

The Continental Divide

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Let's do something special this Sunday.

It is October, and in a couple of weeks, we will have an election, one of the most defining of our future, one of the most controversial elections in American history. It is an election in which evangelical leaders in our country are divided that have always been nothing but united.

I have never spoken on this in forty years, but we need to get a Christian perspective over what is about to happen in a few weeks. And so, let's talk politics; and let's talk politics biblically. Is that possible? Yes, it is.

One of the leading questions of early Christianity was how can one be a citizen of heaven and a citizen of Caesar, of Rome. Well, the New Testament answers this repeatedly. Jesus said, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar and to God the things that are God." You pay your taxes.

Paul said, "Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities for there is no authority except from God. And those which exist are established by God."

He said to Titus, "Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, to malign no one, to be uncontentious, gentle, showing every consideration for all men, for we also once were foolish ourselves." Amen?

Peter said, "Submit yourself for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether as to kings or to those sent by him, for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right for the Lord's sake." That we are good citizens, not because we agree with government; we are good citizens because we revere God.

Paul said to Timothy, "First of all, pray for kings and all who are in authority that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in godliness and dignity." Paul took that verse from Jeremiah chapter 29 where Israel was told how to conduct itself in the Babylonian exile. God said, "Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you. Pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will have welfare."

Joseph influenced Egypt for the good. Daniel influenced Babylon for the good. Nehemiah, Mordecai, and Esther influenced Persia for the good.

The people of God are to be a blessing to their culture. We are not removed from culture. We are not hostile to culture. So until the government asks us to do what God forbids, that we are the best of citizens.

But our influence in this country can be greater. We are historically rare. We can be directly involved. We have an act of the volition. When that becomes a noun, it is called a vote.

We have a say. We have virtually what none have had throughout history.

Until 1776, no one had a say in their rule. But from 1776 to 1848, in just seventy years, most monarchies in the world were gone. Because America had started something. France was soon to follow.

We were an idea whose time had come, as throughout the world, men had had a gutful of the irresponsible rule of kings, of authority that was bestowed through birth, not authority that was bestowed through character and through life.

And in the place of monarchies, there arose what were called constitutions, official obligations and restraints set forth in writing through theologically-informed reason, an absolute law outside of man by which he must be ruled and to which rulers were accountable. A constitution, the incarnation of just rule in paper and ink, administered through representative leaders placed there through an informed majority who voted for those that they believed to be the wisest and the best of men whose job was to follow this law. Or as Mr. Lincoln said, a government of the people, by the people, for the people—a leadership that was bestowed not through conception, but bestowed through character.

Would it work? Well, no one knew. It had never been done before. That is why one called America “the grand experiment.” A government that wasn’t flawless, but it was correctable through elections and persuasion and amendments rather than through coups and revolts.

It was called a representative democracy. People putting people in charge to rule them.

And a new vocabulary arose: politicians, politicking, political parties, candidates, primaries, speeches, debates, voters, and mudslinging and corruption.

The system has problems but I prefer it to monarchies because we don’t have bloodlettings—except for our Civil War where half our country killed the other half over a breach of the Constitution concerning the image of God in man and of inalienable rights.

And I am amazed at our Constitution’s invention. In Philadelphia, 1787, a group of fifty five men replaced millennia of kings with a Constitution in just 112 days, and it has lasted now for 229 years.

And it had never been done before. It is said that as Ben Franklin sat and observed on the headrest of George Washington’s chair a carved horizon and a sunrise, and he looked at that chair, and he thought, “Is the sun rising or is it setting?” Will this be a new day in history or will this be a grand disaster? No one was quite sure. And that is why only 39 out of 55 delegates in Philadelphia signed the Constitution. Sixteen weren’t quite sure this would work.

The best way to govern is through Jesus Christ, righteousness incarnate, wisdom incarnate. But until he returns—and he will not be elected, incidentally. He will impose his will. Until he returns, a representative democracy is a good way.

