



Can You Trust God When You Are Disappointed and Things Don't Go Your Way?

Date: November 10, 2024 (Drop in Sermon)

I. The First Disappointments in Scripture

A. Adam and Eve ate the fruit (Genesis 3:6)

- When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

B. Cain Killed Abel (Genesis 4:8)

- Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

C. Noah's Extended Family and Community rebelled (Genesis 6:5-6)

- 5 The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.⁶ The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.

II. The Things "The Disappointed" Should Believe After the Election of 2024

A. All things work together for our good (Romans 8:28)

- **And we know that in all things** God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

B. We believed in Democracy: The Word Democracy Defined

- The word democracy comes from the Greek words "demos", meaning people, and "kratos" meaning power;
- So democracy can be thought of as "power of the people": a way of governing which depends on the will of the people.

III. Three Temptations "The Disappointed" Will Face

1. They will be tempted to **change the words** of Romans 8:28 to "some things work together..."
2. They will be tempted to **believe that God can no longer** protect their future

3. They will be tempted to **ignore the advice Paul gave** a young man named Timothy

Note: The Advice Paul Gave to Timothy (I Timothy 2:1-3)

- **I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—2 for kings and all those in authority**, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior,

Questions: What if I think he is not a good leader and I fear our future?

Answer: Remember four things scripture said,

1. Don't Fret, Think Long-term

- *Psalm 37:1-2 (NIV):*“ Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.”

Statement: Let's all work to not be evil. This has been a season where Christians, Americans, families, and friends have been calling each other evil if they support a particular candidate. God says he will sort that out himself. (Matthew 13:30)

2. Trust God's Protection

- *Psalm 91:1-2 (NIV):*“ Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’” This emphasizes finding safety and trust in God's presence.

3. The Lord Can Still Control the Streams of Leadership

- *Proverbs 21:1 (NIV):*“ In the Lord's hand the king's heart is a stream of water that he channels toward all who please him.” This verse highlights God's control over the hearts of leaders, directing them according to His will.

4. This is a new season of Sowing and Reaping (Galatians 6:7-9)

Note: v7 Do not be deceived: **God cannot be mocked**. A man reaps what he sows. **8 Whoever sows** to please their flesh, from the flesh **will reap** destruction; **whoever** sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Next Two Sermons:



November 17, 2024: The Gathering Sunday Ladies Only Service 9am & 11am (Your Best Life is a Blessed Life)

November 24, 2024: How to Rebuild After a Season of Division

Hint: We will look at people who had to rebuild after seasons of division.

- Our nation has and is going through a great divide. The good part is that we can now clearly see it. We must focus and rise above it.
- Jesus said we all lose if we are divided (Matthew 12:25)