

The Christian Approach to the 2012 Election

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Brian Thomas: Well greetings to everyone. And I have with me my good friend Nathan Jones with Lamb & Lion Ministries. Welcome to the program, Nathan.

Nathan Jones: Thank you Brian it is good to be here with you again.

Brian Thomas: Alright, always good to talk with you. And we are talking today about what seems to be the hot topic today is the upcoming Presidential Election the 2012 election. And we are going to actually speak on it from a Christian perspective because there are a lot of people out there today that I am hearing as Christians and they are struggling with what to do, how to approach this election. So we are going to discuss that and Nathan as always you will give a lot of good advice for us. I just want to begin by stating that there are a lot of people who think this election is the most important in recent history if not ever. So what are your thoughts on that? Do you agree with it?

Nathan Jones: I certainly agree with it Brian. I feel as a nation that we are actually standing at a crossroads. We can go down two separate paths. One path would lead to globalization where the United States gives up its authority and its sovereignty to a higher body; a one world order. How we deal with Islam is another issue. Do we join them? Or do we fight against them as an ideology that is taking over parts of the world, and has the idea to take over the whole world. Where does the United States stand as a world power? We can go down a road where we weaken ourselves, and equal ourselves to many other world powers. Or do we stay a super power? Economically do we continue to go down the road where we bury ourselves in debt until we go broke? Or do we actually do something about it and try to get out of debt and become economically prosperous like we were. And most importantly to me I think we stand at a crossroads about morality in society. How do we decide what is moral and what isn't? What do we base our decisions about morality on? So I think on all those different areas the United States is right now got to make those decisions, and this election plays very, very large in that direction that will affect the outcome of how our country will look even 10 years from now.

Brian Thomas: Yeah I agree with you. And with so much riding on this election that is why we as Christians, and we will touch on this more later, but while we definitely need our voice to be heard in this election.

Nathan Jones: Amen brother.

Brian Thomas: So of course we know there are the two main political parties that we have; we have the Republicans and then we have the Democrats. So how do you describe the two approaches from these main parties? Because we know there are some differences there so in your own words how do you describe the approaches that each party takes to I guess achieving the goals that our nation is looking for?

Nathan Jones: Certainly, well you know historically the Democrats and the Republicans have been very similar. They both based their morals and ethics on Judeo Christian principles. They both were strong proponents of capitalism and they both believed in equal opportunity for all. The only disagreements that they had were just the best way to achieve those goals. But we are seeing just in the last 20 years a radical shift between the Republicans and the Democrats, they no longer agree on these principles anymore. For instance Republicans believe in Judeo Christian principles, capitalism, equal opportunity, rights for the unborn, no special rights for any particular group, but equal rights for all, full freedom of speech, the idea of open ideas, parental choice in education, that the Constitution is the absolute law of the land, that we should preserve American sovereignty and have a strong military; and specifically that the government is hands off, that the people are allowed to control the law and society. But the Democrats as a party have really shifted from that to almost total opposite views on that. They seem more of a secular society and removing religion out of the public. They see us leaving capitalism to a more socialist economy as they practice in Europe. Freedom of abortion there are no rights for the unborn. Giving extra special rights to people in homosexuality; support of same-sex marriage which is something new, 4,000 years and plus and we've never had same-sex marriage, yet Democrats are very pushing on legalizing that. Restrictions of freedom of speech; prohibiting the teaching of Creation, censor of all ideas outside of the liberal ideas. Making everybody go to public school and being taught a secularist agenda; specifically that the Constitution is not an absolute, and that we transfer sovereignty of our country from us to a larger entity, a global government. And then give our military into a bigger military with the UN. A very hands on government approach. As I tell you between these two different ideologies, very different, have a very different view of what the future is for the United States.

Brian Thomas: Yeah, I agree with you. And of course we know you and I know that the Bible does not mention Republicans or Democrats. For some people that might shock them because some act as if it does. There are some people that have more of an allegiance to their political party than they do to God it seems.