But two problems present themselves in electing leaders. One is the need of getting elected and staying elected. For this, a politician needs what is called popularity. He needs the populous to like him, at least the majority. But wise rulers cannot always be popular. Thus, an elected official feels the tension between leadership and job security, between doing right and preserving a career. And that is why some said that elections would not work as they would devolve into popularity contests.

But another problem, just as dangerous, is that the proper elected leaders demand an informed and a wise voting public. A proper standard must be present throughout the culture assuming a moral standard and a moral consensus; and if not, an ignorant population will get what they deserve. Fifty-percent can be just as terrible as a tyrant when they are misinformed and immoral.

So, potentially, universal voting or universal suffrage is dangerous. And that is why public, mandatory education and universal suffrage emerged at the same time in our country as one necessitated the other. It was called the Horace Mann common school movement, and it began just after the Constitution. Every young person, every future voter had to be educated in basic reading and writing, in morals, citizenship, and, yes, in Bible; as only a morally-responsible people could select proper leaders. A people are reflected and a culture is reflected in their elected officials.

It is the political system we've been born into and, like it or not, we have the responsibility to be informed and to vote because the death of a representative democracy is not just the ignorance of the truth, but also apathy. *A pathos*. Don't care. An apathy arising from discouragement that says "I'm just one person, the candidates are flawed," or "I've got other things to worry about," where I feel no need to cast my vote in a country's future.

But the book of Proverbs says in chapter 24, "If you are faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small. Deliver those who are being lead away to death. Hold back those stumbling to the slaughter. If you say surely we did not know this, does not he who weighs the heart consider this? He that keeps your soul, does he not know it? Will he not render to each according to his deeds?" Meaning that it is in the difficult day that you must be strong.

When evil has gained control, that is when you must stand. You must be a hero when heroes must be, and you can't use the excuse of ignorance. God knows that you know because God watches and cares for you; and you will be accountable for your silence.

And this is where we are in 2016. We have two candidates; both are flawed. Seriously. Both are children of the 60s. My people. One five years older than me, one just three years older than me. Both true nature's child, they are born, born to be wild. One an activist; one a capitalist.

Is it a meaningless election? Will we lose either way? This election that has been affectionately called "The Clump." The Clump.

No, this election will be enormous in our history as the Republican and Democratic platforms are headed in polar opposite directions.

I was asked what we wanted to entitle this message. We will call it “Continental Divide,” and it is.

They are in opposite directions not just politically but theologically and morally, they are in opposite directions.

Half of our country will be elated on November 8; half will be outraged because an enormous disparity of world views has finally surfaced in our country. A disparity of world views that has been brewing beneath the surface for one hundred years, ever since our move from modernism to postmodernism in the 50s and 60s.

Modernism is the seeking of truth, not through the Bible but through man’s reason. Modernism believes there is truth, but it is up to man to find it from his own means and mechanisms.

Modernism failed because of the prevailing question of, “Says who? Who are you to say?” There was no final, eternal, infinite, immutable, from-the-outside-of-man, divine authority.

Postmodernism followed. Postmodernism is not seeking for truth but inventing your own truth. Postmodernism recognizes that, hypothetically, within that framework, there is no truth; but man will invent his own truth, his personal truth, where you play God. It is called moral relativity; it is called moral subjectivity; and it is also called, philosophically, existentialism—where it is the “ism” of existence that you determine. It is the abandonment of final truth, and it has dominated the latter half of the twentieth century.

Some have resisted and stayed theistic knowing that postmodernism will not work. Like us. Conservatives holding to a Bible, a standard outside of man to biblical right and wrong, to the moral and immoral.

But postmodernism has affected everything: sexuality, the arts, the family, gender, education, the military, sports, entertainment; and political parties have polarized into these two world views: theistic and postmodern, Republican and Democratic, absolute and relativistic, traditional and modern, biblically informed and humanly reasoned, God-centered laws or man-centered freedom, pro-life or pro-choice. In a broad sense, Christian and non-Christian.

Is there final truth? Is there revealed truth? Is there biblical, divine truth? Or does man get to make the rules? Is truth just a semantic, mystical word with no ultimate foundation? This is the elephant in the room, and I don’t mean “Republican elephant.”

