

OVERCOMING POLITICAL CHAOS!

The Spiritual Weapon of Warfare

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It is crystal clear that we, as Christians, must hold up our government leaders more than ever before. There is an all-out attack on anything that has Christian values attached to it once it goes near the political arena. Pray! Pray! Pray!

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. (Romans 13:1 NIV)

I am not a historian or a politician, in fact, I am probably the last person in my circles to watch the news or get wind of what just happened in Parliament today. But something else that is becoming obvious is that I believe Christians *cannot separate* the very foundation of how we live by God's holy Word and how we govern our lives and country through politics.

When we as Christians attempt to separate our governing state/country from our church life, it won't work. The Church should be the driving influence into the government of our land. In other words, if you separate your Christian views from the way you engage in governmental authority, you are operating at half capacity. The government cannot keep Christians quiet concerning politics.

If you haven't figured it out yet, there is no way to separate your Christian conviction from your political views; they both are a major part of a Christian's way of life. I am not saying that you have to be active in political events all the time, rather be prayerful all the time for those who govern over us. How?

Be Prayerfully Proactive

1. Pray for godly guidance over those who are in office: *For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers. (Proverbs 11:14NIV)*
2. Pray for those in office REGARDLESS of what they stand for. *Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of Believers, fear God, honour the emperor.(1 Peter 2:17NIV)*
3. **Supernatural Experiences:** As prayer warriors in the Kingdom, let's believe for divine dreams and God encounters over our governing leaders. Now is the time to decree that some of these encounters will happen in such a powerful way that they will both persuade the lifestyles of our government leaders and their political votes.
4. *While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: 'Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.'* (Matthew 27:19 NIV) God did it then, and He can do it now. All we need is one dream getting through to the right person for the course of Australian history to change!
5. **The Tide Will Turn:** Whatever evil plan is thrown at God's governing leaders, the plan will be turned back against the one who tossed it.
6. **The Tide Will Turn as We Pray!**

In the case of Egypt and the children of Israel who were in bondage there, Pharaoh pressed way beyond his boundaries. As his pride and arrogance continued to rise as high as the skies would allow, he had no intention to ever turn back to offer any form of honourable departure for the Israelites. Even after all of the divine encounters from God and all of the devastation that remained, his stubborn, relentless nature kept on pursuing.

All along, it was one big trap set-up by God, as the same waters that offered protection for the Israelites offered death to Pharaoh and his followers. God has already set in place opportunities for the political tides to turn. I am in no way saying that God wants to drown and kill out those who are causing trouble. **I am saying that the tide is going to turn. Our war isn't about fighting a specific political party.** The evil that you are seeing displayed has been going on way before our time. You are a Christian and your Bible-based conviction should be far greater than a political movement. Remember that as God's child, you carry spiritual authority in the political realms.

I believe (for those who can) that we must set aside time each day and each week specifically to pray for our leaders as you are lead of the Lord. By praying, I am not talking about a short little prayer, but some will be called to deep intercession over our governmental leaders. Spiritual warfare will play a key factor in the outcomes of politics...and **we win when we are on our knees!**