

## FRIENDS HAVE DIFFERENT IDEAS ABOUT VOTING

11/2/24

- Today – Opportunity to give 2 presentations
  - Comment – This is the last Saturday before the 2024 U.S. election
  - Today’s plan – to give both presentations
  - Comment – Even though they are somewhat related, each can stand on its own merit
  - First presentation – “Friends Have Different Ideas About Voting”
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- First, I want to share some thoughts about why some people listening to this presentation – DO NOT VOTE

- Some friends point to scriptures – which say that God selects the leaders

- Dan. 2:21            God removes kings and raises up kings  
20                blessed be the name of God forever & ever – for wisdom & might are His  
21                He changes the times & the seasons – He removes kings – He gives  
                         wisdom to the wise & knowledge to those of understanding  
22                He reveals deep and secret things – He knows what is in the darkness –  
                         light dwells with Him
- Dan. 4:17           the Most High rules in the kingdom of men – gives it to whomever He will  
                         – and sets over it the lowest of men
- Dan. 5:18           the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar (your father) a kingdom,  
                         majesty, glory and honor  
19                because of the majesty that He gave him, all peoples, nations & languages  
                         trembled and feared before him
- whomever he wished, he executed
  - whomever he wished, he kept alive
  - whomever he wished, he set up
  - whomever he wished, he put down
- 20                when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened in pride, he was  
                         deposed from his kingly throne (and they took his glory from him)
- 21                then, he was driven from the sons of men, his heart was made like beasts  
                         and his dwelling was with wild donkeys – they fed him with grass  
                         like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven – until he  
                         knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and  
                         appoints over it whomever He chooses
- Other people say voting is “choosing the lesser of two evils and I do not  
                         want to vote for any form of evil”
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Second, I want to share some thoughts about why some people listening to this presentation – DO VOTE

1 Sam. 8:1-22	the Lord gave the people what they wanted
3	dishonest gain – took bribes – perverted justice
4-5	the elders of Israel said to Samuel – “make us a king to judge us like all the nations”
6	this displeased Samuel
7-9	the Lord told Samuel – give them what they want, after you warn them
10-18	Samuel warned the people
19-21	the people didn’t listen to Samuel
22	the Lord said to Samuel – “heed their voice, and make them a king”
Acts 16:18	Paul cast out an evil spirit
19	the masters seized Paul & Silas – went to the authorities
20-24	the magistrates beat Paul & Silas and threw them into prison
25-34	due to an earthquake, Paul and Silas were freed
35	when it was day, the magistrates told the officers – “let those men go”
36	the keeper of the prison reported told Paul – “The magistrates have sent to let you go. Now therefore, depart and go in peace”
37	Paul said – “They have beaten us openly, uncondemned Romans, and thrown us in prison. And now do they put us out secretly? No, indeed! Let them come themselves and get us out”
38	the officers told these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Romans
39	then they came and pleaded with them and brought them out, and asked them to depart from the city
Acts 22:24	the commander ordered him to be brought into the barracks and said that he should be examined under scourging, so that he might know why they shouted so against him
25	Paul asked a centurion who stood by – “Is it lawful for you to scourge a man who is a Roman, and uncondemned?”
26	the centurion told the commander – “Take care what you do, for this man is a Roman”
27	the commander came and asked Paul – “Tell me, are you a Roman?” – Paul answered “yes”
28	the commander said – “With a large sum, I obtained this citizenship..... Paul said – “But I was born a citizen”
29	the commander was afraid to examine him
30	Paul was released
Acts 23:11	the Lord said to Paul – “Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome”
Acts 25:11	Paul – I appeal unto Caesar
16	Paul – custom of Romans, to meet accusers face to face