

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

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I am deeply thankful for God's mercy in this presidential election as it was revealed last night. Let me make it clear from the start that Donald Trump's victory was not the work of man. He would never have won the election without the Lord's help! We have witnessed a great miracle as the Democratic Party and the mainstream media were confounded in their effort to make Hillary Clinton the next president.

The odds were certainly not in Trump's favor as the Republican leadership abandoned him in their bid to deny him the presidency. Hundreds of prominent Republicans openly stated they would not vote for him. Former presidents George H.W. Bush stated that he would be voting for Hillary Clinton and George W. Bush refused to attend the republican convention. There were many republican senators, congressmen and other leaders who pledged to work against Trump.

Jeb Bush spent a hundred million dollars in the Florida primary election smearing Trump and yet nothing could stop him from winning.

Barack Obama declared that Trump was unfit to serve as a president. This was especially ironic since Obama does not meet the basic requirement of being a natural born citizen. When he finally produced his birth certificate, it was revealed to be a forgery. No charges have been filed to date.

The Democratic Party paid women to come forward and tell the media they had been sexually assaulted

by Trump and the media gloried in the stories of what Trump had supposedly done.

An 11 year old videotape of Trump was released in which he and Billy Bush, a cousin of former president George W. Bush, spoke about women in a vulgar manner. Trump bragged to a fawning Bush about groping women and the methods he used to seduce women. When that story was brought forward, Trump responded by apologizing saying he was not the same person anymore.

Trump was greatly outspent by millions in this election. Attack ads ran day and night on television and he was painted as the most hated man in America, unstable and not fit to be president. Hillary Clinton even went so far as to call his supporters "deplorable."

Once the presidential election began in earnest after the respective conventions, the media continued to use their "polls" to show that Clinton was continually in the lead. Being completely outspent by his opponent, attacked by his own party and smeared by the media, Trump really did not stand a chance to win. There was however another factor that the media completely failed to take into consideration.

*"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses:
but we will remember the name of the LORD
our God." (Psalms 20:7)*

THE UNTOLD STORY

Sometime before Trump decided to run for the presidency, he had been watching an American

televangelist named Paula White and was impressed by her message.

White is not be the person I would select to witness about Christ since she had a messy divorce and extra-marital relationships, but God is not a respecter of persons and can use whomever He wants to do accomplish His work on earth.

Paula White was asked to come and personally speak to Trump and his family. She prayed with him and claimed that he accepted Christ as his personal Lord and Savior.

Once Trump decided that he was going to run for the presidency, he asked White to come back and speak with him again. At that meeting he asked her to contact some 25 evangelical Christian ministers and ask them to meet with him. Baptist, Pentecostal and other denominational leaders came and Trump asked if they would be willing to advise his campaign. Among them was Darrel Scott from Cleveland, David Jeremiah, James Robison, Kenneth Copeland, James Dobson and others.

James Robison and other ministers spoke to him about his faith, and it was affirmed that Trump had indeed been born again. They told him that he would never win without God's help. During the latter part of the campaign, James Robison flew with Trump from rally to rally and spent personal time with him.

Steven Strang of Charisma magazine began to push Trump and so did Jim Bakker and many other prominent ministries. Trump issued a call for ministers to come and meet with him. A thousand pastors from different denominations came around the country met in June to see for themselves whether Trump was pro-life and stood for Christian values. Jim Bakker made a statement that Donald Trump had been the only one to gather so many preachers from different denominations and bring them to together to work in unity.

Dr. Robert Jeffress from First Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas and Dr. Ed Young from Second Baptist Church in Houston, Texas worked to bring in the Southern Baptist vote.

Franklin Graham began a yearlong campaign to hold rallies in every state capitol and ended it with a huge rally in Washington D.C. He did not endorse Trump, but urged people to vote for biblical values as presented in the party platforms. On the election night, he held a live prayer meeting via Facebook and led thousands of Christians to pray for the election.

Steven Strang used his Charisma media network to bring in prophets and pastors and openly told people that Trump was the only option if you are a Christian. Charisma posted an appeal from Revival Ministries asking Christians to fast and pray during the six days leading to the election. I was one of the thousands of Christians who agreed to fast and pray. I withheld 18 meals from myself but I can say it was worth the sacrifice. It was a small price to pay and worth it for our nation.

HEARING FROM HEAVEN

What would happen if Christians ask God for help? Well, the Lord answered this question more than three thousand years ago:

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)

God said that miracles would happen if Christians would humble themselves, pray and seek His face. We witnessed a something awesome yesterday when the Holy Spirit drove people to the polls and put it in their hearts to vote for Donald Trump. It was a supernatural move of God that defied the political establishment in America and propelled an underdog to victory. With God all things are possible!

Christians came out by the millions and the media told us that this was the largest amount of evangelicals that had voted in years. Pastors like me had for months been speaking to Christians to vote for a candidate that is pro-life and pro-Bible. Christian pastors and educators wrote articles, published books on short notice and most of the Christian television and radio outlets promoted Trump.

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I want to make it clear that despite the efforts of Christians, no man can take the credit since it was God that moved upon America. It wasn't because Donald Trump or his staff ran an effective campaign. Hillary Clinton is a crooked politician and a disappointment with all her moral failures but no man can take the credit for her stunning defeat. All these seemingly random events were orchestrated by God and Him alone!

This is the time to be thankful because we have been granted a four year reprieve where we should not be persecuted for our Christian faith by an ungodly government. What will you do with this time? If you follow sports, you know that the Chicago Cubs recently won the World Series. Donald Trump just won the presidency. Some might jokingly say that now is the time to buy a lottery ticket! Seriously, we need to be thankful and give God the glory! This is also not the time to rest upon our success. We can't be passive and go back to sleep. This is a time to fervently pray like never before! The Devil is mad and he will fight back. You can bet that the ungodly people will seek a change to this recent reversal.

LOOKING FORWARD

It is important to uphold Donald Trump in the following ways:

1. We need to pray that no one will be able to assassinate Donald Trump.

2. We need to pray that God will protect him from the evil people who will undoubtedly try to infiltrate his administration.
3. We need to pray that Trump will continue to be humble and surround himself with Christian ministers.

I want to close with the following exhortation from King David three thousand years ago.

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.

Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little.

Blessed are all they that put their trust in him." (Psalm 2:1-12)