

Faith Christian Fellowship
Sunday, October 30, 2016
The Days of Elijah
4: Days of Decision

TEXT: James 5:17-18 / Malachi 4:5-6 / Matthew 11:10-14

This is a year of desiring Fresh fire. The Lord said "These are the days of Elijah." Why did the Lord say "Elijah" to us right now? We are looking at the implications of Elijah for us in the New Covenant in this hour. We saw the times we live in, our own humanity, the need for right motives, and our desperate need for Elijah-like results. We went to Cherith to hide by the creek then the brook dried up, and we found the importance of getting our priorities right in the evil day.

Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." John Adams
--October 11, 1798

If there was ever a time for the Church to stand up and declare the Word of the Lord and His imminent return, this is it!

These are the days of Elijah, but he ain't here. You are.

On every issue, ask yourself, "**Who decides?**"

The big 3 for Christians

1) Life is sacred.

a) God decides who lives and dies. Zech 12:1/ Acts 17:25 / John 1:7

b) Who decides when a baby becomes a human?

b.i) God's idea: Psalm 139:13-16 / Jer 1:5 / Is 49:1, 5a

(b.i.1) Lk 1:41-42 / Acts 7:19 *brephos* refers to kids from conception to 2 years old at least

(b.i.2) See Luke 1:15, 36 / Exodus 21:22, 23 / Job 3:11-16 / Genesis 25:22 for other examples of "children" in the womb.

b.ii) Government's idea: Until 1973 most abortions were illegal with some exceptions for rape, incest, and danger to the mother. Roe versus Wade changed that. A woman's right to privacy was deemed to include contraception in 1965. When the definition of a human being changed (a fetus is not a human being until viable outside the womb), abortion became contraception.

b.iii) The Proverb tells me to "Open your mouth for the speechless, In the cause of all *who are* appointed to die. (Proverbs 31:8)." See also Psalms 82:3-5

(b.iii.1) I simply **must** consider the opinion of each candidate concerning the nature of life and when it begins. The Scripture is clear.

(b.iii.2) Women who have abortions are deluded about what they are doing. They are not to be objects of our hatred, but of our compassion.

(b.iii.3) Over 75% of abortions in this country are performed for unmarried women. This is an issue of sexual sin. The acceptance of sexual sin is a plague on our nation.

c) **Who Decides when people should die?** Watch for the term "End of Life Care" Psalms 104:29-30 NLT

2) **Amendment I.** Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances

a) **Who decides what speech will be restricted?**

a.i) **There is no restriction in the constitution on prayer, gospel presentation or Bible reading anywhere, any time.**

a.ii) Our whole life as Christians is about speech – this is important. Romans 10:17/ Mk 16:15-20.

a.iii) **Marriage:** a man and a woman joined by God, permanently. Everything else is something other than marriage. Matt19:4-6 / Lev 20:13

b) Look for representatives who will protect our right to preach the gospel and proclaim truth without intimidation. **The free exercise** of religion, not just the freedom of worship.

3) **The State of Israel.**

a) Gen 12:1-3. **Who decides our policy toward Israel?**

b) Political Israel is not always right, but it always has the right to exist and to defend itself from aggression. We should be their ally in those endeavors. Look to their record over time to see how they actually behave. Psalm 122:6 / Num 24:9

Voting is a right best exercised by people who have taken time to learn about the issues.

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