

Authority and Power in Elections

Do elections have any effect on a country's prosperity?

Who determines a country's well-being: God or government?

Is it possible for a government that is in rebellion against God's Law to make a country prosperous? Who has overall authority and power? Isn't there a Spiritual Law, God's Law, which overrides all the plans of a secular government (as in Psalm 2.1-5)? Let's try and answer these questions.

Q1:

First, is the God of the Bible, the God of Israel a "nation" God? Does He identify with particular peoples or nations (other than Israel)? Put another way, can a Gentile nation like Britain ever be singled out by God for blessing or curse?

See:

- Gen 17.6,16 and Ps 67.1-4 (nation concept)
- Isa 19.19-25 (blessing of Gentile nations)
- Isa 21, Isa 60.12 and Zech 14.16-19 (judgement of rebellious Gentile nations)

Q2:

How can a nation be 'blessed' in terms of well-being and prosperity? What does it have to do?

See:

- Prov 11.11, 14.34 (be 'upright' and 'righteousness' – but what does this mean?)
- Jer 18.7-10, 26.3 (how a nation recognises and deals with evil, national repentance)
- Ezek 14.13 (avoid unfaithfulness)
- Deut 11.26-28 (obey God's commandments).

Q3:

Has Britain recognised 'evil' and dealt with it? What has Britain done to anger God?

A few suggestions:

- Abandoned the God of the Bible and embraced other gods (Exod 20.3, Judges 2.18,19)
- Abandoned the biblical concept of absolute truth, of right and wrong (particularly in the case of sexual morality) and replaced it with 'equality' (Isa 59.14)
- Abandoned 'the Sabbath' (Exod 20.8)
- Mislead the young in terms of immoral education (Mat 18.6)
- Legalised the killing of unborn people (Jer 1.5)
- Legalised sodomy (Lev 18.22)
- Made a coalition with darkness (the EU – possible revived Roman Empire, last world kingdom)
- Godless leaders, in both State and Church

Q4:

How should we pray for Britain? Daniel prayed for his nation (Israel) which was in a similar situation to that of 21st century Britain. So this is a good model. Note that it is a plea for God's mercy and not for repentance: we cannot repent on behalf a nation; it is up to individuals to repent.

See:

- Dan 9.5,10,13-19 (acknowledge all our wrong actions and plea for God's mercy, v18)
- Judges 2.16-19 (pray for righteous, Godly leaders)
- Appeal to our past service to God e.g. translating the Bible and spreading it worldwide?

Q5:

What happens to the faithful few in a godless, rebellious, unrepentant nation?

See:

- Ezek 14.12-20 (only themselves delivered)
- Exod 20.6 (shown God's mercy)

Q6:

In the light of the above spiritual Law (and ignoring the concept of 'voting value' in different parts of the country), will our vote make any positive difference to the well-being of the nation? If your answer is 'no', then the only way forward is to pray (Q4), bearing in mind that prophecy suggests that all nations will eventually become spiritually dark (Isa 60.2).

Q7:

If the answer to Q6 is 'yes', then how should we vote? Can we vote for a leader who openly supports gay marriage and homosexual behaviour (as in Brown, Cameron and Clegg)? Or do we make a 'protest vote'?

For example:

- For a Christian candidate who in reality has little chance of getting in?
- For a candidate who wants to remove Britain from the darkness of the EU?

Possible Scenarios:

