

The Gospel and Politics

福音与政治



Election Time! 大选的时候来了!



Source: <https://www.afr.com/politics/a-friendly-handshake-before-morrison-and-albanese-went-for-body-blows-20220420-p5aewk>

Definition of Politics 政治的定义

Politics is about the organization of authority structures within society

政治关于在社会中权力结构的组织



The Gospel Framework 福音框架



Generation and Politics 万物与政治

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Politics in the Garden? 伊甸园里有没有政治？



Photo by Jonathan Linczak

There Was Politics in the Garden!

伊甸园里有政治!

Where did ultimate authority lie?

最高权力属于谁?

Politics in the Garden

伊甸园里的政治结构

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3. The husband is the head of his wife and family
丈夫要领导妻子和家人

Degeneration and Politics 衰亡与政治

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The Corruption and Failure of Politics

政治腐败和失败



Source: <http://royalartillerie.blogspot.com.au/2011/05/migrations-et-corruption.html>

Joshua 1:5-9 约书亚 1:5-9

No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

你平生的日子，必无一人能在你面前站立得住。我怎样与摩西同在，也必照样与你同在；我必不撇下你，也不丢弃你。你当刚强壮胆！因为你必使这百姓承受那地为业，就是我向他们列祖起誓应许赐给他们的地。只要刚强，大大壮胆，谨守遵行我仆人摩西所吩咐你的一切律法，不可偏离左右，使你无论往那里去，都可以顺利。这律法书不可离开你的口，总要昼夜思想，好使你谨守遵行这书上所写的一切话。如此，你的道路就可以亨通，凡事顺利。我岂没有吩咐你么？你当刚强壮胆！不要惧怕，也不要惊惶；因为你无论往那里去，耶和華——你的神必与你同在。

The Secret of Good Leadership

做好领导的秘诀

- strength and courage
刚强和壮胆
- knowledge of God's word
明知神的话
- obedience to God's word
听从神的话

The Picture of the Ideal King 理想君王的样子

When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you and have taken possession of it and settled in it, and you say, "Let us set a king over us like all the nations around us," be sure to appoint over you the king the Lord your God chooses. He must be from among your own brothers. Do not place a foreigner over you, one who is not a brother Israelite. The king, moreover, must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them, for the Lord has told you, "You are not to go back that way again." He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold. When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the priests, who are Levites. It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the Lord his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees and not consider himself better than his brothers and turn from the law to the right or to the left. Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel.

到了耶和華——你神所賜你的地，得到了那地居住的時候，若說：我要立王治理我，像四圍的國一樣。你总要立耶和華——你神所揀選的人為王。必從你弟兄中立一人；不可立你弟兄以外的人為王。只是王不可為自己加添馬匹，也不可使百姓回埃及去，為要加添他的馬匹，因耶和華曾吩咐你們說：不可再回那條路去。他也不可為自己多立妃嬪，恐怕他的心偏邪；也不可為自己多積金銀。他登了國位，就要將祭司利未人面前的這律法書，為自己抄錄一本，存在他那里，要平生誦讀，好學習敬畏耶和華——他的神，謹守遵行這律法書上的一切言語和這些律例，免得他向弟兄心高氣傲，偏左偏右，離了這誠命。這樣，他和他的子孫便可在以色列中，在國位上年長日久。

The Picture of the Ideal King

理想君王的样子

- God-chosen 由神选用
- not a foreigner 不是外国人
- not serving his own benefit 不为自己的利益服务
- a student of God's word 神话语的学生
- obedient to God 听神的

The Book of Kings 列王纪

Evaluation of the Kings in the Book of Kings 批评列王纪中的王		
Kingdom 王国	Good 好	Bad 坏
Judah 犹大	38%	62%
Israel 以色列	0%	100%

The Problem of Human Leadership

人做领导的问题

- no perfect personal righteousness
没有完美的个人公义
- no power to live forever
没有永生的能力
- no power to change human hearts
没有改变人心的能力

The Solution to Corrupt Political Leadership

政治领导腐败的解决方法

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Messiah
弥赛亚



regeneration 复兴

The Messiah: The True Leader

弥赛亚：真正的领袖

- perfect personal righteousness
有完美的个人公义
- power to live forever
有永生的能力
- power to change human hearts
有改变人心的能力

That True Leader Is Jesus! 那位真正的领袖就是耶稣!



Involve Jesus in Your Political Discussion!