Nathan Jones: Oh, amen, like God is up there on His throne wrapped in a big American flag.

Brian Thomas: Exactly. But with that said what do you think still which party best aligns with the Scriptures? We know of course no party anywhere in the world is going to be perfect. But which between the Republican and the Democrats do you think best aligns with the biblical principles?

Nathan Jones: Well we have to go back the Bible. What does the Bible teach about God's law? After all God is the sovereign King of the Universe. And therefore we need as a nation, as a people and individually need to be following the roots that He gave us, the biblical foundation

of us. So we have to look at who we vote for whether Republican or Democrat or Independent or whatever based on the ultimate King the one who usurps all our manmade laws, God's laws and look at biblical morality. So for instance do we look at government do we want a secular, atheistic government that worships the government as Communist and Social governments do. And let me just give you two examples both the Soviet Union and China when they adopted an secular, atheist government the results was the slaughter of millions of their own people. I mean it is a blood bath when you have that kind of government. Is that the kind of government the Lord wants? When it comes to the way we handle our money capitalism and free trade which are an open honest system or it is supposed to be has created the greatest wealth in history. It gave jobs and charity for the poor, and it helped the poor out. Do we get rid of that and go to something else or do we follow that. Or what the Bible where it talks about thou shall not murder the sixth commandment, Exodus 20:13 and that's what we are doing with abortion. What about redefining the family through homosexuality? The Bible tells us neither to fornicate nor to engage in homosexuality, Leviticus 18:22, and 1 Timothy 1:9-10, they're sins and they're wrong. So they are what the Bible says that we shouldn't be doing. Or what about the idea that we move into a society that removes Jesus from the public realm? It censors the views of Jesus. Well how can we have justice? Proverbs 8:15 says, "By me kings reign and rulers make laws that are just." So if we don't have Jesus who is the maker of the laws what does that end up putting us in? It ends up putting us into slavery to our own human governments. I think most importantly the idea of idolatry something that God hates the most. It is the first commandment; He hates idolatry because we put ourselves up before God. So what politician or what political party removes God from the equation and puts themselves up as government in its place which is definitely idolatry. So I would say we need to vote based on biblical moral standards and not on man's standards. And I would say if I have to look, if I have to choose because you asked, if I had to choose what party right now embodies that not perfectly obviously because we are all human and we sin, but I would say the Republican's right now represent that better.

Brian Thomas: Yeah, and I agree with you. And I heard a few things that I wanted to highlight there. You spoke about the same-sex and you spoke also about abortion. And there are a lot of Christians out there that they will say they do not support those things, but yet they stand behind a political candidate, or a party which says they do. So I ask myself the question: "How do they really reconcile that?" How do they come to where that is an acceptable thing within them? Because I honestly have to say that I cannot sleep at night if I know I am supporting a party, or a candidate who I know is going to push abortion, which is going to be the murder of the innocent, the murder of the unborn. Who's also going to push homosexuality as you stated the Bible is very clear on that. And also I have what I call sort of my litmus test and these three things I look at in a candidate and how they treat Israel, their stance when it comes to the nation of Israel. And you know I see Christians and they go along with those things as far as supporting a candidate or a party, but then they turn around on the other side and say I don't support these things myself personally. So what are your thoughts on that? How do they come to that conclusion?

Nathan Jones: I would say Brian it is because we've gotten very, very narrow focused, as well as our focus is on ourselves. So we've become one issue voters. If there is one particular issue that means a lot to us, then it doesn't matter what the party represents and anything else as long as our issue is being addressed. So let's say that you are particularly about abortion, you're for pro-choice or pro-life and you vote only because you want to have an abortion, or you don't want other people to have an abortion. And then you totally forget everything else that that party represents. Or both parties represent helping the poor. I think is probably the biggest divider that there is this general idea that the Democrats are so good with the poor and they are always helping the poor and needy whereas the Republicans don't. And yet then you look at the leaders of the Democratic Party who don't give at all to charity. And you look at the Republicans that give so much to charity. And you look at how they approach that. Or the Republican view that you have to produce wealth, if you create lots of jobs and people are working that creates wealth that pulls people out of poverty and that puts money in their pockets and people give to charity which is a very different view from the Democrats who believe that you should take money from people and then through the government then give people money, and never give them a chance to pull out and get a job for themselves because they become dependent on the government. So to answer your question I would say the reason is because we have become one issue voters instead of looking at the big picture.