The elephant that all are aware of but nobody speaks of: is abortion wrong, same sex wrong, *is anything* wrong? If so, why, and how do you know? The elephant in the room is God.

Can we say no in matters of marriage, sexuality, gender, abortion, or the loss of religious freedom? Is it possible to say, “No! That is wrong!” Can they enforce compliance to their rejection of moral absolutes as France did in 1789, as communism did in 1917, as Nazism did in the 1930s.

Is homosexuality a civil right that one cannot resist for fear of retribution? Can a politician or a court set aside a biblical mandate? Can they determine a human in the womb is not a human? Can they take your gun? Can they redefine marriage, redefine gender, and can they play God in a culture?

Make no mistake. This did not start with the Democrats. The furnace consuming us in our day, we as a country have stoked for one hundred years. We are being beaten with our own stick. We are reaping our own bitter sewing. This didn't just happen. It was cultivated by our own cultural leaders and by the silence of those in a culture that are its sentries: the church that has gone—on the big part—liberal, and the voice has been stilled.

This election will slow the post-modern trajectory if there is a Republican victory; or it will accelerate the post-modern trajectory if there is a Democratic victory, a direction that this present administration has promoted zealously and unashamedly for eight years. They have bathed our White House in the rainbow light of homosexuality, a direction that has no foreseeable, rational, and moral stops.

Because whoever is elected will have a number of Supreme Court appointments that will weight Supreme Court decisions one way or the other and affect this country for 30 years, this is the most powerful aspect of the President. He is the Commander in Chief of the military, and he is the appointer of the Supreme Court. Everything else in the presidency is steering a barge; these are Jet Skis.

This election will put world views in stone. Scalia is gone. Three more are going. The next President is in control as few Presidents have ever been in control. Three Supreme Court decisions of late went five to four in the favor of conservatives. The Hobby Lobby right to religious freedom in business was five to four. That you and I have the right in our business to represent Christ. That carried by one man's vote. You were one vote from the loss of religious freedom in your personal business. You were one vote.

The right of the individual to own firearms. That is called the Heller Case. We won by one vote. You were one vote away from enforcing that law, and they would have pried your cold, dead fingers off of your weapon. You can't make a law unless you enforce it, and they will take it. You missed it by one vote.

Or our historic freedom to have government property have the right to exhibit a cross was won by five to four.

Our historic freedoms were one vote from extinction. That balance will tip this election one way or the other. Because when you vote as an American, you vote not just for a candidate, but you vote for a party platform, what it believes.

And it is no longer merely a political perspective on economics, defense, or foreign policy. It is a theological platform. What is right, what is wrong, and why.

Abortion, homosexual marriage treated as traditional marriage, gender neutral. These are terms that have never in the history of America been considered right until recent. Why? Because something changed.

We changed. We changed the spectacles and the glasses by which we perceive reality. We believe differently. Our lenses were altered. Our world view shifted from God to man, from theistic to modern, to postmodern, from absolute to relativistic and subjective. Our previous assumptions of two hundred years have vanished.

Will that be good and liberating? The Democrats say yes; the Republicans say no.

Will that be wrong and corrupting to our country? The Republicans say yes it will; the Democrats say no it will not.

So you vote for what you believe will be a party's consequences, what will be a party's direction, and what will be a party's trajectory. You don't just vote for a candidate.

How will that affect my kids? How will that affect my grandkids? How will it affect the future of our people, the future of Christianity?

Our future hangs in the balance as it never has because there are three points of conscience that this election deals with. And by that I mean, points that are not essentially political. Not the economy. Not foreign policy, the national defense, or even healthcare. They are points of the national violation of the Bible's teaching.

They are abortion, the sanctioning of sodomy, or gay marriage, and the religious liberty to resist that without reprisal or prosecution.

These are the legitimate fears of the Christian concerning the Democratic platform, things not perceived as bad politics but historically as evil, things that the Christian believes, that I believe will corrupt us and will incur the wrath of God.

Bad politics are irritants. These things are self destructive.

