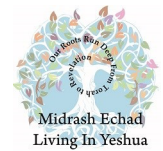


PARTY POLITICS: What About a Those Wineskins?



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Applying biblical text and standards to daily living is difficult but mandatory according to the Word,

“But He answered and said, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.-Matthew 4:4” Putting aside the Word is a bad choice for everyone, and therefore when President Trump explained that he simply wanted to reform the Republican Party, it pitted two paradigms of thought in opposition. Shall we be so bold to right what is wrong within the party? Or shall we create an alternative party to pressure the first party into positive change? It is a question worth exploration.

So are there any principles established in the Word which we can apply? Firstly we have the very well known verse which Abraham Lincoln was quoted in the Lincoln Douglas debates, *““A house divided against itself cannot stand.” I believe this government cannot endure, permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved -- I do not expect the house to fall -- but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing or all the other.”* In this speech many people mistakenly believed Lincoln was calling for a Civil War, rather he was explaining that the severity of the situation would persist to cause a divide which would inevitably end the United States. No war needed, it would spontaneously divide because there was no oneness in nature. This is not a hard concept, but rather a missed one.



Today we have several ideological stances that reflect the division which Abraham Lincoln had anticipated. Rather than stand as one people, our differences would eventually weaken us such that we would implode. This is becoming more easily evidenced today when it seems that influencers are purposely working to create conflict between us. In this line of logic perhaps, President Trump announced that he is not for splitting the Republican Party, but leans toward mending it by restructuring it. Most Americans do consider President Trump to have accomplished great things for our nation, watching his speeches, rallies and participating in live events when possible. It is not our collective goal to divide, we anticipate the harm it proposes to the near future. However, to receive adequate change, this division and regathering may be our only hope.

This is exemplified in the following passage which Yeshua/Jesus spoke (Matthew 12:26-29), *““How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.”* This parable demonstrates that Yeshua/Jesus, who was being accused of being against God the Father, was victim of those who were truly against the Father. He would not have been able to accomplish expulsion of demons had this not been true. The demons are expelled because He and the Father are joined in removing the evil.

By comparison, when we consider the dividing of the Republican Party, we should not think we are going against the joined ideology, but instead, we are clearing out the weeds woefully growing among the harvest. There is nothing that we can accomplish for God's glory without His will and purpose. The Patriot Party

of Az can render back God's wisdom to our governance which has been set aside. Too many people have joined the Democrat and the Republican efforts that care only for individual advancement by any means. In other words, the more we expose the graft, the more we understand they are not working for the common good, but the individual good.

When such persons place themselves above WE THE PEOPLE, it becomes easy to understand how we can be duped politically time and time again. When our trust in the system becomes shattered – is there any alternative but to separate and start fresh?

Again we search for answers in scripture, as the Word states, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6". Ultimately He desires to lead us in all decision making. Especially something as important as our day to day political and legal structure. Always remember that He created us to have dominion over the earth and thereby we can envision His life for us in everything we do; but only when we consider His Word for us first. By that logic we should decide whether to proceed as a Republican Party (as it exists currently) or move towards something new. Theologically we might call it a restoration in that we remove what has become evil and replace it with our original intentions. Most likely these intentions become lost as our focus divides and our relationship in time to the originating motivation to act outside our norms becomes less immediate. You and I, and millions of other Americans, have left too much to chance and fate, moreover allowed in too many elements that make our original vision murky.

What does the bible tell us to do? What should our recourse be going forward? Matthew 9 reads, "16 No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch tears away from the garment, and a worse tear is made. 17 Neither is new wine put into old wineskins. If it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved."

This parable can be a puzzlement since not everyone is familiar with the difference between old and new wineskins.

However the answer is best resolved when we think of the properties of wine and wineskins. When wine is new, it is in a state of fermentation and thereby is in constant change. The process of fermentation causes the wine to bubble, expand and release gases. A new pliable wineskin can absorb expansion and slowly age -with the wine until the fermentation process is complete. It is easy to imagine that it would be a mistake to put fresh wine into an old wineskin. The old wineskin has assumed a definite shape and is no longer pliable. It is fixed and somewhat brittle. The activity of new wine will stress it beyond its ability to yield. And so both the wine and the skin are lost. Thus, we simply can't put Constitution adhering works into methods and mindsets that have proven to fail. If we choose to change, even if to revert back before the evil onset, we must modify our present behavior.

If we consider this within the realm of political thought and moral purpetude, we realize that to progress in our quest to return to freedom and liberty, with the full blessing of Abba Father, we must release ourselves from the enslavement of what has become Republican. Not that the Democrat ways are better, but we must confess that the two parties equally reflect a degeneration of our values. And if a degeneration of ours, what of Yahweh? In the future we should move forward to preserve our Constitution and our collective Americanism. This includes self determination, meaning that we provide for our own destiny. We have been silently awaiting government to do the right thing; but now we accept that the right thing can only be manifested by a group of patriots willing to collectively listen, speak and act upon God's divine Will for us. We hope that this separation from the Republican part will be perceived in a positive light; much like a "time out" for an undisciplined child. We are free to vote for whomever we choose now and always. But to make a greater presence in government we must first become that small voice of reason that will never ne-

glect our God given qualities that make us uniquely
One in His image. When the Republican party reflect
these characteristics we will rejoice; however, if it
should fail, the Patriot Party of AZ will be prepared to
lead the way for those who are waiting to forge ahead.