

Whose Prayers Will Determine This Election?

I did not vote for Donald Trump in the Texas primary, but as I watched him being endorsed by Dr. Ben Carson, I thought they both came across as presidential. As I watched I was also reminded of something an Indian pastor said to me shortly after Ronald Reagan was elected president in 1980.

It was 1983, and I was ministering in India for the first time. During a conversation, I was surprised to hear a leading Indian pastor say, "We all felt much safer when Ronald Reagan was elected president." I was surprised because I did not realize that a person's sense of safety in India could be affected by who happens to be president of the United States.

As I listened to Carson and Trump, and thought on the words of this Indian pastor, I suddenly realized that this election may well be determined by the prayers of Christians, not in America, but in other countries.

For example, could it be that this election will be determined by the prayers of Christians in the Middle East who are crying out to God for deliverance from the slaughter of their families and communities by ISIS? Could it be that God is hearing their cries and will give them the president who will be most determined and adamant in destroying this terrorist organization that is seeking to wipe them from the face of the earth? Could it be?

As Americans, we tend to think that the universe revolves around us and that God has only our concerns in mind, especially during our own elections. God, however, loves the world, and those families in the Middle East crying out for deliverance are very much in His thoughts as He providentially guides the destiny of nations.

So as I watched Dr. Ben Carson endorse Donald Trump, and probably hand him the presidency, the thought occurred to me that this election will likely be determined by the prayers, not of Christians in America, but of Christians in other countries, particularly in the Middle East.

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