First, the Democratic platform wants abortion on demand, over the counter, and they want the Hyde amendment of government funded abortions.

The Republican platform wants the repeal of Roe v. Wade or at least the continuance of stipulations and restraints that Christians have fought for since 1973: parental consent, sonograms, time limits, waiting periods, and the like.

Also the Democratic platform wants gay rights treated as a civil right, meaning the illegality of opposing and refusing to participate in anything of same sex. Just as one does not have a right to oppose a service because of race, so now one cannot oppose and refuse a service because of homosexuality. In other words, the removal of the Christian freedom to obey his Bible.

Ben Carson recognized the fallacy of this apples-to-apples equating whenever he said to the gay community, “Do not regard your sin as my skin.”

If I were black, I, like Carson, would be enraged at that equating. The Republican platform wants homosexuality to remain as it has been for our history: a freedom and a personal right but not a law of civil compliance; and the freedom to say I will have no part in such actions. I will not provide flowers for your gay wedding. I will not provide a cake for your gay wedding. I will not provide t-shirts or pizza for your same-sex rally. Or you can't make me facilitate what my faith condemns. And you can't punish me for the exercise of my freedom.

All of these will make or break upon Supreme Court rulings. As *Roe v. Wade* in '73 concerning abortion. It became law. As *Engel v. Vitale* in '62, prayer in schools. And as of last July, concerning same-sex marriage regarded as civil law.

Supreme Court law forms trajectory. As 60 million dead since 1973 would agree if they could speak.

Or generations of public school kids who have never heard a prayer in school.

Or as Christians who have now lost businesses over the loss of religious freedom. That is happening as we speak.

Or the state of North Carolina understands in saying no to the Supreme Court on gender neutral-restrooms and are now being punished in the canceling of tournaments by the NCAA. That's why they're called Tar Heels: They stand.

Or Christian teachers who are now quitting their careers rather than submitting to a requirement from public schools in conformity with the Supreme Court to not refer to boys and girls as he and she but by a gender-neutral term.

The Supreme Court has created a world gone mad.

Why do you think Christian and private schooling and homeschooling have exploded in the last forty years? To escape the inferiority, the punishments, the enforcement, and the encroachments of secularism—or of the Democratic platform.

I will make you a prediction—not a prophecy, lest I be stoned—I will make you two predictions: if the Democratic platform wins in November, if the madness grows and the irrationality spreads, private, Christian, charter schools, and homeschooling are going to explode exponentially to protect your child from the schools.

And I'll make you another prediction: the government will inhibit those things. Trust me.

And, mind you, the Democratic agenda is not a conspiratorial thing, and is it not beneath the scenes. It is not covert. The Democrats are proud and open concerning their progressiveness, their tolerance, their open mindedness. They are proud of their intolerance of you and of Christian morality.

When Michelle Obama speaks, as she did at the Democratic Convention four years ago, of a woman's freedom to do what they will with their bodies and the freedom to—and I quote—“love whom you will love and marry whom you will marry,” the response was and is an ovation.

They glory in their shame.

As Jeremiah said, “They have lost the ability to blush.”

One of our female staff read the Democratic platform and handed it to me and said, “This is sin in writing.” And that is the Christian perception of the Democratic platform.

The Republican candidate is flawed, partly because he's never been a politician so has seen no need to cover his tracks. [Audience laughter] Who's joking?

He is a 60s pagan. He's had bad marriages. He has a bad demeanor like a hard, pragmatic businessman, and that's why he is unpopular. I'm sorry. That is why he's popular. My bad. [Audience laughter]. Well, huh.

The reason he is popular is because he is not, and has not been, a politician, and he can tend to hold politics in contempt.

He's one of us, and we're tired of politicians, and we're tired of political correctness, and we are tired of people playing to the media, and we're tired of weakness and mincing words in leaders.

He has rough edges. Each week brings new surprises [Audience laughter] because he just does not care. It's the privilege of having a billion dollars. Things that make you good in business can make you bad in politics.

