

# AN INFORMED DECISION



With election day just around the corner, many are sitting on the edges of their seats waiting to see who will win the 2020 Presidential Election. Here's a very brief look at some of the candidates' stances on today's societal concerns.

Issues	Trump (Incumbent)	Biden
COVID-19	Working on providing testing and vaccination for residents. No general PPE mandates.	Proposed testing and vaccination for all residents. Proposed PPE mandates & provision.
Police Reform	Working on raising the standard of police conduct. Improving police training & partnership with social workers.	Proposed improvement in police training and funding for body cameras, and community resources
Climate	Prioritizes oil and gas searches in light of climate change. Has withdrawn from Paris climate accord.	Proposes many Green New Deal principle, which implement societal regulations to aid improvement.
Economy	Implemented tax cuts, increased stock market & national debt, implemented trade regulations to reduce imports.	Seeks to improve middle class. Proposed housing assistance, minimum wage increase, & educational aid.
Gun Violence	Proposes expansion in background checks and implemented "bump stocks" to limit the ability of individuals in crisis to bear arms.	Proposes "smart guns" for limited usage of fire arms & backback program to limit widespread possession. Seeks out gun manufacturers.
Immigration	Has implemented "zero tolerance" policy prosecuting adults who illegally come to America.	Proposes "pathway to citizenship" working with immigrants to take the required steps to become citizens.

<https://www.cnn.com/election/2020/candidate/trump>  
<https://www.cnn.com/election/2020/candidate/biden>

# THE CHARGE

## Who has the final say?



"We are to recognize human government as an ordinance of divine appointment, and teach obedience to it as a sacred duty, within its legitimate sphere. But when its claims conflict with the claims of God, we must obey God rather than men. God's word must be recognized as above all human legislation. A "Thus saith the Lord" is not to be set aside for a "Thus saith the church" or a "Thus saith the state." The crown of Christ is to be lifted above the diadems of earthly potentates. The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall."

Act Of The Apostles 68.2; Education 57.3

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# BROKEN PROMISES



While presidential candidates often make promises to improve society, the winners often fail to address the underlying causes of our societal issues. Many of the promises made during their campaign are made void during their terms and society is left just as degraded, if not worse, as when they first became president.



## "WE WANT A KING!"

In the book of 1 Samuel, we see the account of the children of Israel regretting their decision to have a king. After witnessing the governmental structures of other nations, the children of Israel decided that they wanted to be like them. Up until that point, **God was their King and He had appointed His own leaders** to help keep the children of Israel moving in the right direction. However, after seeing the other nations, their discontentment grew. "Make us a king to judge us like all the nations," they told Samuel, God's appointed prophet at the time. When Samuel brought their request to God, Samuel was told to inform the children of Israel of what would come about as a result of choosing a man as their king. "...Ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you, for this cause God gave them up unto vile affections. Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none." (1 Samuel 8:18; Romans 1:26; Ezekiel 7:25) Many today make the same mistake by believing a specific president will resolve their issues, rather than seeking God for direction.

Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord.

- Jeremiah 17:5

# GOD'S COMMANDS V.S. MAN'S POLICIES



## COVID-19 & HEALTHCARE

While we see that man is bound to break promises, we are left with the question: "Who can we actually trust to lead us?" The answer lies in the beginning. As many Americans say that better planning and execution should've taken place in regards to the pandemic, many fail to acknowledge the preventative measures already set in place from creation. When God placed the man and woman in the garden of Eden, they were provided with everything they needed to promote and preserve health. Even after sin entered the world, God had set in place health principles for His people to follow in order to prevent disease. He gives us the "herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat." (Genesis 1:29) He also gives us the herb of the field and the leaves for our healing (Genesis 3:18; Psalm 104:14; Revelation 22:2) He says, "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee." (Exodus 15:26). "Disease never comes without a cause. The way is prepared, and disease invited, by disregard of the laws of health." (The Ministry of Healing 234)

Many may even vote to have certain healthcare rights like abortion insurance coverage, while others vote against such things. In either case, the health laws of God are disregarded. The bodies of the women who have abortions suffer harm, along with the baby, while many who stand against abortion do very little to provide the necessary support to raise a child in the fear of God. God's original design for the human family protects against having to choose the lesser of two evils, and we are to find the best way to come back into that design in order to have the abundant life that He promises.



## WHY DO ABORTIONS OCCUR?



Though rape is one of the main points used by proponents of abortions, statistics show that the majority of abortions are not due to rape, but rather to other factors.

[https://abort73.com/abortion\\_facts/us\\_abortion\\_statistics/](https://abort73.com/abortion_facts/us_abortion_statistics/)

Percentage	Reason
<0.5%	Victim of rape
3%	Fetal health problems
4%	Physical health problems
4%	Would interfere with education or career
7%	Not mature enough to raise a child
8%	Don't want to be a single mother
19%	Done having children
23%	Can't afford a baby
25%	Not ready for a child
6%	Other

## CLIMATE CHANGE, ECONOMY, & CONSCIENCE

Climate change is a multifaceted topic, and rightfully so. As nature folds under the weight of the transgression of its laws, all aspects of our society will be affected. As results worsen, it will be incumbent upon us to prioritize working along with nature instead of against it. However, as we seek to do this, it must be in the way God designed it from the beginning. While many are calling for Sunday as a day of rest for the earth, this is not God's ideal. In Revelation 13:11-17, we are told that in the times just before the second coming of Jesus Christ, there will be a political power that enacts laws against the consciences of its people. These laws will be directed towards false worship. When we look at the worship that is associated with the God, we see that He set apart the 7th day Sabbath as a day of rest. Genesis 2:3 tells us that this is the only day that God sanctified as a day of rest. This same day God says will be a sign between Him and His people forever, that they may remember who it is that sanctifies them (Ezekiel 20:12). As we can see, the Sabbath has a direct connection to the gospel of Jesus Christ and every Christian is called to "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy (Exodus 20:8)." Revelation 14:6-11 tells us to "fear God and give glory to him...and worship Him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of water...If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God..." "After the warning against the worship of the beast and his image the prophecy declares: "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Since those who keep God's commandments are thus placed in contrast with those that worship the beast and his image and receive his mark, it follows that the keeping of God's law, on the one hand, and its violation, on the other, will make the distinction between the worshipers of God and the worshipers of the beast." {Great Controversy 445.3}