

The Day the Lord Has Made

At any given moment there exists, at the doorway to the  future, two possible realities. The first realm is a darkened world full of the consequences of sin. Its ongoing rebellion toward God, coupled with the unredeemed events of the past, makes this reality a living extension of hell. Here, conflicts escalate into wars and become more devastating; in this infected world, morality degrades into depravity. Yes, and among those who would seek to make a difference, the grip of fear immobilizes their actions. It is of this demonically manipulated world that the Scripture tells us to walk circumspectly for “the days are evil” (Eph. 5:16, NKJV).

Yet, there is another reality, a different “day,” that is also accessible to mankind. This transcendent realm is the “prayed for” version of the first reality. It, too, stands ready to reveal itself. The distresses of life are mostly the same but the outcomes are different. This realm is full of miracles, heavenly reversals of evil plots, and divine intervention. Here, sin is confronted, demonic strongholds toppled, and iniquity redeemed by the power of Christ. The enemy, who came in one way, flees seven ways in the brightness of this unfolding reality. Scripture has a name for this realm as well. It is called “the day the Lord has made,” and we cannot help but “rejoice and be glad in it” (Ps. 118:24).

Since time began, both of these realities have always existed. The Scriptures bear witness to numerous occasions on which people have cried out to God and found the Almighty a willing ally in transforming their culture. When the Israelites humbled themselves, repented and prayed, and sought again the face of God, the Lord intervened, restored their land, and scattered their enemies.

Yet this promise was not for Israel only. Consider also the ancient Ninevites. When they humbled themselves and prayed,

the day of mercy dawned upon them as well. In just three days, their entire society went from a people cursed to a people revived, prosperous and blessed. The key that unlocked the transcendent day was their attitude toward God.

Recent Elections

I'm talking about walking into either of two realities, and I am talking to those evangelical Christians who may be discouraged by the outcome of recent elections in America. My friends, let me remind you: *The future of our nation is not determined by an election, but by the faith of the elect.* If we continue to pursue God, humble ourselves, and persevere in our intercession, God can turn this nation toward Him in remarkable and powerful ways.

Yet, let me qualify my observation that Christians may be discouraged. I should have said, "A number of white Christians are depressed." It would be wrong to say whites were disappointed due to racial reasons (many would have voted for a man of color like Alan Keyes). Their concerns were due to the pro-choice stand of Barack Obama. Yet the fact is, president-elect Obama's victory has filled many African-Americans with a profound sense of joy. Indeed, the election of a black president by a majority of Americans from all backgrounds says that the American dream is coming to pass.

This dream is embodied in our national Pledge of Allegiance. Remember, our allegiance is not merely to the flag but [to] the "republic for which it stands." We are stating our commitment to this amazing vision, that America would truly become *"one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."*

That succinctly worded pledge is a commitment to seeing America in revival! Yes, we must still fight for liberty and justice for the unborn, but let us remember this breakthrough of racial healing has long been on the heart of God. Hope is

rising for many who were bound by hopelessness. Although there will always be extremists and racists on both sides of the cultural divide, we are at a new beginning in America.

The fact is, regardless of who was elected president, the problems facing America are staggering. Threats of economic collapse [and] conflicts around the world, plus the possibility of a new cold war, all await the president-elect. We must pray aggressively about these major issues.

So, my appeal is that we not be unbelieving as this new day unfolds. For the outcome of this day is determined by how the church responds. Let us, therefore, lift our eyes to the possibilities of God. We have a great opportunity to stand in the gap and intercede for our new president. If we stay the course, we will enter the day the Lord has made, and breakthroughs previously unimaginable will come.

Many Questions

I know that what I am presenting will offend the political and even moral sensibilities of some of my friends. Yet the path that leads to life is narrow, and I am presenting to you the response that Christ has offered me: I rejoice with my brethren of color and choose to be an intercessor for, not just a critic of, the new president.

Many will ask, What about Obama's staunch pro-choice voting record?

Yes, this grieves me as well. Yet I was a Christian for several years before the Holy Spirit revealed to me the horror of abortion. It happened in a moment. Perhaps someone was praying for me, but God touched my heart and I saw it for what it was. Likewise, I believe God can get through to our new president. Let's take faith that Jesus Christ could lift President Obama's consciousness to a "pay grade" [at which] abortion becomes reprehensible to him.

Let me also say that America did not suddenly turn liberal; I believe the majority of Americans in our nation are still right of center. Even in California, voters banned gay marriage. Democrats won because they fielded many candidates [who] are not liberal but [are] moderates and centrists. They drew upon the discouraged independent and moderate Republican voters, people who felt betrayed or at least let down by the Republican leadership.

What about Israel? Will the new president turn against the Jews?

The first cabinet position chosen by president-elect Obama was given to Rahm Emanuel. Emanuel is a hard-charging, very clever Chicago politician. While partisan, he also is more a centrist than a left-wing extremist. What you may not have known about him is that he is Jewish. His father immigrated to America from Jerusalem and was a former member of the Irgun, a militant Zionist group active in the British Mandate of Palestine between 1931 and 1948.

There is no guarantee that Emanuel will defend Israel, but for those of us who see the possibilities created by divine influence, it is not hard to pray for continued support of Israel by America. I might be wrong, but I do not believe Rahm Emanuel, whose family is very active in their Chicago synagogue, would abandon the Jews or Jerusalem. I think we can pray with confidence that his counsel as chief of staff would be to stand with Israel during these difficult times.

Both Wings

You have heard me say many times that I believe the great eagle spoken of in Revelation 12 is possibly a prophetic reference to the United States. The fact is, the eagle, which Scripture describes as a place of refuge and protection, needs both wings to fly: the *right* wing and the *left* wing. What if this election offers us the possibility to heal the divisions

between races?

I'm not saying I agree politically or morally with everything that Barack Obama believes, but you'll remember that one of his initial plans was to bring God and religion into the Democratic Party. He fought the influences of those in his party who had rejected Christianity, and he sought to make the Democratic Party a place where faith could exist and even flourish.

For those who fear we have elected the Antichrist, let me remind you that the evidence that identifies the Antichrist is that he dies from a wound in the head and then is miraculously raised to life (see Rev. 13). Until such a sign exists, we should pray for our leaders with confidence.

I do not believe this is a time to despair; it is time to pray with vision and with hope. If all you see is a "cloud the size of a man's hand," then pray with the faith of Elijah that a mighty outpouring of grace may fall and heal our nation. Let us give God the chance to bring into our world a blessed, prayed-for reality.

One last thing about Rahm Emanuel: His family chose the surname Emanuel when they were fighting for Israel's freedom in Palestine (see "Rahm Emanuel" in Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia). The name *Emanuel* means, "God with us."

I am not naive [enough] to assume revival will come easy, but it will never come if we lose faith. Beloved, trust God. All things are possible, even seeing these very days transformed into the day the Lord has made.

Editor's Note: *Francis Frangipane, founder and overseeing pastor of River of Life in Cedar Rapids, Iowa (), has an encouraging word for the body of Christ related to the recent presidential election. He believes that if Christians will pray and trust God, we will see God move on the president and on other leaders, as well as on our nation, in a positive way.*

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