

Sermon Series:

October 18, 2020

Sermon Title: "Who Are God's Choices in the 2020 Elections?"

Today's Scripture: Exodus 18:19–23 [19] Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God, [20] and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do. [21] Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. [22] And let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. [23] If you do this, God will direct you, you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace." (ESV)

Prayer

Main point: We are to vote for leaders who will govern according to biblical values, laws and principles in order for our nation to be spared God's wrath and receive his blessing. Above all, we must put in place leaders who will do all they can to abolish the right to abortion, the single greatest evil our nation commits.

Introduction: Many will argue that politics have no place in the church. They protest saying "Separation of Church and State" as if the Christians in America should shut themselves up in their churches and remain silent on issues of morality.

Here's the facts: The first use of the "wall of separation" metaphor was by Roger Williams, who founded Rhode Island in 1635. He said an authentic Christian church would be possible only if there was "a wall or hedge of separation" between the "wilderness of the world" and "the garden of the church." Any government involvement in the church, he believed, corrupts the church.

Then in 1802, Thomas Jefferson, in a letter to the Danbury Baptist Association, wrote: "I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' thus building a wall of separation between Church and State."¹

As David Barton taught us, Thomas Jefferson said there is an impenetrable wall keeping government out of religion but the wall is a one way wall. Religious people have every right as do churches to influence and speak out to change government to be more righteous, just and God-honoring. In fact it is our duty. It is Satan's lie to tell us Churches are to remain silent.

Just as I did in 2016, I do today. I reject the notion that unless we keep our mouths silent on moral issues and candidates who hold them or don't hold them we are sinning by violating the 501-C(3)

¹ <https://www.freedomforuminstitute.org/about/faq/the-first-amendment-says-nothing-about-separation-of-church-and-state-or-a-wall-of-separation-between-church-and-state-where-did-this-idea-come-from-is-it-really/#:~:text=Then%20in%201802%2C%20Thomas%20Jefferson,free%20exercise%20thereof%2C'%20thus%20building>

code that has muzzled preachers since President Lyndon Baines Johnson put a cork in pastor's mouths by adding that to our laws. First of all that law is unconstitutional making it void, and secondly the IRS knows it is therefore they haven't prosecuted any church to date and won't in the future and thirdly it matters little to us if we do lose that status, because your elders refuse to bow the knee to government. That is also why we refused to participate in the PPP program known as the payroll protection program. Free money always comes with strings attached and we did not want government to get its claws in us in any way shape or form. Thank you Uncle Sam, you can keep your phony money.

The Issues

1. Abortion on Demand (Read the Party platforms)

The Bible says God is Pro-Life Psalm 139:13–16 [13] For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. [14] I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. [15] My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. [16] Your eyes saw my unformed substance, in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. (ESV)

If you vote for a Pro-Death Candidate you are complicit in their sins and God will hold you accountable on Judgment Day.

Candidates Stands:

Should abortions be banned after 20 weeks, the point at which an unborn child can feel pain?

Donald Trump	YES	Joe Biden	NO
Jason Lewis	YES	Tina Smith	NO
Michelle Fishbach	Yes	Collin Peterson	YES
Bill Ingebrightsen	YES	Michelle Anderson	NO
Mary Franson	YES	Carol Wenner	NO

2. Biblical Marriage (Read the Party Platforms)

Ephesians 5:31–32 [31] "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." [32] This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. (ESV) No same sex marriages, no polygamy, no polyamorous relationships. One man, one woman for life =God's plan.

Candidates Stands:

Should people have their religious liberties protected if they refuse to celebrate a same sex marriage?

Donald Trump	YES	Joe Biden	NO
Jason Lewis	YES	Tina Smith	NO
Michelle Fishbach	Yes	Collin Peterson	YES
Bill Ingebrightsen	YES	Michelle Anderson	NO
Mary Franson	YES	Carol Wenner	NO

3. Biblical Gender Identities and Roles (read Party platforms)

Genesis 1:26–27 [26] Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” [27] So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (ESV)

Psalms 139:14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. (ESV)

Candidates Stands:

Do you oppose public school policies that promote transgender ideology? Or are you opposed to the Equality Act?

Donald Trump	YES	Joe Biden	NO
Jason Lewis	YES	Tina Smith	NO
Michelle Fishbach	Yes	Collin Peterson	Co-sponsored the Equality Act but didn't vote ²
Bill Ingebrightsen	YES	Michelle Anderson	NO
Mary Franson	YES	Carol Wenner	NO

4. Religious Liberty (Party Platforms)

1 Timothy 2:1–4 [1] First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, [2] for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. [3] This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, [4] who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (ESV)

² <https://www.minnpost.com/national/2019/05/u-s-house-votes-to-extend-federal-civil-rights-protections-on-basis-of-sexual-orientation-gender-identity/>

Candidates views same as above on Same sex marriage and religious freedom

Endorsements:

1. Easy to endorse Donald Trump for his policy decisions. You may not like his personality but God has always used flawed men to rescue nations from anarchy and rebellion. David the adulterer and murderer (figure that one out). Cyrus for Israel. Nebuchadnezzar to protect a remnant. Solomon who had a harem of 300 wives and 700 concubines!!!
2. Easy to endorse Jason Lewis for his policies as well. Diametrically opposed to the policies of Tina Smith.
3. Easy to endorse Bill Ingebrihtsen as opposed to his opponent.
4. Easy to endorse Mary Franson, Paul Anderson, Jeff Backer as opposed to their opposition.
5. But what about Collin Peterson compared to Michelle Fishbach? I like all of Michelle's policies but I like Collin's pro-life stance. But is that enough to get a Christian's vote. Here are more facts: Collin has received money from Conservative Groups by a whopping total of 2% of his total support (groups like the NRA and the MN Citizens Concerned for Life) but 98% of his support and gifts have come from Liberal leftist groups like (Act Blue and the Blue Dog Coalition). Perhaps more revealing is his voting record. He voted with Donald Trump 25% of the time in the last Congress and Donald Trump won his district in 2016 by 30 points above Hillary Clinton which means that Collin is voting against the wishes of his constituents 70% of the time.³

A few words about the corruption in the Biden Family. Everything we have heard and has been verified about the grift (to obtain money illegally and illicitly) in the Biden circle including payoffs from Ukraine, Russia, China, that has been verified by Hunter Biden's emails in his forgotten laptop and revealed to the NY Post says to me there is no one in my 68 years of observing politics that is more corrupt than the Biden family except maybe Hillary and Bill Clinton.

Therefore I am saying publicly, "Anyone who votes for Joe Biden, having now seen the evidence of his massive corruption and his stance on abortion through the ninth month of pregnancy means this – you are COMPLICIT in making America a sewer of corruption, baby killing and a nation where Christian's will be persecuted by God-hating Marxist members of the Democratic Party." Can you live with that on your conscience? Are you ready to answer to God for that obvious stance against His will?

³ <https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/congress-trump-score/collin-c-peterson/>

Final word: Some say you can't be a Christian and vote for Joe Biden. That is incorrect. It needs to be qualified. The reality is you can't be an obedient Christian and vote for any politician who holds to the Anti-God policies of the Democratic Party.