Brian Thomas: Yeah, and I see that it is confirmed in what you stated, I've seen polls recently in which they would ask what is the most important thing to you when it comes to a candidate. Or they would even ask is religion important to you. And well under 50% would say religion is important. And now I know of course we will talk about this a little bit more when it comes to the religious beliefs of our two candidates that we have. But you know we're not going to elect a pastor so it isn't so much about that. But we do have to acknowledge that often a person is view, or their stance about religion is going to influence their policy. But a lot of people their main concern is the economics they want to know what is the economy, how is he going to better my lifestyle as far as my bank account. And so they can look the other way when it comes to things like abortion, and homosexuality, and same-sex marriage, and the nation of Israel. And that is really troubling to me because as you said we should be not just one issue voters we must look at the entire picture. And I think if we don't then we are going to have to answer to God someday when it comes to that.

Nathan Jones: You are absolutely right I agree 100%. We cannot be so center-focused, so selfish, so me-generation that we put in a government and a system that's totally antithetical to our Christian beliefs just because of one or two issues that directly affect us.

Brian Thomas: Alright now so when we look at our two candidates we have President Barack Obama, and then we have Mitt Romney. So of course we know Obama says he's a Christian. Mitt Romney says he's a Mormon. What do you say to all of the Christians out there who say they will not vote for a Mormon? They say they can't bring themselves to vote for a Mormon. What advice can you give for that?

Nathan Jones: Oh, there is a YouTube video I would recommend everybody go to it is done by Chuck Norris; you know the famous karate, TV personality. He is a conservative and very involved in politics now. And he has a great video about why we should vote. And he shows some good statistics. He says that in the last election Barack Obama won by 10 million votes. But it was shown that 30 million Christians did not come out to vote. 30 Million Christians gave up their constitutional right to vote that people suffered and died for because they didn't like John McCain. You know if there are issues that affect our Christian beliefs then we need to come out and support them. We need to get out and vote. Now like you said there are a lot of Christians out there that are really struggling between Barack Obama who many believe is a Muslim. I personally believe he is Humanist, he shows every sign of believing that Humanism is the top. It comes with his socialistic background. Mitt Romney is a Mormon so they are saying, "Well if Mormon Christianity?" The Mormons are pushing real hard lately to say they are Christians when historically they have never associated themselves with Christianity because they believe they're the church, everybody is apostate. But you know Brian any group that denies the deity of Jesus, the Trinity and that salvation comes solely through Jesus is a cult. And that is what the Mormons believe, so therefore the Mormons are a cult. It was founded by Joseph Smith and he elaborated on the Bible in his teachings which is the Book of Mormon. He said an angel named Moroni gave him new interpretations of the Bible. And Smith just didn't heed God's warning in Revelation 22:18-19 that said, "Don't add anything to the Word of God." Now there are many Mormons out there and I've run into many that are very devoted to seeking God. But Joseph Smith his teachings were not from God. I mean he lived a very immoral lifestyle. He had many wives. And it came down to that old lie from the Garden of Eden that says you know where Satan said that we can be like God. And that's what the Mormons believe that we can be like God, we become that. And we do good works to get to Heaven. And again that isn't Christian that is totally antithetical to Christianity. But and this is the important part, yes Mitt Romney is part of a cult. Barack Obama barely Christian if you want to go by works. It is a difficult choice. I can totally understand why so people are you know they would rather not vote at all. But we've got to remember that the office of the President is a political office. It is total political, secular office. And so we are not voting in say a head of a church, or the Pope, this is not a religious position. So what is better? It would be excellent to have a God fearing President who has accepted Jesus Christ as Savior. But we can't expect that we are going to get that in every election. So as Christians while we are living on this planet we need to be restrainers of evil in all levels of society. Sure the world we know from Bible prophecy is eventually going to perish, it is going to go away. Jesus will come back, He will be the King and then we will have the right government again; a perfect government of peace, righteousness and justice. But in this meantime we need to work towards being salt and light in the world. And if that means voting in a lesser of two evils then that's what we've got to do because we are restrainers of the evil in this world. The Lord works as a restraining influence through His Church and we need to work at helping to restrain it. So for me I have no problem for voting for a candidate even if they're not a Christian knowing that they will have an opportunity to stem the tide of evil more so than another candidate or another party.

