

A Biblical Approach To Voting

Conservative Right or Liberal Left?

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There is a lot of debate among God fearing people (Jew and Gentile) on how they should vote in secular democratic elections. That debate centers around the large number of different world views believers have regarding how Scripture should be applied to social, political and financial policies.

Those differences really came to light during the 2016 Presidential Election and have been magnified ten-fold in advance of the 2018 midterm vote. Corruption, conspiracy, character assassination, and cutthroat politics have destroyed America's political process to the point that wide scale social upheaval is knocking at the door. This political disorder was put into high gear by establishment liberals

immediately after a conservative populace president was elected in 2016. The conservative pushback has caused both sides to claim the moral high ground as part of their political weaponry.

Consequently, the hyped-up rhetoric of both right and left have invoked God's name in their favor. In their political pandering to various moral and religious groups, most politicians seem to offer a prideful tongue-in-cheek overture that God is on their side. However, in my 26 years of ordained ministry, I have learned that, when it comes to God's position on politics, or anything else, He is on His side and everyone else is either with Him, or they are on the other side against Him.

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Taking On Yeshua's Yoke

As the world approaches the crossroads of eternity, God is calling us to return to His ancient paths which is where we find rest for our souls:

“This is what the Lord says: ‘Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.’” (Jeremiah 6:16 ^{NIV})

The term “*ancient paths*” is a Hebraism that refers to the eternal

ways of God that are only found in His Torah. Consequently, as we approach the end of the age and the return of Messiah Yeshua (Jesus), God is calling us to search out the ways of Torah, where we find His manifest rest for our souls.

Yeshua made a direct reference to finding God's rest in the ancient paths of Torah when He said, “*Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me...and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.*” (Matt. 11:29-30).

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Is God Conservative or Liberal?

This begs the question of whether God is conservative right or liberal left in His politics? As usual, God points us to His unchanging Word (the Bible), where He makes His position on everything, including politics crystal clear. He specifically shares His political right verse left political perspective through King Solomon:

“Dead flies make a perfumer’s oil stink, so a little foolishness is weightier than wisdom *and* honor. A wise man’s heart directs him toward the **right**, but the foolish man’s heart directs him toward the **left**.” (Ecclesiastes 10:1-2 ^{NASB})

In this Scripture verse, we see the eternal underpinnings of the LORD’s view on life as a whole. In verse one, He explains that, just as a few small flies can putrefy an entire vat of perfume, a little foolishness can worm its way into a situation and take precedence over wisdom and honor. This is inline with Paul’s observation that “*a little leaven leavens the whole lump*” (1 Cor. 5:6)

In verse two, He clearly points out that wisdom is on the right side of the aisle and foolishness is on the left. From this biblical principle, it is easy to see the foundational origins of both conservative right and liberal left party politics. It also explains why the right is more oriented towards biblical principles, while the left is more apt to skirt those principles for a less biblical position.

God’s use of the word “*right*” in the above verse is obviously referring to **righteousness** (i.e., God’s *right ways* which are defined in His commandments):

“Let my tongue sing of Your word, for all Your commandments are **righteousness** [*right ways*].” (Psalms 119:172; see also 1 John 3:7).

Consequently, when Scripture refers to a “*righteous man*” it is speaking about a believer who is following the Law (Torah) and commandments [*right ways*] of God. This includes 1) God’s salvation by grace through faith ([Eph. 2:8-9](#)), resulting in 2) loving obedience to His commandments ([1 John 5:2-3](#)). These are those who will enter the “*gate of the LORD*” ([Ps. 118:20](#)).

“It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.”

— George Washington
(First President of the United States)

In the same context, the word “*left*” refers to **leftist** which is the politics of liberalism (a.k.a. progressivism) that mostly excludes or misapplies God’s commandments. These include the nations whose “*kings and rulers cast off the fetters (boundaries)*” of God’s Law (Torah), which are the embodiment of His wisdom ([Deut. 4:5-6](#)), and walk in their own ways. But God laughs at their foolishness and warns them saying “*do homage to the Son [referring to Yeshua/Jesus], that He not become angry, and you perish in the way*” ([Ps. 2:1-12](#)). Sadly, they fail to see judgment of their ways that awaits them.

