

A LETTER FROM JON-My response to the following letter and to many other similar requests on the Presidential election

Dear Jon and Candy:

Thank you so much for the latest CHEF Newsletter. It has been read numerous times by myself and my husband. It sounds like you have had a very busy summer. We are also preparing our house for listing. It is no easy task.

I have a question, which my husband and I have talked about at length, neither knowing what is the “right” answer. This may be something you want to address in a future newsletter. It seems if it is puzzling us, it may be puzzling others as well. While I realize there are other candidates in the presidential race, it seems to me if we truly want Obama out, we must vote for Romney. As a Bible believing Christian, how on earth can I vote for a man who thinks that someday he will be on the same level as God? How do we vote for a Mormon? Since becoming a believer, it has always made sense to me to vote in such a manner that I would not be ashamed to discuss my choice with Jesus.

Maybe this is just really simple, and I just don’t see it. Both my husband and I would be interested in your opinion. Of course, neither one of us wants to see Obama win a second term.

I know you are busy, but if you have a moment to consider this, I would appreciate hearing from you. Thanks so much for all that you do.

P.S. Isn’t it interesting that “Obama” shows up misspelled in spell check, and a replacement word is “Osama.” Hmmm....—St. Charles, MO

The following is part of a sermon I gave a couple of months ago, along with some additional information that I thought might be helpful.

This past week I went to a meeting with two men whom I highly revere. Both of them have raised millions of dollars for campaigns and have been very active in politics, one of them a statesman for many years. The three of us agree upon the fact that our current President has done everything he could to destroy the blessings and heritage of this country, the consequences of which will impact generations. Yet do we choose the lesser of two evils?

These men don’t think that Mitt Romney will bring our country back into submission to God’s law, but they believe that he will serve as a tourniquet to help slow the gushing blood flow. I certainly understand their viewpoint, but for Candy and me, it is not an option to replace one false idol with another—a Muslim for a Mormon. Clearly these choices indicate our country’s descent into paganism.

A fifth generation Mormon, Mitt Romney in 1994, and again in 2002, proclaimed himself a strong supporter of abortion. Then when he ran for Senate in 1994, he promised homosexuals that he would do more for their cause than Senator Ted Kennedy. He also helped develop, and signed into law, the Massachusetts Health Care Reform legislation, the first of its kind in the nation, which provided near-universal health insurance access through state-level subsidies and individual mandates to purchase insurance.

So although we vote for Republican candidates for most races, neither Candy nor I have voted for a Republican President since the Constitution Party has been on Missouri’s ballot because the past Republican Presidential candidates simply have not been men of God.

God tells us in Exodus 18:21 to “select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.” And again in Deuteronomy 1:13, “Choose wise and discerning and experienced men from your tribes, and I will appoint them as your

heads.”

“The real object of the First Amendment was not to countenance, much less to advance, Mahomedanism, or Judaism, or infidelity by prostrating Christianity; but to exclude all rivalry among Christian sects, and to prevent any national ecclesiastical establishment which should give to a hierarchy the exclusive patronage of the national government. It has cut off the means of religious persecution (the vice and pest of former ages), and of the subversion of the rights of conscience in matters of religion which had been trampled upon almost from the days of the Apostles to the present age...Probably at the time of the adoption of the Constitution, and of the first amendment to it...the general, if not the universal, sentiment in America was that Christianity ought to receive encouragement from the State, so far as was not incompatible with the previous rights of conscience and the freedom of religious worship. An attempt to level all religions and to make it a matter of state policy to hold all in utter indifference would have created universal disapprobation, if not universal indignation.” –Joseph Story (1779-1845) Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court

What I understand is that this current President is God’s judgment on our country. For it is God who raises up nations and tears them down. As Christians we must work hard to destroy the false gods and the evil within our land and take dominion of our land for God’s glory.

So when God commands us to repent, He expects a 180-degree movement away from sin. I do not think that compromising for four more years is the righteousness of God. The fluctuations we see in our White House between Democrats or Republicans make little difference except that one party takes us a little faster down the descent to destruction. I certainly don’t see any significant change back toward a righteous form of government.

That change will come when fathers truly repent and take seriously their duty to disciple their sons and daughters in the way of the Lord. We must tear down the idols of convenience and comfort to teach our own children as God commanded.

Matthew Henry says, “Duty is ours, the event is in God’s Hand.”

I am fearful like everyone else, for we are in a world of hurt, but is our faith in the man who sits in the White House or in God who controls the hearts of kings like channels of water?

When men are in pain, they look to God. Apparently, we are not in enough pain. Until then, we must not compromise but boldly stand for righteousness within our homes, our church, our community, our workplace, and then our nation. It is not the President that is the problem in this country but families, for they are the foundation of society and the means for transforming nations.

Our apostasy did not occur overnight but over years as fathers transferred their allegiance from God to the State and subsequently relinquished their responsibility to disciple their children to the State as well. So we must not expect that in one election all our woes will vanish. In fact our generation probably won’t see any significant change. But thankfully as fathers learn to govern their families once again, we will reclaim our heritage, family by family.

