’ll take God’s love now and for eternity, rather than false posturing and eventual destruction. We are soooo blessed!