Brian Thomas: Right. And as you mentioned we have what it seems to be a Humanist as one candidate, and then we have a Mormon. So we are going to take a break here but when we come back I want to have you address what that could mean as in the eyes of God. And what it could mean to our nation. So we will take a short break here. You are listening to Brian C. Thomas

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Brian Thomas:We are discussing the Christian approach to the 2012 Election. And before the break Nathan we talked about the fact that we have a Mormon as a candidate. And then we have what seems to be a Humanist that claims Christianity. So I think it is very obvious to us that we do not have a true Christian as a candidate for the presidency. So could this be a sign from God far as a judgment upon our nation being that we really don't have a true Christian candidate.

Nathan Jones: Absolutely. If any example God set up Israel as an example we can look to Israel in the Old Testament and the New and see that God how He operates has never changed. When people in the nation of Israel got evil God gave them an evil king. And the evil king would punish his own people with injustice, and high taxes and basically enslave them and ruin the country. But when people were good, when they followed God and listened to the prophets and the teachers then God would grant them a good king and he would grow the nation. And there would be justice and prosperity and time and time again Israel is filled with examples if you read through the Kings and the Chronicles of God using leaders as judgment on the people for good or bad. So yes I would believe firmly that we are getting a President right now, and not just a President but a Congress and judicial system the entire framework of our government can be used to bless the Lord if the people are good. But it can also be used to punish the people to bring people back to call out, to cry out underneath their persecution and their burdens under an evil government to call out to the Lord for relief.

Brian Thomas: What I find so interesting with that is you know people will say things like God putting a certain person there as President. And I agree with you I think God does control who's there and who's not. But it may not be as a blessing as we think, there are some people who say well God put them there therefore it is blessing. But as you stated there is example after example in the Bible in which with the nation of Israel he put someone there as a judgment upon those people. And many would cry out, but then there is still some even in the midst of judgment, in the midst of it being a burden on them they still don't see it. They don't get it, and they don't understand it. And it is kind of baffling but I do believe I agree with the fact that we've killed 50 million babies legally through abortion in this nation. We see how we are just a large engine in the world's pornographic film business. And then with our rated R movies, all the types of filth we pump out of country. We've of course turned our back on Israel. We began to turn away from Israel. And I think all of these things are together God's way of saying, "OK if you want to turn away from me and my commands. If you don't want me in the schools. If you don't want me there. You don't want to pray to me, or for me." Then He's

stepping away and I think what we are looking at is the judgment. And I think this maybe one of the early phases and I think it may be very well that the worst is still yet to come.

Nathan Jones: Sadly true. You know we look at Romans 13:1 a lot and it tells us that God is the one who raises up and tears down leaders. But we assume well God is good therefore all the leaders God gives is got to be good leaders. But that's not the case at all. God gives us good leaders certainly. But He can also give us bad leaders to punish us. And right now especially at the incredible decline in the United States in the last 10 years under you know bankrupting us from two war, the moral class of this country, the running up of the debt burden which will collapse us a world power, the shrinking of our military. All that is showing that America is quickly losing its power and strength under the leadership we're given. And it's a punishment for us. It is a punishment to call us back to God and put Him as King of the country again with the presidency and all those as administrators underneath God who follow God and love God. And then a country flourishes once more.