Biblical vs. Political Conservatism

At this point, I need to make it clear that Yeshua (Jesus) is not a Republican, and G.O.P. does not stand for **God’s Own Party**. Some will even find it surprising to learn that Jesus is not even an American. He is a Torah observant, High Priest Jew, who is, was, and always will be a *Biblical Conservative*.

I also need to point out that political conservatism is not the same as *Biblical Conservatism*. That is because, just like their liberal counterparts, political conservatives also have a tendency to change their positions according to the political wind at the time.

Conversely, God’s political platform (the Bible) does not change, because God does not change ([James 1:17](#); [Mal. 3:6](#)). Therefore, the Living Word, “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever*” ([Heb. 13:8](#)).

However, I also have to say that political conservatism is closer to *Biblical Conservatism* than the progressive policies of the left. The best example of this is found in America’s Constitution and Bill of Rights which are crafted around the Judeo-Christian ethics of the Ten Commandments.

“We have staked the whole future of all our political constitutions upon the capacity of each of ourselves to govern ourselves according to the moral principles of the Ten Commandments.”

— James Madison
(Fourth President of the United States)

“So keep and do the commandments for that is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples...”

— Deut. 4:6

Although America’s Constitution is not perfectly biblical, it is the most biblical form of government the world had seen since God’s theocracy in Israel over 3,000 years ago. For example, the following tables show how God’s Word is the origin of America’s three branches of government, as well as the foundational structure of its jurisprudence.

Isaiah 33:22	Branches of Government
“The Lord is our judge ,	Judicial (Courts)
The Lord is our lawgiver ,	Legislative (Congress)
The Lord is our king ”	Executive (President)

As you can see, America’s system of government is based on the characteristics of Yeshua who is the only righteous ruler. Isaiah also says, “*the government will rest on [Yeshua’s] shoulders*” and “*there will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace*” (Is. 9:6-7).

America’s court system and judicial protocols are also based on *Biblical Conservatism*:

- The Formal Structure (Ex. 18)
- Guidelines for the judges (Ex. 21-23)
- Fair and equitable judgment (Deut. 6:18-20)
- The need for investigation (Deut. 19:18-20)
- Testimony of two or three reliable witnesses are required (Deut. 17:6-7)
- Judicial Appeal System (Deut. 17:8-11)

Crimes in society are considered crimes, because God’s Laws identify them as such. The following are just a few laws on America’s books that came directly from God’s Law Book—the Torah.

Crimes Against People	Scripture	Commandments Broken
Murder	Gen. 9:6 Ex. 20:13 Lv. 24:17	6 th
Manslaughter	Ex. 21:12-14 Josh. 20:3-6	6 th
Assault	Ex. 21:18, 26	6 th
Kidnapping	Ex. 21:16 Dt. 24:7	6 th , 8 th , 9 th , 10 th
Slander	Lv. 19:16	6 th , 9 th

Crimes Against the Public	Scripture	Commandments Broken
Bribery	Ex. 23:8 Dt. 16:19 Pr. 17:23	8 th , 9 th , 10 th
Contempt of Court	Nm. 15:30	5 th , 9 th
Perjury	Ex. 20:16 Lv. 19:12	9 th
Obstruction of Justice	Ex. 23:1-6 Lv. 19:15 Ps. 82:2	9 th
Conspiracy	Ex. 23:1-2 2Sam. 15:10-12	9 th

