



A Word from God After Election Day

1 Peter 2:17, Isaiah 6:1-13

Three ways God is speaking to us in this present moment:

1. God is calling us to fear Him more than we ever have before.
2. God is calling us to cry out for His mercy like our lives, families, church, city, country, and world depend on it...because they do.
3. God is calling us to get on with our mission.

Seven things Isaiah saw about God that we need to see to fear Him rightly:

1. God is in control. (Isaiah 6:1-3)
2. God is in a class of His own. (Isaiah 6:1)
3. God is awesome in His beauty. (Isaiah 6:1)
4. God is surrounded by awe. (Isaiah 6:2-3)
5. God is perfect in His purity. (Isaiah 6:2-3)
6. God commands a heavenly army. (Isaiah 6:3)
7. God fills the earth with His glory. (Isaiah 6:3)

Sermon Discussion Questions – November 8, 2020

1. As we've spent the past three weeks focusing on fearing God (1 Peter 2:17), how have you felt yourself growing in the fear of the Lord? How have you seen your trust, rest, and joy in Jesus grow, despite the circumstances around us?
2. What has your personal response to the recent results of the national elections looked like? What fears and anxieties were revealed in recent days? What might your response, feelings, actions, and thoughts say about your understanding of God's sovereign reign over all earthly leaders?
3. Read Psalm 115:3, Isaiah 45:7-9, Matthew 10:29-31, Acts 17:24-31, and Ephesians 1:11, which speak of the Lord's sovereign control over all things. How does the reality of God's sovereign control comfort you these days? How might your life of faith in Him change as you increasingly believe and embrace His sovereign holiness, and fully surrender and yield to it?
4. Read Isaiah 40 and, as a group, make a list of the attributes of God that are directly or indirectly reflected in this passage. How does consideration of these attributes (along with the seven truths seen in Isaiah 6 above) reshape your response to recent national elections? What hope can you draw from these verses?
5. What shortcomings and/or personal sin have the previous weeks made you aware of in your own life and holiness? Consider spending time in gender-specific groups of 3-4 people to confess some of these areas of sin you've observed in your life, and to pray for and offer accountability to each other. You might consider using the list in Romans 1:29-32 as a starting place for self-reflection.

6. Read Matthew 5:44, Ephesians 6:18, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, and 1 Timothy 2:1-2. How might these passages lead you, in unprecedented ways, to cry out to God for mercy for (a) yourself, (b) your family, (c) your church, (d) your city, and (e) your country? How would you like to see your prayer life changed as a result of who God is and what we see in these commands?
7. Read Colossians 4:3-4. Despite the ongoing pandemic challenges, have you continued striving to make disciples? If so, how? Are there ways in previous months that you feel you may have stepped aside from Jesus' command to make disciples?
8. In what new, self-sacrificing, and maybe even uncommon ways might you further join in the mission of God? What individuals are you currently praying for opportunities to share the gospel with?
9. Would your group members be willing to pack or distribute food boxes together as a way to be on-mission together? If so, coordinate a day when you can do serve together in this way and sign-up online in the "Local Outreach" section of our "Get Connected" page: mcleanbible.org/getconnected/.