Hugo Grotius (1583-1645) “He knows not how to rule a Kingdom, that cannot manage a Province, nor can he wield a Province, that cannot order a City; nor he order a City, that knows not how to regulate a Village; nor he a Family that knows not how to Govern himself; neither can he Govern himself unless his reason be Lord, Will and Appetite her Vassals; nor can Reason rule unless herself be ruled by God, and wholly be obedient to Him.”

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data-scayt_word="DeMar" data-scaytid="124">DeMar “The godly family is a threat to oppressive civil government because it does not depend on the State for sustenance and assistance. The biblical family is a legitimate government with rulers (husband and wife) and subjects (children) that supplies what the State can only counterfeit.”</p> <p> </p> Noah Webster “All government originates in families, and if neglected there, it will hardly exist in society...The foundation of all free government and of all social order must be laid in families and in the discipline of youth...the Education of youth, an employment of more consequence than making laws and preaching the gospel, because it lays the foundation on which both law and gospel rest for success...”</p> <p> </p> Fathers, let us get serious about studying God’s Word, reading the books on our Essential Book list http://www.theresnoplacelikehome-summers.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=775:updated-2009-essential-booklist&catid=62:in-the-library&Itemid=56, and listening to the messages from our conference speakers—with our families. If we truly want to reclaim our heritage, let us go forward according to God’s Word. Let us stay home instead of running hither and thither like chickens with our heads cut off, and instead, fulfill God’s mandate.</p> <p> </p> Again, allow me to reiterate that significant change is not going to take place in the next four years, but through our faithful diligence, it may perhaps come to pass for our children’s children. That is the great thing about multigenerational living. As we break fallow ground by setting a covenantal course, we can die in peace knowing that our children will carry on through family covenantal living by raising up sons and daughters who will raise up sons and daughters who will raise up sons and daughters who follow the Lord.</p> <p> </p> If I were asked to provide a statement of faith for homeschoolers, it would certainly be the oft quoted verses found in Deuteronomy 6:6,7. But to fully understand the significance of fathers discipling their children, we must read the entire chapter, aptly titled: Obey God and Prosper. This is especially meaningful when we understand that Egypt represents the world and the State, Pharaoh our cruel taskmaster, Satan, and our deliverance from slavery and death, unto life and liberty.</p> <p> </p> Deuteronomy 6 “Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the LORD your God has commanded me to teach you, that you might do them in the land where you are going over to possess it, so that you and your son and your grandson might fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. O Israel, you should listen and be careful to do it, that it may be well with you and that you may multiply greatly, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house

and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Then it shall come about when the LORD your God brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you, great and splendid cities which you did not build, and houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and hewn cisterns which you did not dig, vineyards and olive tress which you did not plant, and you eat and are satisfied, then watch yourself, that you do not forget the LORD who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall fear only the LORD your God and you shall worship Him and swear by His name. You shall not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who surround you, for the LORD your God in the midst of you is a jealous God, otherwise the anger of the LORD your God will be kindled against you, and He will wipe you off the face of the earth. You shall not put the LORD your God to the test, as you tested Him at Massah. You should diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and His testimonies and His statutes which He has commanded you. You shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may be well with you and that you may go in and possess the good land which the LORD swore to give your fathers, by driving out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has spoken. When your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What do the testimonies and the statutes and the judgments mean which the LORD our God commanded you?' then you shall say to your son, 'We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, and the LORD brought us from Egypt with a mighty hand. Moreover the LORD showed great and distressing signs and wonders before our eyes against Egypt, Pharaoh and all his household; He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land which He had sworn to our fathers.' So the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God for our good always and for our survival, as it is today. It will be righteousness for us if we are careful to observe all this commandment before the LORD our God, just as He commanded us.

Our Almighty God Is in Control of Both Heaven and Earth

"All political government, whether at the local or municipal level, the regional or state level, or the national or federal level, ultimately derives its authority not from the consent of the governed (thus Jefferson) but from the pleasure of Almighty God (thus Scripture). This is not to say that political governments should not consult their subjects; but this is to say that the authority of the human power-wielder in the last analysis comes from God above and not from the governed beneath. For 'the most high God rules in the Kingdom of men, and He appoints over it whomsoever He will' (Daniel 5:21)." (Francis Nigel Lee, 'Power, Government and State,' Man and His Culture, pg. 67)

So let us fall down upon our faces before God and repent of our unfaithfulness and beseech God to enable us to diligently seek a godly seed through biblical instruction as we walk with our children throughout each day, for then and only then will God bless this nation. And let us not fear man, but God, for it is He who rules both heaven and earth. Rest assured that He has not set apart our children for naught, for we have been raised up for such a time as this!

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1.♦♦♦♦ Isaiah 2:22 "Stop trusting in man, who has but a breath in his nostrils. Of what account is he?"

2.◆◆◆◆ Romans 13 "... for there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God...for rulers are servants of God..."

3.◆◆◆◆ Proverbs 21:1 "The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes."