Crimes of Immorality	Scripture	Commandments Broken
Adultery	Ex. 20:14 Dt. 5:18	7 th , 8 th , 9 th , 10 th
Rape	Dt. 22:25-26	7 th , 8 th , 10 th
Prostitution	Dt. 23:17	7 th , 8 th , 9 th , 10 th
Incest	Lv. 18:6-18	7 th , 9 th , 10 th
Sodomy (Homosexuality)	Lv. 18:22-23 Dt. 23:17	7 th , 9 th

Crimes Against Property	Scripture	Commandments Broken
Stealing & Theft	Ex. 20:15 Ex. 22:1-12	8 th , 10 th
Arson	Ex. 22:6	8 th , 10 th
Moving Boundary Markers	Dt. 19:14	8 th , 9 th , 10 th

When our founding fathers were designing America’s three branches of government, along with its judicial system and the basic laws of the land, can there be any doubt that two of their guiding lights were God’s Commandments and the portion of the Lord’s Prayer that says, “*Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven*” (Matt. 6:10)?

Biblical Right vs. Unbiblical Left

It is clear to see that God’s political platform is based solely on *Biblically Conservative* principles and Law that outline His eternal values and way of life. These are God’s righteous standards designed to protect innocent life and discipline the unrighteous for transgressing them. A few examples are:

“For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders.”
— Isaiah 9:6

Abortion. Both Torah and medical science confirm that life begins at conception which means the unborn child is considered a living person in the womb ([Gen. 25:22-23](#); [Ps. 139:13](#); [Luke 1:41-44](#)). Consequently, God views abortion as the premeditated killing of one human being by another, which Scripture classifies as murder ([Ex. 20:13](#)).

The only exception would be if the life of the mother is at risk. I believe this principle is expressed in [Exodus 21:22-25](#) which points out that, if someone accidentally causes a woman to have a miscarriage and the child is lost, the person causing the miscarriage would pay the woman a monetary settlement for damages due to negligence. However, if the woman dies as a result, the penalty is “life for life” (i.e., capital punishment). Hence, both lives are precious, but God’s precept here is that the life of the mother supersedes the life of the unborn child.

Sexual Perversion. *Biblical Conservatism* also prohibits homosexuality, transvestitism, and bestiality, because they all transgress God’s natural order for sexual relations ([Lev. 18:22-23](#); [Deut. 22:5](#); [Rom. 1:26-27](#)). It also prohibits gay marriage, because it violates God’s one man one woman procreative plan ([Genesis 2:21-24](#)). Consequently, the LORD views these transgressions as abominations to His image in Messiah Yeshua (Jesus), of which, “we are predestined to become conformed to” ([Rom. 8:29](#); [2 Cor. 3:18](#)).

All these unrighteous lifestyles are viewed by far left liberals as amoral (i.e., they are neither moral nor immoral, and people should have the right to indulge in them without penalty or condemnation.) Sadly, those who practice these things do not enter the Kingdom of heaven, which is the ultimate penalty for abandoning God and His *Biblically Conservative* ways ([1 Cor. 6:9-10](#); [1 Tim. 1:9-10](#)).

Sovereign Borders. Globalism and the New World Order movement are simply the pursuit of One World Socialism, which seeks to roll mankind into one borderless class of people that is subject to a socialistic world government (more on this in my next article). However, God made “every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation” (Acts 17:26).

In addition, the LORD established national borders based on their relationship with the land and the people of Israel:

“When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of man, **He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel.**” (Deuteronomy 32:8 ^{NASB}).

In other words, the nations who seek to reduce the “*number of the sons of Israel*,” or keep them from reclaiming their Promised Land, or divide the land of Israel up, will have their boundaries divided. For example, England blocked Jews from returning to Israel after World War II. Consequently, the empire that “the sun never set on” has had its borders reduced to part of an island in the North Atlantic Ocean.

The old Soviet Union (U.S.S.R.) has persecuted and killed millions of Jews, conspired with Arab countries to destroy Israel through war, and voted to divide Israel into two states at the U.N. Consequently, on December 26, 1991, the U.S.S.R. (Russia) was dissolved during Perestroika and divided into 15 separate countries known as the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). In other words, just as Russia sought to divide Israel, it was divided.

