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POLITICS

Just because you do not take an interest in politics does not mean that politics won't take an interest in you. Pericles (430 BC)

No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the legislature is in session.

Mark Twain

Talk is cheap---except when Congress does it. Meandyou

What this country needs are more unemployed politicians. Edward

Let's hope we have all voted and done our part to improve the situation.

G.S.

THE ELECTION

The election---it's right on top of us! Millions of dollars have been spent on behalf of the candidates and the propositions; the results will (soon?) be known. And while we do not yet know the winners and the losers, let us pray for our government whether we are pleased or not with the results.

PSALMS FOR US

During this election season, we can read some of the Psalms with new eyes., comparing King David to our own rulers and politics. Many of the Psalms of David seem appropriate to our present situation. Pretend that they were written just yesterday, just for us, for they speak to the condition of our nation today. They point out who is righteous and who is unrighteous; the contrast is great. Since this was written before the results of the election were known, we can't know for sure whether we will be praising the Lord or needing His comfort instead. That depends upon which side we are on at this time in the history of our divided nation. And many of the Psalms abound with verses that tell us which is which. Let's be sure to be on God's side.

We cannot here take sides politically, but there are those who feel so strongly about what's going on in our country today that they are out of control. Psalm 44:7 states "But violence and hatred are nothing new, and God can give us the victory over them." We are so divided as a nation as to how we feel about things, thinking that they are either good or evil, that we each judge those folks who think differently from us, and "the wicked plotteth against the just and gnasheth upon him with their teeth." Psalm 37:12, and "watch the righteous and seeketh to slay him." Psalm 37:32. David said, "They that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long." Psalm 38:12. Does that sound familiar? Unfortunately, things haven't changed much since the days of David so long ago. Read the Psalms---there are many, many that enlighten us to what has been going on lately.

DISTURBING SITUATIONS

We're not the only one! Did you think other nations don't have internal quarrels such as we have? Well, guess again. The EVERY HOME team reports that "Political tensions are leading to disturbing situations as the October 31st presidential election draws near. Protest marches have arisen in response to candidates withdrawing their names. Please pray for peace and for God to guide this election." This came from from the country of CôteDVoire, a very small nation, yet similar to the huge nation we are in political struggles. We both are in turmoil because of an election. Pray for peace and common sense to prevail everywhere in this sinful world.

GOD HAS A REASON

We are going through hard times these days. Maybe one reason is that we have not lived for the Lord as He would have us do; He must discipline us so that we will come back to Him. Joshua 2:10 tells us that “---all that generation were gathered unto their fathers, and there arose another generation after them which knew not the Lord, nor yet the wonders which he had done for Israel.” Isn’t that us today? Many Christians have slipped away from the Lord. We seem to have forgotten that our part is to love and obey him. But Psalm 37:4 & 5 says “Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. (v. 5) Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.” Those who do that, He “---shall help them, and deliver them; he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.” (Psalm 37:40) He wants us so badly that He gave His beloved Son to die on the cross for us. And now He is allowing hard times to draw us to Himself. Let’s give ourselves to Him. He will take care of us in accordance to His will. Isn’t that enough reason for us to give ourselves to Him?

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

In the English language, there are many words that sound alike but are spelled differently; words that are spelled alike but have different meanings and maybe pronunciations; old sayings that use other meanings; and various other interesting combinations. So how about these, based on FOOD and FOOD- RELATED words? You have no doubt heard most of them. Can you think of some more?

apple pie order amount to a hill of beans what’s the beef? burned out clam up happy as a clam cook his goose cream of the crop that takes the cake cakewalk cake of soap wake up and smell the coffee a rooster has a cocktail life is a bowl of cherries Sorry I cantaloupe with you dessert the place drink it all in in the drink eat her words egg on his face face as red as a beet beat him up fudged the answer on the test fishing for a compliment living off the fat of the land out of the frying-pan into the fire half-baked idea Hashtag in a jam all jammed up traffic jam lettuce go that car was a lemon taste of his own medicine milk it for all it’s worth milk of human kindness he’s a nut-job that’s just peachy getting porky pear shaped body Pepper spray flat as a pancake pie chart easy as pie he’s a real pill a bitter pill to swallow salt of the earth she’s not worth her salt still stewing over it not my cup of tea turnip her nose at--- water of life water it down

Ale---what ails you? (candy)bar---bar the door bar none berry---bury blackberry --- BlackBerry batter---beat up batter in a baseball game the storm will batter the coastal cities bread---bred two animals butter---to butter up someone cookies---on a computer (candy) cane---sugar cane walking with a cane crab---crabby person dinner roll--- role mode hot dog---animal fish---that’s a fishy story cow---he’s so angry he’s having a cow he was cowed by it lamb chop---chop wood the dog licked his chops cereal---serial corn---corny joke (corn)flakes flakey (crazy) dish---she’s some dish! Dish it out fat---fat cats are all millionaires fork---a fork in the road ginger---gingerly Kix (cereal)---kicks get a kick out of it lean meat--- lean on very slim meat---meet someone oats---feeling his oats pan---the critics panned it plate---plates in the earth step up to the plate pop---nickname for father pop it open a loud noise roast---they gave a roast in his honor steak---wooden stake there’s a lot at stake a stake in (whatever) sheep---sheepish squash---to smash something toast---old, no good an oral tribute turkey---he’s just a turkey! thyme---time waffle---to go back and forth about something.