Ten years ago, he was immoral and employed filthy, unguarded, and suggestive language, and that is bad. But then bad language did not kill 60 million babies. [Applause] It did not enforce sodomy. Bad language will not take your firearm. It will not take your second amendment. And it will not take your religious freedom.

He is as popular for his directness and assertiveness as the Democratic hopeful is for her liberality.

If elected, he has submitted eleven possibles for Supreme Court nominations that have been called by fundamentalist theologian Wayne Grudem as “a conservative dream team.”

He has chosen as a running mate Michael Pence, the poster boy for conservative values.

He has plans for Islamic immigration and illegal immigration so decisive that they have drawn criticism.

Some of his generalizations and references have been offensive to the Hispanic community. The man does not weigh his words. He will learn; but he does not weigh his words.

He plans to create jobs by freeing up businesses to expand by lessening taxation.

Our government punishes successful businessmen to the tune of 40 percent. We have the highest taxation of business in the world. Government has no command by God to create jobs. I know that much. Business creates jobs. The job of government is to protect business so it can do what business does, and that is to venture and to succeed, something that they won't do when they are continually punished for succeeding.

Like communism, our government stifles ambition.

He also plans to get the government out of the church's business, to restore religious freedom, to protect the second amendment, to halt the Democratic trajectory on abortion and same-sex marriage, which demands Supreme Court decisions. All is just verbal word play without the Supreme Court.

Michael Pence said, "Let me assure you the Trump-Pence administration will stand for the sanctity of life and defend the unborn from the first day we take office." Pence said, "We will end late-term abortions nationwide. As my running mate said not long ago, we should not be one of the few countries that allows elective abortions after 20 weeks," which, to me, is the abomination above all abominations. "The days of public funding of Planned Parenthood," said Pence, "are over when the Trump-Pence administration arrives in D.C."

The issues of abortion and same sex are not political. They are spiritual. They are moral. They are revealed in scripture. There is no voting on them. There is no legislating on them. When violated they summon the wrath of God, and I believe they have done so already in our society full of perversion, racial unrest, violence within, as well as ISIS and terrorism without.

We have been quote unquote by Paul "given over to a failed mind, to do those things which are not proper." We are now a reflection of the book of Judges, the dark ages of Israel, where "every man did what was right in his own eyes." That is called existentialism.

Thus, without a theological base, it is elementary: we have no moral base. Thus people are either helpless or they are out of control. Thus, government must now no longer govern us, they must parent us.

To a Christian, all other issues must be subservient to these. Meaning, no matter how we may disagree on immigration, welfare, the military, foreign policy, taxes, the economy, the Christian must not fail to resist infanticide, sodomy, the destruction of traditional marriage, the loss of constitutional freedoms, and the loss of Christian freedom.

If Trump is successful for eight years, his vice president would be the logical follow up. That could possibly be sixteen years of halting the direction of an administration that has made the most radical rulings since Roe v. Wade and since the Fugitive Slave Law, before the Civil War, that forbid the resisting of slavery and fostered the Civil War.

How can this happen? It is easy. The sleeping giant must awake.

Twenty five million evangelicals did not vote in the last election. We lost by four million.

We are the largest demographic block in the United States.

If Christians, the sentries and the conscience of our country, if they step up, if they vote and vote wisely, not for Utopia, but for that candidate that will support, through Supreme Court appointments, the historic, and, yes, the Christian and American values that have been ours, the rights and wrongs we were founded on, we will win, and we will regain a sense of control. We can slow the madness for 30 years.

We can't stop it because the madness is not political. It is from man's rebellion to the almighty God. It is a madness of the soul that can only be cured by striking a human dead in Christ and raising him up anew in the last Adam.

But a problem arises. It goes like this: both are flawed so I won't vote. Or I'm voting for a write-in candidate with no chance of winning as an act of conscience, an expression of Christian indignation, a political sit-down strike.

You say, I can't support Trump. Can you endure Hillary? Can you endure the Democratic platform? And can you endure an imbalance in the Supreme Court for 30 years? The loss of your constitutional freedoms, can you endure that?