In addition, Russia and the Arab countries who have conspired to destroy Israel in the past are currently strengthening those alliance in preparation for the end time war of Ezekiel 38-39 where they will both be destroyed.

In the U.S., a large majority of liberal politicians and a far number of conservatives support a two state solution for Israel and Palestine. However, *Biblical Conservatism* rejects a two state solution and calls for the restoration of the Jews to the whole land of Israel in fulfillment of God’s covenant with Abraham ([Gen. 15:18-21](#)). Unfortunately, Washington has leaned toward dividing Israel into two states if it brings peace.

America’s left-leaning posture of dividing Israel’s Promised Land released spiritual forces that have been working to physically divide America. This first became evident to me in an October 30, 1992 Los Angeles Times article, entitled *A New North America*, where the International Geographers Union

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—Acts 17:26

(IGU) released its *World Political Map* which revealed how the NWO plans to tear down sovereign borders by establishing ethnic mini-states, within regional trading blocks, within a global government. Officials from the IGU said:

“The notion of boundaries as we’ve known them, in terms of absolute sovereignty and legalities, will in time dwindle... A stratified system of governance and power is likely to replace traditional states...

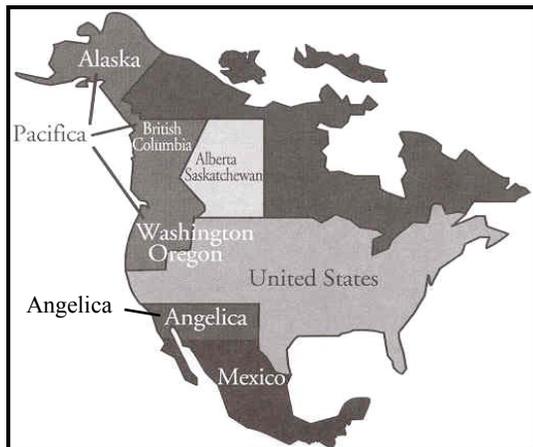
“At the top will be the stronger United Nations or an equivalent body responsible for peace, environment and other global issues...

“Regional groupings like the European Community [will be] on the second tier, while the tiny ethnically and linguistically based mini-states of the future will be on the lowest level. The latest [*second level of governance*] is the new continental pact forming the North American Free Trade Agreement.”

The report goes on to describe how two or more self-directed ethnic zones would be carved out of the United States:

“Even after losing two independent autonomous zones, *Pacifica* and *Angelica*, the United States may be vulnerable to further splits.”

As you can see from the IGU map below, the zone called *Angelica* is a hotbed of debate regarding illegal immigrants coming in from Mexico. Some illegal immigrants go as far as to claim that the U.S stole it from Mexico, and should be returned to them as a safe place within the borders of the U.S., where they can take up residence.



The plan to segment parts of the U.S. into ethnic mini-states through conflict is classic Globalism which fulfills what Yeshua prophesied about the exponential rise of ethnic wars that would take place just prior to His return:

“You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but *that* is not yet the end. For **nation [ethnos]** will rise against **nation**, and **kingdom** against **kingdom...**” (Matthew 24:6-7)

The Greek word for “nation” is *ethnos* which refers to ethnic conflict, and “*kingdom against kingdom*” refers to end time geopolitical wars between countries, but “*that is not yet the end.*” It is just the beginning of the financial, political, and military “birth pains” that will ultimately demand the nations to unify into the globalist’s New World Order.

Currently, the Trump administration has thrown its support behind Israel’s right to live in the Promised Land of Canaan ([Gen. 10:19](#)) with Jerusalem as its capital. As a result, God reciprocated by restoring a serious U.S. desire and effort to stop illegal immigration and reestablish secure borders.

