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God's Leaders do not fret: Matthew 6:24-30

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Consider the multitude of generations that have lived during the past 5,000 years. You and I are not the only ones forced to deal with threats and challenges. Reflect on this fresh perspective.

INTRODUCTION

This has been a most difficult year for Kansas administrators, senators, and representatives. Many of you have had to deal with business, family, and health related challenges while struggling with the responsibilities that come with state leadership. Now the courts have put many elected leaders in crises. What does God's Word say about perseverance?

DO NOT FRET

Matthew 6:24-27 *"No one can serve two masters.*

The person will hate one master and love the other, or will follow one master and refuse to follow the other. You cannot serve both God and worldly riches. So I tell you, don't worry about the food or drink you need to live, or about the clothes you need for your body. Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothes. Look at the birds in the air. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, but your heavenly Father feeds them. And you know that you are worth much more than the birds. You cannot add any time to your life by worrying about it!"¹

George Washington cautioned: *"Worry is the interest paid by those who borrow trouble."*² Consider that you are not in control of your next heartbeat, or the driver of a car that approaches you on Interstate 70, and certainly not how people will vote in the next election. Consider the times in your life when God closed one door, only to open another. Young Sam Brownback lost his position as Secretary of Agriculture in 1992, during government reorganization. Later that year he was elected to his first term in Congress. Abe Lincoln lost his contest for the US Senate in 1858 but was elected President in 1860.

SEEK THE FAVOR OF GOD

Psalm 37:5 *Depend on the LORD; trust him, and he will take care of you.'*

Judah was at the highest level of spiritual reform and prosperity since Solomon's reign, when a report came that the armies of three nations were marching toward them. The king called for a national day of prayer and fasting. At a great temple assembly, King Jehoshaphat reminded God of His promises, pointed out how Israel had been kind to the people of those nations, and claimed the inheritance promised in His Word. The king prayed: *"O our God, will you not judge them? For we are powerless before this great multitude who are coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are on You"* (2 Chronicles 20:12). Judah sent their priests and choir out in front of their army, singing praises to the Lord. God put the enemy great confusion. Their soldiers attacked each other, destroying themselves!

CONCLUSION

Yes, you will have to work! Candidates must ask for campaign funds, listen to constituents, prepare talking points, and walk the precincts. But don't fret! Rather than be anxious about your affairs, you should be getting closer to the Lord by praying and learning His Word. Life becomes amazingly simple when we receive His Spirit and rely on Him. We can put our trust in a Sovereign Lord. Remember His promise in Isaiah 54:16: *"No weapon formed against you shall prosper and you shall refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment."* Note these study resources: Psalms 1, 23, 40.

A PRAYER

Father God: You know my circumstances better than I do. Help me to concentrate on the work that You set out for me rather than on the cares of this world. Help me to replace the moments that I have spent worrying in exchange for time in Your Word, strengthening my trust in You. I ask this in the mighty name of Your Son, Jesus.

¹ The Holy Bible, New Century Version. (Thomas Nelson Inc.). 2005

² <http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/keywords/worry>.