Because when all three branches—executive, judicial, and legislative—when they swing one way, it is now Vegas. Click, click, click. It is done. It is a trifecta. It is a total takeover. There is no check and there is no balance, not in just politics, but in this time in the outlawing of traditional freedoms, constitutional freedoms. One that will curse your children and that will curse your grandchildren, that will curse this country long after you are gone.

Does that bother your conscience? You don't fight the enemy by firing into the air.

Francis Schaeffer said 30 years ago, "If we don't speak out as authoritarian governments grow, eventually we, or our children, will be the enemy of society and the enemy of the state. No truly authoritarian government can tolerate those who have real absolutes by which to judge their arbitrary absolutes." George Orwell saw this back before 1984.

In presidential elections you vote for the better of the two. You vote for a platform, for possibilities.

In 2012, I voted for Mitt Romney, a Mormon. Now you know what I think of Mormons. I voted for him because he was better than the alternative. At least he was in my camp on the dignity of man.

We have idolized John and Bobby Kennedy, both of whom held marriage in contempt and passed the same woman among them.

All leaders are flawed to some extent.

It must be said that probably few of us had Donald Trump as our first choice. He wasn't mine. I was Cruz, Rubio, Carson because they were open Christians. They were moral for the right reasons. Most of us said, "What will you do if it came down to Trump?" Well, it did. [Audience laughter].

Because the Republican Party chose Donald Trump. Donald Trump did not commandeer the election. The Republican Party chose him over the aforementioned and delegated to him the responsibility to protect a platform.

We all recognize he is somewhat unlikeable. We also recognize it is somewhat scary to have a fellow as hardnosed as he in discussions with foreign leaders who are always on the edge. We recognize he is untested in politics and we could all have egg on our faces in coming years. I assure you I will be praying earnestly every day for Michael Pence to guide him in the civility of politics.

But those things *might* be. As in all elections, there's a sense of "It *might* be."

But the Democratic platform is not a "might be." It is a "going to be." It is a "will be."

Donald Trump is scary because of the fear of the unknown. Hillary Clinton is scary because of the fear of the known.

Maybe I was raised different than some of the current evangelical leaders in our country this day. I was taught not to lie down when it's in the heat. I will vote personally to oppose the loss of our freedom, and I will vote to oppose the loss of life, and I will vote to oppose the loss of the traditional family.

If the Democratic platform is enacted—[interrupted by applause] Thank you.

And I will vote that way whoever runs. If Trump and Pence are killed next week and someone else has to step up, I will check his platform, and I will vote for him if he will oppose these amoral things.

If the Democratic platform is enacted, which their candidate supports with zealous passion, the country we had will be no more. Secularism will have eaten into the viscera of our nation.

Political analyst Eric Metaxas in the Wall Street Journal wrote, "If Hillary Clinton is elected, the country's chance to have a Supreme Court that values the Constitution—and the genuine liberty and self government for which millions have died—it is gone. Not for four years is it gone, not for eight years, it is gone forever."

Many say Mr. Trump can't be trusted to deliver on the score, but Mrs. Clinton can be trusted in the opposite direction.

For our kids and our grandkids, are we not obliged," said Metaxas, "to take our best shot at this." Shall we sit on our hands and refuse to choose?

Christians. Christian, your freedoms are seen by this party as bigotry. Your beliefs are seen as bigotry. Your morals are seen as bigotry. You as a fundamentalist are seen as a hitch, as a glitch in the evolutionary progress of which we would be better off if you were gone. That is how that we are seen.

The Democratic Party wants to remove them, and you, by the courts, to accelerate the erosion that has been creeping onward in our post-modern culture for fifty years. Since the beatniks it has been pressing on. The river has eaten away at the bank after half a century, and it is about to collapse.

They will not stand your stance, and they will not stand your standard. One of you will go, them or you will go.

If Hillary wins this election can be called “the empire strikes back” as 60s radicalism underground since the 70s will live again.

“I have fought for children all of my life,” says Hillary. You saw the commercial. “And I will fight for them until the end.” Ovation, ovation, ovation.

