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Viewpoints

Observing events in our modern world from the viewpoint of our ascended Savior.

More Certain than Polls ~ November 11, 2016

On the day before the election, I already new the Final Outcome.

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In the early evening of Election Day, I gave a devotion at our church council meeting. My introduction was sparked by the fact that the many polls showed Clinton winning in a landslide, while only two polls showed Trump ahead— and both of these were belittled by the wizards of smart as outliers. Yet, since pollsters only predict an outcome, I spoke of commending our nation's future into God's hands. Then I said, "Now let's focus on more important issues, God's kingdom work."

Was that a dramatic overstatement? Was that some delusional and maybe even self-inflated thinking? To state that the work of our church (a smaller church in a one of America's quaint, small towns) was more important than the outcome of America's presidential election, really?

To demonstrate that I have the authority to make this claim, let me share my qualification: I already knew at 7:00 pm EST what all the media outlets and the all the polls (except two) had completely wrong. Yes, the day before Election Day, I already new the Final Outcome.

No, I didn't know the outcome of the presidential election. But that's small potatoes compared to the Final Outcome at the Last Day concerning the battle between God and Satan, Good and Evil. Since God's judgment, eternity, and the salvation of mankind far outweigh the sum total of all nations, any work involving God's kingdom work outweighs a presidential election.

And you too, Dear Believer, were also in the know. At least you should have already known the Final Outcome, because God Almighty revealed it to us when he revealed it to Daniel:

13"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. **14**He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed... **25** [The enemy] will speak against the Most High and oppress his saints and try to change the set times and the laws. **26**" `But the court will sit, and his power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. **27**Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be

handed over to the saints, the people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.” (Daniel 7:13-27)

You and I and all who trust in Jesus-- “one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven--” as the Redeemer from sin, are the saints who will rule with him and with his heavenly Father, the Ancient of Days. This is the Final Outcome, when “all the sovereignty, power and greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven” (which certainly outweighs a presidential election) “will be handed over to” you and me, “the saints.”

There it is, the Final Outcome. The court that makes the electoral college look like kindergarten will oversee the Final Outcome with judgment that is perfectly fair, flawlessly honest and righteously sincere.* This is why the work of every Christian church, whether in a sprawling metropolis or in a quaint Midwestern town like Saginaw, outweighs a presidential election, the outcome of which ultimately will be worked into his plan for accomplishing the Final Outcome.

And this is comforting news for Daniel and for us. Because if we shall rule with God in eternity, then we shall triumph even when we die. And if we shall triumph even in death, how will God not also help us triumph over all the difficulties, diseases and disappointments that dog our journey through life? In fact, this is what God promised us when he walked on earth: **“19I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. 20However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven”** (Luke 10:19-20).

Whether the outcome of the president election surprised you or vindicated you, or whether it scares you or cheers you, Daniel invites you to look beyond it, to the Final Outcome. And when we focus on the Final Outcome, Jesus gives us a peace and security that this world cannot overcome. Thanks be to Christ!

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* If you wish to explore further how God’s judgments are perfectly fair, honest and righteous, you may wish to [download the sermon “Judged by the Book” - November 6, 2016](#) available in audio or video formats.
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Blessings to you and your loved ones, Pastor Mike Nitz