Brian Thomas: Exactly. Alright as I touched on earlier I have what I call my political litmus test; the three things that I look at when it comes to a candidate. I will look at their stance on abortion, their stance on same-sex marriage, and then their stance on Israel. So can we do a quick comparison between Barack Obama who's the one who claims to be a Christian, and Mitt Romney who's the one who is a Mormon. Where do they stand on these three issues?

Nathan Jones: Well all you have to do is go to their websites. You can go to democrats.org which is the Democrats official party platform website. And you can go to GOP.com that's the Republican Party platform. And you can read up on both parties and what they believe. I mean they state very clearly. I can quote for you exactly on democrats.org I've got that up here. On abortion, "The Democratic Party strongly and unequivocally supports Roe vs. Wade and a woman's right to make decision regarding her pregnancy, including a safe and legal abortion regardless of ability to pay." And then you go to the Gop.com, "We support human life amendment to the Constitution that endorses legislation to make clear that the 14th Amendment protections apply to unborn children. Republican leadership has led the effort to prohibit the barbaric practice of partial-birth abortion, and we salute those who provide them with counseling and adoption alternatives." So those are the two platforms right there. Supporting abortion Democrats; against abortions Republicans. Then we go to same-sex marriage, homosexuality which God calls in the Bible an abomination this is what the Democratic platform right out of their website, "We support marriage equality and support the movement to secure equal treatment under law for same-sex couples. The administration said that the word family and immigration includes LGBT relationships." Now on gop.com their platform says, "We affirm our support for a Constitutional Amendment defining marriage as a union or one man and one woman." And then Brian you said your third one was Israel this one there isn't a lot of contention on because the Democrats have recently added this to their platform but this is what the Democratic platform says now about Israel, "President Obama and the Democratic Party maintain an unshakable commitment to Israel's security. President Obama and the Democratic Party seek peace between Israel and the Palestinians, adjusting lasting Israeli-Palestinian Accord producing two states for two people. Jerusalem is and will remain the capital of Israel."

That sounds good. Republicans say pretty much the same thing, "The security of Israel is a vital national security interest of the United States. Our alliance is based not on shared interest, but on shared values. We support Israel's right to exist as a Jewish State, with secure defensible borders. And we envision two Democratic States; Israel with Jerusalem as its capital, and Palestine living in peace and security." So here the Democrats and the Republicans have almost identical statements. They believe that the Israeli's should give up their land to the Palestinians and create a two state solution. Which I think anybody who can look at a map would see that it puts Israel totally defenseless against very hostile neighbors. So when it comes to Israel the litmus test I would say both parties failed on that one.

Brian Thomas: Yeah, and you know when it comes to the abortion issue I speak on that a lot because we have killed again 50 million babies. And I saw recently a study that said if it were not for abortions we would have about 70 million more people in our nation right now currently. And I think about how much better the economy would be. You just look at the natural result of sin in that our economy is struggling. It's not just here in the US all around the world think about the millions of people that would be working and providing taxes and all these things, and they would be contributing to the economy. So just that in itself is a judgment that comes from sin. And even myself I'm very passionate about it because my mother actually shared with me that when she was carrying me the doctor actually encouraged her, or gave her the advice to abort me. He said that if she didn't I would either be born deformed or retarded. And she said well she never considered it. And of course she just put her faith and trust and God. And now here I am I'm one who is ministering and sharing the Gospel. And I think how many people have we killed through abortion that could be out now proclaiming the Word of God as well. So it is just a troubling thing for me. And when it comes to the same-sex marriage rights I heard someone say also that if God does not judge our nation for what we are doing then He's going to have to issue an apology to Sodom and Gomorrah. And I think that is something that should really be a wakeup call to a lot of people in our nation.