How about, Hillary, let’s don’t kill them in the womb. How’s about let’s don’t invade their safety in a bathroom. How’s about let’s don’t confuse their sense of gender, and how’s about let’s allow children not to decide what they are at the age of eight. How about let’s don’t forbid the Ten Commandments, moral law, or the name of Jesus to be spoken in public. How about let’s ensure a normal set of parents or not assault their souls with perversion on the internet before they are twelve? Then tell me that you fight for our children.

If Democratic ideology wins, the echoes of Philadelphia will fade to silence, to the delight of these people who say to us, “Speak to me no more of the holy one of Jacob.”

My fear is twofold: First, that we are outnumbered. They may now be too many. Democrats are easily and naturally produced. Any who wish to cast off the restraints of the divine law can be Democrats. And the arts, entertainment, the media, colleges, and the culture surrounds them and nurtures them from the womb.

I fear we may be as the English at Dunkirk about to be pushed into the sea by sheer numbers.

I also fear they may not only be too many, but we may be too late. The blood of a generation of the murdered cries out. The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah has reached the ears of heaven, and perhaps God has come down to see. Winter may have descended upon Narnia. The last one hundred years may have come due.

As Habakkuk said, “I must wait quietly for the day of distress for the people to arise who will invade us.” That may be our prayer in three weeks.

Thomas Jefferson said, “Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just.”

God may desire and will Hillary Clinton in the presidency as the rod of his chastisement even as Jezebel was in the days of Ahab, she may be in our day. She is the embodiment of the terminus of the thinking of the last 70 years.

The Democratic Party platform is the result of what you get when you slam shut your Bible on higher issues, the soul, the nature of man, right/wrong, God, eternity, sin, and redemption. You now have no truth. You have nothing but science. You merely know what you can see. What is behind your senses, you cannot know. And, thus, now to have meaning, you must have the arbitrary choice of sinful men as to what is right and wrong.

Rationalism will take you to the irrational and to the destructive, and that is where we are.

And she is the embodiment and the incarnation of the twentieth century.

Basically Christians in this country have found themselves at the Red Sea with no rational way of escape. All we can do is all we can do. And then, as a people, cry out for God's might from the outside, outside of our logic and outside of our limitations. God must intervene sovereignly and great might and open up a way where there is no way.

Christian, the Barbarians are at your gate. It is an ancient conflict beginning in the Garden of Eden. "I will put enmity, O Devil, between your children and the seed of the woman."

So, vote. Vote your conscience. Vote your brain.

There is one person that I think of and I'm pressured by when I vote. [Picture of a sonogram on the overhead screen] It's a little fellow I can't see. I don't even know his name. A little fellow who just wants a chance, a chance to breathe on his own.

He doesn't ask for much. He just asks for tomorrow. And he would appreciate the adults around him not to invade his sanctuary and to obliterate his right to life. It was not his doing that that put him here. It was the adults.

I think of him and of standing between him and those who seek his life because he is inconvenient. To do that, I am left with one choice, and that is the choice of whoever opposes that little guy.

And I think of those little guys he's he's going to grow into. Guys like this. [Pictures of grandchildren] Does he look familiar? Does he look the handsomeness of myself? This is one of my six. That's Jake. That's Barret. That's T.C. and Gabby. That's Turner. That's Ryan and T.C. together, heading to school. That's all four. The little blond is going to prison. [Audience laughter].

These guys are my grandkids. I would like to have them have the freedoms and the protection that I had. I would like them to have a semblance of the country that I knew as a boy.

This election is a symptom of our nation's ills, meaning that water does not rise higher than its source. Effects are not greater than their causes, and you do not gather grapes from thorn bushes. You will not find peace and the right from a theological and moral vacuum that began with the nation's renunciation of God. We will get what we deserve.

And so we desire today as our fountain has now officially run dry of tradition. We desire today what we have always desired: for law and order, peace and tranquility. But today we desire it for no good reason. Those things are effects that demand the infinite, personal God who is trinity, of Christianity. When he is gone, then they are gone.

[Closing hymn]