讨论政治的时候，应该提起耶稣！

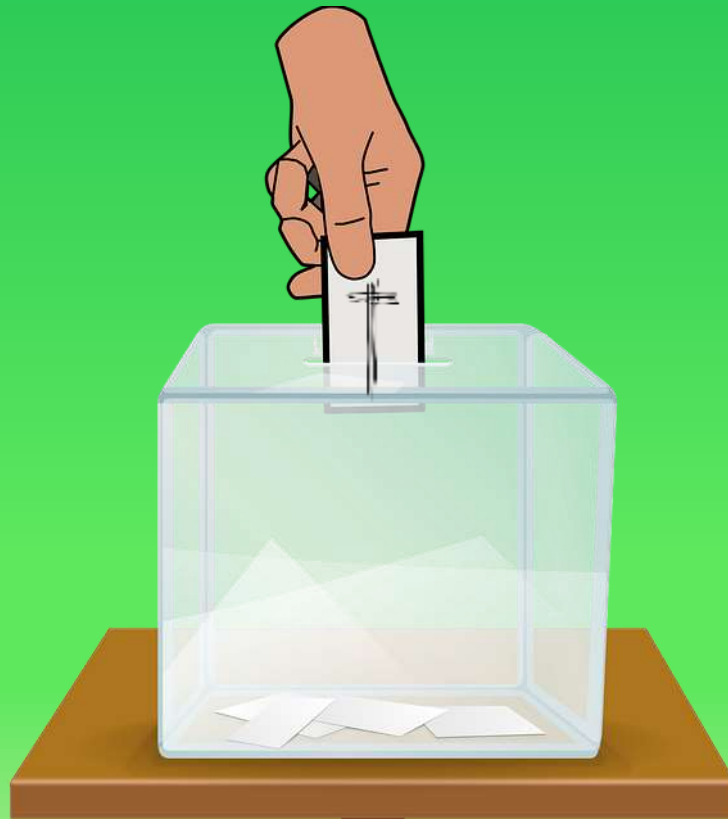
You know, Jesus
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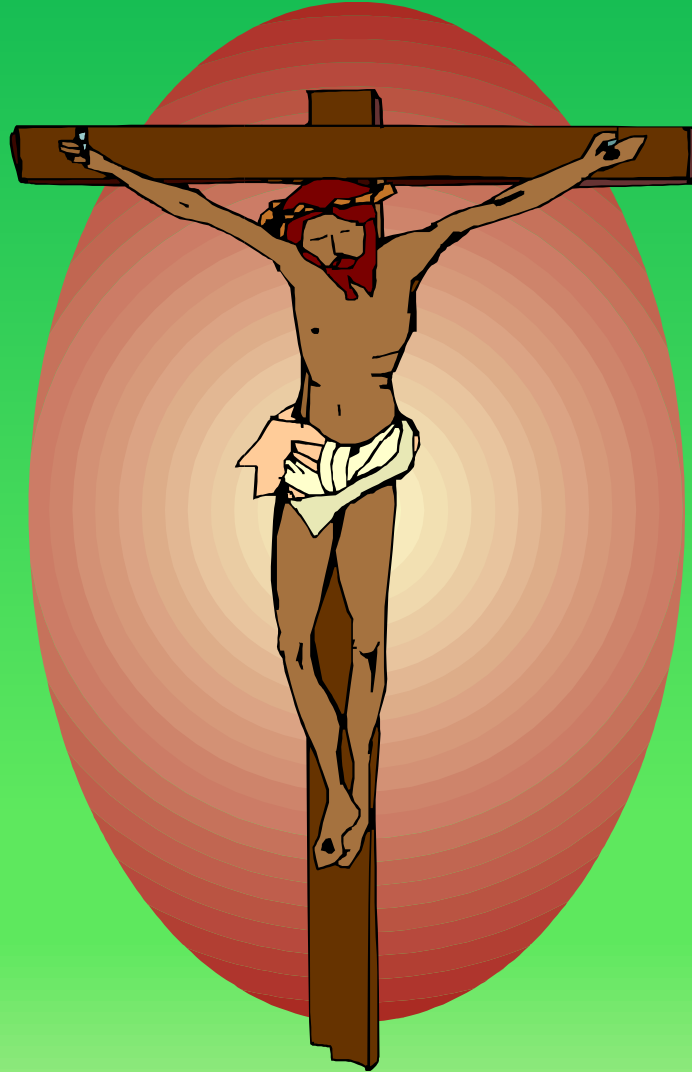
Support the Politicians Who Best Reflect Christian Values

要支持那些最好反映基督教价值观的政治家



Support and Follow the Ultimate Leader!

要支持和跟随那位最好的领袖!



Jesus is Lord! 耶稣是主!