Nathan Jones: Amen brother. Hey my youngest son was born retarded, mentally retarded. Zachary is autistic, severely and we didn't know that at the time because you don't find out until about 1 1/2 or 2 years old that your child is autistic. But if a doctor had said to me well you son is going to be autistic and the rest of life you are going to have to take care of him. Would I have aborted him? Well no it wouldn't have occurred to me because God values life, and humanity. You know what is interesting we look short-term. You know I can totally understand if a young girl has gotten pregnant out of wedlock and her boyfriend and they are scared and they don't know what to do. And they choose an abortion so they make a quick short-term decision. But when you look at long-term what abortion does, not just to the millions of lives that are killed obviously and all the guilt that the women have to live with. But look at the statistics in France right now there is a huge influx of Muslims coming into their country. In France because they abort so many of their children most families only have one child. When the Muslims come into the country they don't abort, they have 8 children per family. Do you know by the year 2050 there will be less native French people then the influx of immigrants coming in? They are breeding themselves out. Every nation in Europe, and in America we are only maintaining the status quo because of the large Latino influx are breeding themselves out.

So countries and peoples that adopt abortion as just a regular thing will eventually breed themselves out of existence.

Brian Thomas: Very interesting. But it is so sad you and I can see that but there are so many who do not. Just the level of discernment is just out the window. Of course that's what happens when you turn away from God the discernment goes away as well. And we saw recently something I will be honest I never imagined seeing in my lifetime in our nation as far as turning away from God which we saw at the Democratic Convention. They actually removed God and Jerusalem from their platform and then we all saw, we all witnessed what happened. They went back to put it in because of the backlash they received from the public and there were people actually shaking their fists at the idea of putting God back into their platform. That is just something that I never imagined seeing in my life time, yet we saw that played out just a few weeks ago. What are your thoughts on this?

Nathan Jones: It just made a mockery of the whole voting system of the Democratic Convention. Clearly they had removed God and Jerusalem from their party platform. And when it came to a verbal vote the mayor of San Antonio here from Texas was the moderator and you have to get a 2/3 call vote to be able to put it back in. He didn't get it. Three times running only 50% of the people yayed about putting God and Jerusalem back in. The other 50% booed emphatically like you said shaking their fist. He was up there and he didn't know what to do. This woman came up next to him and points to the teleprompter and said, "Read the teleprompter." And the teleprompter was a message from Obama that said, "You will vote this in." And that is what he did, he voted it in. And so they put God and Jerusalem, and I read one of their statements that they added back in recently. Well if half the party wants to remove God out of their foundations and God's work through Jerusalem especially His eternal work through Jerusalem. What does that say about the party?

Brian Thomas: Exactly. And of course we are not here to promote a particular political party. We are basically here to say vote based on the principles of God. But we have to look at the fact that one party versus another; we have to look at where they stand when it comes to the principles of God. So you know in light of the Democrat Party we see they have such a liberal stance on so many things. They actually did vote to take God out. We see their liberal stance when it comes to abortion, and just so many other things. And this is a testy, touchy question but can a person be a true Christian and yet support the Democratic Party?

Nathan Jones: How can anyone support any political entity which removes God from His position from authority? That removes the Bible as our foundational moral principle. The Constitution as our ultimate protector of rights. That removes freedom as a way of life, and replaces our national sovereignty with a global government in rebellion against God. That wants to enslave its own population, its own poor to government handout. And puts over 50 million of our children to death, and they end up calling what God calls good evil, and evil good. How could any Christian who loves Jesus Christ and accepted Him as Savior support any organization, affiliation, political party, or candidate that supports all that? I just can't see how any Christian could.