4.◆◆◆◆ Psalm 2 "Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against the LORD and against His anointed, saying, 'Let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us!' He who sits in the heavens laughs, the Lord scoffs at them. Then He will speak to them in His anger and terrify them in His fury, saying, 'But as for Me, I have installed My King upon Zion, My holy mountain.' I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.' Now therefore, O kings, show discernment; take warning, O judges of the earth. Worship the LORD with reverence and rejoice with trembling. Do homage to the Son that He not become angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!"

5.◆◆◆◆ Isaiah 40:12-31 "Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, and marked off the heavens by the span, and calculated the dust of the earth by the measure, and weighed the mountains in a balance and the hills in a pair of scales? Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or as His counselor has informed Him? With whom did He consult and who gave Him understanding? And who taught Him in the path of justice and taught Him knowledge and informed Him of the way of understanding? Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales; behold, He lifts up the islands like fine dust. Even Lebanon is not enough to burn, nor its beasts enough for a burnt offering. All the nations are as nothing before Him, they are regarded by Him as less than nothing and meaningless. To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare with Him? As for the idol, a craftsman casts it, a goldsmith plates it with gold, and a silversmith fashions chains of silver. He who is too impoverished for such an offering selects a tree that does not rot; he seeks out for himself a skillful craftsman to prepare an idol that will not totter. Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been declared to you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. He is it who reduces rulers to nothing, who makes the judges of the earth meaningless. Scarcely have they been planted, scarcely have they been sown, scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth, but He merely blows on them, and they wither, and the storm carries them away like stubble. 'To whom then will you liken Me that I would be his equal?' says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see who has created these stars, the One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power, not one of them is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and the justice due me escapes the notice of my God'? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is

inscrutable. He gives strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become

6. Daniel 4:35 “All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as He pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back His hand or say to Him: ‘What have you done?’”

7. Jeremiah 10:10 “But the LORD is the true God; he is the living God, the eternal King. When He is angry, the earth trembles; the nations cannot endure His

8. 2 Chronicles 20:6 “O LORD, the God of our fathers, are You not God in the heavens? And are You not ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in Your hand so that no one can stand against

9. 1 Chronicles 29:11,12 “Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O LORD, and You exalt Yourself as head over all. Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen

10. Colossians 1:16,17 “For by Him all things were created both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold

11. Isaiah 14:27 “For the LORD of hosts has planned, and who can frustrate it? And as for His stretched out hand, who can turn it back?”

12. Isaiah 9:6,7 “For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us, and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over His kingdom to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish

13. Hebrews 13:8 “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, yes and

14. Acts 2:33-36 “Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: ‘The Lord said to my lord, “Sit at My right hand, until I made Your enemies a footstool for Your

15. Acts 7:56 “Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of

data-scaytid="167">God."</p> <p style="margin-left:.5in;margin-left:22.5pt;"> 16.◆ 1 Timothy 6:15 "...He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords."</p> <p style="margin-left:.5in;margin-left:22.5pt;"> 17.◆ James 1:17 "Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow."</p> <p style="margin-left:.5in;margin-left:22.5pt;"> 18.◆ Psalm 135 "Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD; Praise Him, O servants of the LORD, you who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God! Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing praises to His name, for it is lovely. For the LORD has chosen Jacob for Himself, Israel for His own possession. For I know that the LORD is great and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the LORD pleases, He does, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps. He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; who makes lightning for the rain, who brings forth the wind from His treasuries. He smote the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast. He sent signs and wonders into your midst, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh and all his servants. He smote many nations and slew mighty kings, Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan; and He gave their land as a heritage, a heritage to Israel His people. Your name, O LORD, is everlasting, your remembrance, O LORD, throughout all generations. For the LORD will judge His people and will have compassion on His servants. The idols of the nations are but silver and gold, the work of man's hands. They have mouths, but they do not speak; they have eyes, but they do not see; they have ears, but they do not hear, nor is there any breath at all in their mouths. Those who make them will be like them, yes, everyone who trusts in them. O house of Israel, bless the LORD; O house of Aaron, bless the LORD; O house of Levi, bless the LORD; you who revere the LORD, bless the LORD. Blessed be the LORD from Zion, who dwells in Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!"</p> <p style="margin-left:.5in;margin-left:22.5pt;"> 19.◆ Psalm 136 "O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth forever. O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth forever. To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth forever. To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth forever. To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth forever. To Him that made great lights: for his mercy endureth forever: the sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth forever: the moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth forever. To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy endureth forever: and brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endureth forever: with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy endureth forever. To him which divided the Red Sea into parts: for his mercy endureth forever: and made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy endureth forever: but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea: for His mercy endureth forever. To Him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy endureth forever. To him which smote great kings; for his mercy endureth forever: And slew famous kings: for his mercy endureth forever: Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy endureth forever: and Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy endureth forever: and gave their land for an heritage: for his mercy endureth forever: Even an heritage unto Israel his servant; for his mercy endureth forever. Who remember us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth forever: and hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth forever. Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth forever. O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth forever."</p>