

FEAR VS FAITH

Many are worried about what our nation could look like in the not-so-distant future. Some say that if a certain person gets re-elected, the country will be ruined. Others say that if a different person gets elected, we will lose all, or most, of our freedoms. (This article is being written a day after the election with the outcome still too close to call.) I'm not saying that we can't have political opinions, however, as Christians, our ultimate allegiance should not be to any government.

In Psalm 27, David shows his faith in the LORD no matter what external circumstances look like around him. Because of his faith, there is one thing he desires above all else. That primary desire drives him to make certain things a priority in his life. Finally, his faith and loyalty to Yahweh give him the confidence to persevere and wait for the LORD.

In verses 1-3, David's confidence does not come from his situation. The Bible makes a clear correlation between fear and faith. As fear rises, faith will waver. When faith is strong, fear is driven out. No politician is my light or my salvation. No government or country should be the stronghold of my life. If I begin to grow fearful when these things appear threatened to me, I might be putting my faith in the wrong things.

In verses 4-6, David describes his primary desire - to be with Yahweh. When that desire comes before anything else, it will drive us to take certain actions, just like it did for David in verses 7-12. Do I seek God's face above everything? Am I loyal to Jesus even though it could cost me close relationships with others who may be close to me? Do I seek instruction from the LORD first and foremost?

No matter what the outcome of this election is, our God reigns! Regardless of who the president of the United States is, Jesus is King of heaven and earth! Are we going to live in fear of an uncertain future, or will we remain confident in our faith and hope, and be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord?

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