Brian Thomas: Yeah. And I was actually having a conversation with a person on Facebook recently shortly after they had this vote here to remove God. And I made the comment about Christians and how could you support a party that has taken God out. And I said, "I will not support them." And this person responded to me and said, "Well I guess you also do not support the public school system because they've removed God." And you know and I thought to myself you know you have to come up with something better than that if you want to try to defend it. But the thing is there is no defense. If God is removed there is no win. There is no way possible you can't take God out of anything and expect it to be successful. And I would just like for so many people to really open their eyes and wake up. And I think there are a lot who deep down inside they do know it, but they just don't want to accept the fact or face the truth, they want to go along with tradition, or stereotypes. Whatever it is they made an allegiance to, whether it might be their race or their political party they have more of an allegiance to those things then they do to God. And that is just a really troubling thing for me when I look at people who say they are Christians and I see that happening.

Nathan Jones: It's like a sports team. Take the Cowboys for instance not doing so hot. But you know what here in Texas we love the Cowboys, we'll support them no matter what. No matter how many times they fumble and make mistakes and all that it's our home team we're going to support them. And I think people take politics like that, this party is my home team, you know I am going to agree with it no matter what they do because I am showing allegiance and loyalty. But what do they represent a sports team, it might represent fair play or not, it's not important. But when you talk about the morality of God whether we follow that or not, then it becomes ultimately important where our loyalties lie. Does our loyalty lie to our favorite sport team? Our favorite candidate? Our favorite party? Or does our loyalty lie to God the Creator of the Universe, the one who saved us and gave us that moral law. That is the question that every Christian needs to ask.

Brian Thomas: Yeah, amen. And I'll just say this as well probably not the best analogy but you and I we are both married men. And we support our wives of course but we don't agree on every single thing. There is no married couple I would think that has ever agreed 100% on every single thing. And you sometimes have to voice that. And so what I would at least say to people out there at least if you're going to stay with a party that is going against God. At least be willing to stand up and speak out against the things that they are doing and saying that is going against God. Don't just go along with it simply because as you stated it's your favorite team. Don't take that approach. At least be willing to say hey, we need to change this or else we're going to be on the wrong side of God's favor.

Nathan Jones: Amen, absolutely right.

Brian Thomas: Alright I have a couple more things to talk on here just before we wrap things up. Depending on the outcome of this election how do you foresee, I want you to kind of put on prophecy hat for a minute here, how do you see or where do you see our nation going from here?

Nathan Jones: You know the election as vitally important as it is a representation of a more fundamental issue and that's the morality of our nation. This election is a test of where we are at morally. And unfortunately if we fail this it doesn't matter what candidate gets in. If we continue to slip into the immoral abyss that we have been going to rapidly that we will be just like 2 Chronicles 36:15-17 which reads, "The Lord the God of their fathers sent word to them again and again by His messengers because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place. But they continually mocked the messengers of God. Despised His Words and scoffed at His prophets until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people until there was no remedy. Therefore He brought up against them the kings of the Chaldeans who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary. Had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or infirmed. He gave them all into his hands." If we as a nation continue to slip morally out of God's law then He will have no use for us as an avenue of His grace upon the world; sending out missionaries, sending out help, being a stabilizer with our military throughout the planet. He will take that away from us and we will become a third world nation totally destroyed by infighting, by being taken over by ideology and possibly even civil war. So we have to look at the Bible and see that God wants us to focus on morality. We as Christians we need to be focused on that and getting people to know Jesus as their Savior because a country will not be changed by an election. You're going to change a country by the people in it and by their hearts.

Brian Thomas: Amen, amen. So to wrap up this whole discussion, to bring it all back together, how should the Christian approach the election? We've of course already touched on many points but there are a lot who say they're going to stay home. They say they just can't bring themselves to vote for either of these candidates. So how should a Christian approach this election? I mean should they stay home? Or should they go and write in someone? What do you say?