If left-wing ideology get back in control of America’s foreign policy, it will undoubtedly seek to divide Israel into two states again. At that point, God will take His hand of blessing off America and “*uproot and tear down.*” its border laws ([Jer. 18:5-10](#)). That is when I believe areas of America’s Southwest will be segregated into a semi-autonomous ethnic district with laws that supersede the U.S. Constitution .

Caring for the Poor and Indigent. *Biblical Conservatism* also promotes an inspired plan for taking care of the poor. That plan uses alms and roughly one-third of the second tithe (about 3% of a person’s income) to take care of the poor. Specifically, God designed these funds to help those who cannot work because they are afflicted with a physical handicap, mental illness, orphaned, widowed without income or savings, and poorer clergy. It even includes help for non-believers who are unable to work ([Deut. 14:28-29](#); [Ps. 82:3](#)).

“**He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel.**”

— Deut. 32:8

**“...every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor—it is the gift of God.”
— Eccl 3:13**

One thing I want to point out is that God designed this financial support to come through people’s compassion for the poor and their loving obedience to His way of funding this support. This plan is only designed to support those who are willing to work but simply cannot for one or more valid reasons mentioned above. It is not for those who refuse to work and live off the backs of hard working people (Pr. 21:25).

In fact, the Apostle Paul specifically tells the church at Thessalonica that if someone is unwilling to work, we are not to support them financially:

“For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.” (2 Thess. 3:10-12 ^{NKJV})

Paul says people, who are living off the generosity of others, should work and eat their own bread. That is the image of God, who worked for six days creating the heavens and the earth, and when He saw that it was good, He took a seventh day Sabbath to enjoy His creation.

In addition, God created Adam, put him in the garden and told him to “cultivate [work] the garden” (Genesis 2:15) and take the Sabbath day off to rest and enjoy it. King Solomon reminds us of this when he said, “...every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor—it is the gift of God” (Eccl. 3:13). In other words, we were created to enjoy the wealth of our own labor and not the labor of others.

It is good for secular governments to provide a safety net for those who cannot fend for themselves, because “God will have compassion on the poor and needy, and the lives of the needy he will save” (Ps. 72:13). However, liberal left-wing doctrine promotes the concept that government should alleviate all social ills and guarantee that no one is in need, whether they are willing to work or not. This produces long-term social welfare that seeks to “spread the wealth around” through

government run entitlement programs. In the end, this promotes class warfare which produces a liberal Socialistic Democracy that allows those who do not want to work to vote in politicians promising them a free ride at productive taxpayer’s expense.

This is important to note, in light of the fact that America is not a democracy, because a democracy ultimately defaults into “Mob Rule.” It is a Constitutional Republic governed by the “rule of law” which is based on the Judeo-Christian ethics (Torah and New Covenant principles) laid out in the U.S. Constitution.

The reason for this is that the Founding Father’s understood that a democracy is a temporary and transitional form of government on its way to **total (totalitarian) government, and it always fails.** Alexander Fraser Tyler, a British professor over 200 years ago, pointed out the fallacy of democracies when he said,

“A democracy can only last as long and until a majority of its citizens discover that they can vote themselves largesse (large gifts) out of the public treasury, and they will continue to elect the politician promising the most; the end result is a fall of that democracy due to economic ruin and chaos.”

This is very interesting, since there was a far left Democratic Socialist who ran for President in 2016. He floated the idea that a 90% income tax rate would allow the government to provide free healthcare, free college, and just about free everything else.

Unfortunately, a growing far left element of American society has moved radically toward socialism since 2016. The process of going from a Constitutional Republic to a Socialistic Totalitarian Society generally comes in three phases, that I will cover in my next article.

This threatens our very way of life and existence as a Judeo-Christian nation which makes this November’s mid-term election one of the most important elections America has ever had.

I can’t tell you how to vote other than to vote your conscience. And if you believe in the Bible, whether Jew or Christian, check to be sure your conscience aligns with the God of the Bible...Just remember, He is a *Biblical Conservative.* ☆