

# Pastorial REFLECTIONS

October 4, 2020

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind” **2 Timothy 1:7.**

The **Coronavirus** is real, however through faith with God we can overcome it! Listed below are tips and precautions that we as a church are taking and are encouraging you to practice.

## Take steps to protect yourself



### Clean your hands often

- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.** Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.



### Avoid close contact

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Put **distance between yourself and other people** if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.



### Stay home if you're sick

- **Stay home** if you are sick, except to get medical care.



### Cover coughs and sneezes

- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Immediately **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



### Wear a facemask if you are sick

- **If you are sick:** You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room.
- **If you are NOT sick:** You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a face-mask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.



### Clean and disinfect

- **Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.** This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- **If surfaces are dirty, clean them:** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.



## UPCOMING Events

	<p><b>Voter's Registration</b> Gentle reminder : On <b>October 5th</b> is the deadline for voter's registration in the general election. If you need to register, visit <a href="http://www.votetexas.gov">www.votetexas.gov</a></p>
	<p><b>Counseling Ministry</b> We are here for you! The Counseling ministry wants to help connect and navigate those who may be suffering in silence. Contact Cici Sharpe for more information (281) 433-0646</p>
	<p><b>Tuesday Bible Study   Free Conference Call</b> Join us for our weekly bible study on "Free Conference Call" every Tuesday at 12pm &amp; 7pm. <b>Dial: 1 (978) 990-5374</b> <b>Access Code: 1165799</b></p>
	<p><b>Hurricane Laura Supply Drive</b> The LEGACY Youth Ministry is organizing a resource &amp; supply drive for those who were impacted by the devastations of Hurricane Laura starting on <b>October 5th- 30th   2pm-4pm.</b> To donate, please call Valerie Miller at 832-752-5976 We are asking each deacon family to provide the specific resource in order to be collected and given to those who are in need.</p>



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Communion

Praise & Worship

Visitor's Welcome / Announcements

**Worship In Giving**  
*Offering boxes are located at all perimeters under crosses*

Special Music

**The Word of God**  
***In the Beginning***  
*1 Timothy 6:15*

*Dr. Paul Cannings, Senior Pastor*  
*Sermon notes available online at [www.lwfellowshipchurch.org](http://www.lwfellowshipchurch.org)*  
*Click on the "Media" tab and click "Sermon Outline"*

Call to Discipleship

*Please remain seated at this time*

Benediction & Closing Song

# SERMON OUTLINE

## In The Beginning

1 Timothy 6:15

A. GOD'S NOT IN POLITICS? This is not true, especially since He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords? (1 Timothy 6:15). Not only is God in politics, but He controls all that takes place in all the governments of the world (Psalm 76:11-12; 2 Chronicles 16:9-10).

1. God, as King of Kings, has always been engaged in politics because His government was established to rule the earth forever (Psalm 110:5-6; 1 Chronicles 29:11).

2. After Adam sinned and Cain killed Abel God determined how everything (Genesis 4:9-26) will function.

3. After the flood, God reestablished that He is king, Lord over all the earth (Genesis 1:26-31; 9:8-19).

4. After the Tower of Babel, God established a nation through whom He will bless the earth (Genesis 11:10-12:3) by calling Abraham.

5. How did God rule as King legislating His agenda throughout the earth through Israel?

a. God viewed Himself, King, over His nation Israel (1 Samuel 8:7).

- Israel's choice to have a king was a rejection of His kingship (1 Samuel 10:19).

- God still influenced the decisions of the Kings through prophets (1 Samuel 12:1-16; 1 Kings 17-19).

b. Again, even though God relents and lets Israel pick a king God's mindset is that His nation is still a theocracy (led by His Word, statutes, ordinances, and commandments; Isaiah 9:6-7), not a democracy. God has never led by way of democracy. A democracy is 'for the people by the people'.

God is not asking for a vote.

c. In a theocratic structure, everything is done for His glory, His honor (Revelation 4:11), and our blessing (Psalm 112:1-3; 128; Proverbs 24:1-5).

d. God plans to come back and rule the earth (Revelation 13:1-10; Psalm 22:28; Psalm 21:1).

B. Why did God decide to create the human government? God didn't, man did. The Lord is His own government (Isaiah 9:6-7). He accepted the people wanting their own government and then told them what government will do to them (Deut. 17:14-17; 28:36; 1 Sam. 8:10-22).

C. When God directed the people to choose a king, who does God choose (Deut. 17:14-17)?

1. God chooses 'a man after his own heart (1 Sam. 13:14; 16:6-11).' He still leads.

2. The line of David leads to Christ (2 Sam. 7:16) who is now head over the church (Eph. 1:22-23), and He has all things below His feet (Phil. 2:9-11; Col. 1:15-20) because Christ is King of Kings and Lord of Lords (1 Timothy 3:15; Revelations 17:14; 19:16; Isaiah 9:6-7).

3. The Lord establishes His throne over all kingdoms forever through David (1 Samuel 7:1-17) – Christ (Daniel 2:44; Revelation 19:11-18)

D. God's Eternal Purpose from Mankind's Kings to His Kingdom:

1. God was establishing a nation (Genesis 12:1-5) to rule the earth. This is the same in the New Testament because the church is a nation unto to God (Ephesians 1:22-23; 1 Peter 2:9-10).

a. We find the same emphasis (Christ as King of Kings) with Christ when questioned by Pilate. Christ admits that He is King of the Jews (Matthew 27:11).

2. The keys to controlling Satan's activities are in the church, not the government (Matthew 16:13-20; Ephesians 3:10).

3. His kingdom is from heaven to earth (Matthew 6:10). This is how righteousness and justice are instituted (Ps. 89:14).

4. His government on earth for His nation is the same as the church (Exodus 18:17-27; Numbers 11:10-23; 1 Timothy 3:1-15; 1 Peter 5:1-5).

5. His government for Israel was from the temple to the people, now it is from the church to the world (Ephesians 1:22-23).

6. Everything is to glorify God (Colossians 3:17), and we are created to give Him glory (Rev. 4:11).

E. Summary:

'God and Politics' has never been a separation of church and state. It has always been how His nation operates from the temple to kingdoms or how the church impacts every aspect of society (Matthew 5:13-16). He views His church as a nation (1 Peter 2:9-10) with a court system (1 Cor. 6:1-6) that impacts the world (Ephesians 1:22-23). It is His people that save the earth, not the government (Matthew 5:16-18).

Even attached to the Lord's prayer God reminds us to salute Him "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.'" (Matthew 6:9-10).

## PRAYER REQUEST

**Grieving:** Nicole Boykins & family, the family of Elizabeth Harper, Mary Wheatley, Carol Dickerson & family, Melanie White & family, P.J. Smith & family, Michael Harris & family, Margaret Baptiste & family, Joella Howard & family, Delicia Parker & family, Natividad Smith & family, Maria Perkins & family, Darrell and Angela Lea & family, Jerry Griffin & family.

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SERMON SERIES  
*Politically Incorrect*

*In The Beginning*

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