Nathan Jones: Well as Christians while we are living on this planet we have been tasked with, we are the restrainer of evil in all levels of society. Now we know this world is going to perish. If you've studied the Bible you've studied Bible prophecy it says the United States will eventually join the coming global government. It will happen one day. The Bible says the global government will be controlled by a figure called the Antichrist who will rage war against the planet and try to destroy Israel. It's inevitable it's going to happen. But while we are still here we Christians are on this earth waiting for the Rapture of the Church we've got to fulfill our purpose in life. Ephesians 2:10 tells us that this is why we are created and this is what we are meant to do. It reads, "For we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do." So while we are here we need to be that salt and light in the earth. We need to get out there and restrain evil. Whether we restrain evil by helping our neighbor, by sharing the Gospel, by going out and voting on the candidate that will try to restrain evil as much as possible, the Congressman, the Senator whoever. We need to be out there and be restrainers of evil. And that's how I believe Christians should approach this election. Not by party affiliation or by what they can get personally for themselves. But by doing God's work all the way up until Jesus Christ returns. And if I can add this quote I just read this today and it really hit me. It was by a Russian he wrote this four years **(insert name)**, he

wrote this for Profit, he wrote this, "The proud American will go down into his slavery without a fight, beating his chest and proclaiming to the world how free he really is. The world will only snicker." What if...that really touched me...what if we spend all our time proclaiming how free we are but in our immorality give ourselves over to a repressive government and oppressive system that takes our freedom away and puts us into slavery to our own immorality. And if the Russians who endured 70 years living under a Totalitarian Communist Regime could see us going in there we should take heed and listen to them.

Brian Thomas: Yeah amen, I agree with you 100% Nathan. As always you always give sound doctrine, sound advice and that's why I wanted you to come on and speak on this topic and hopefully we can influence people out there. Not just Christians but we can influence everyone on the right way to approach the election and even going forward because as you stated it doesn't matter whose our President if we continue to go down the road of immorality in this nation we're not going to have success we're going to be doomed. So hearts have to change of the people and we have to turn back to God. And if anyone just wants to know what is going to happen as you touched on all we have to do is turn to our Bible. Look at the nation of Israel. Go to the Old Testament and look at what happened how they went through cycle after cycle of turning away from God, judgment of God coming, repentance and you just saw that cycle going over and over and over. And we're calling out for a time of repentance in this nation. And if we don't have that repentance I think we are going to see the judgment comes even more. But with that said I don't want to paint a picture here that this is all gloom and doom, our future is gloom and doom. Sometimes as people who focus on Bible prophecy many view us as just gloom and doom type of people. But I will say this, I was at your ministries conference back in June and I've never been in a Christian atmosphere in which I saw so many people smiling and laughing and just having a good time. And I stopped and asked myself, "Why do people say it is always gloom and doom." I mean we were some of the most happy people there you will ever see. So when you have your faith and trust in Jesus Christ good times are ahead. But we have to be the watchman on the wall to warn the people if we don't do things God's way what the consequence will be.

Nathan Jones: Absolutely right. Well thank you for that. I am glad you got to see happy people. Bible prophecy is tough because we are like at the darkest hour right now. We are at a point in history where it is all coming down. Where Satan is going to have one big last push to take over the world. And the world is going to burn through it. The Tribulation that seven year wrath of God that's coming on this planet is coming soon. And so we can get really focused on that because that's the near. But the far is so much more important because once you get over all this the gloom and the doom and the destruction which certainly will come. It means Jesus Christ returns. It means He defeats evil. It means He sets up His kingdom of peace, righteousness, and justice. It means that we live through eternity, life spans are extended the curse is lifted and Jesus rules and reigns and that is a wonderful exciting time coming up. And that's the big picture, that's what we look forward to.

Brian Thomas: Amen, amen. Well Nathan thank you so much for coming on. It's going to be interesting to see what takes place over the next couple months with this election and where

our nation goes from here. Again thank you so much and do you have any final words before we wrap things up.

Nathan Jones: Brian I just want to say thank you it's been a blessing. And keep up the great work man, I know it's hard to stand for righteousness in this day and age, but you're a great lamp that does that.

Brian Thomas: Amen, thank you so much and the feeling is definitely mutual.