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Please Join Us As We Pray For:

All of Our Military, Their Family's & All the Civilian Workers in The Middle East, Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, and Brother Philip Thornsberry, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frankie Baldrige and daughter, Buckie Thompson, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Tyrell Loyd, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Danny & Nita Mollette, their cousin Kayla, The Muncy Family, Lee & Mary Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Matthew Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ronnie Henderson Jr. & Children, Ricky Henderson and Family, Velma Hammond, Don Hammond and Families, Donna Johnson, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Nathan Fails, Jacob Ramsey, Jerry Hughes, Gina, Brother Kelley and Sister Hinson, Patricia Hinson, Diane Thomas, Clair and Jace Fails, Jim and Linda Meier, Keith Johnson, Carolyn Davis, Vickie Adkins, Shirly King, Tim Thomas and the Thomas family, Brother Robert and Sister Jennifer Keller, Christel and her daughter, Ruthie Craft, Bertito Craft, James Jackson and wife, Brother Dan Sullivan the work in Thailand, Brother Raul and the work in Romania, Bro. Sergey Mochalov and the Churches in Russia.

The Pastors Message:

This World and God's Ordained, Predetermined Will.

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." Romans 13:1

I was told while I was an incredibly young preacher by one of my mentors Pastor Charles Hammond of Huntsville, Alabama some words that have stuck with me, "you cannot preach to much of God's Sovereign Grace". My concern as a young preacher was becoming a "Hard-shell Baptist" and reaching the point that I no longer cared about people, salvation, and things in this life. As I have grown in God's word and have now spent more than 30 years in the ministry and 16 years as a Pastor, that you can be as Sovereign Grace as God makes you as still care about people, salvation and things in my life. Over the past few months, I have written much on God's Sovereignty and I will continue too because in our time we need it. We now live in a time of hate; we live in a time where the true hearts of people are no longer disguised in fake love and caring, but rather the hate that God said it would be. This world is not our friend, they do not care about us, they truly would love to see us dead. Luke 6:22 *"Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake."* This very hateful world we live in today is exactly the world that God warned us about. I do not know when Jesus is going to return, but we must be living in the last days. And as times get harder our Nation and our world continues to collapse right before our eyes, let us not worry because all is done by God's Ordained, Predetermined hand of Power. As a Pastor I no longer worry that I preach to much of God's Sovereign Grace because in this time we need it. We need to be reminded daily that God is in complete control and for us it will work out for the good. *"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."* Romans 8:28 This is because everything is working according to His power and glory. We as Christians can be assured that in the end, our good will be the results, because God works all things after the counsel of His own will. *"In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh **all things** after the counsel of his own will:"* Ephesians 1:11 Therefore, always keep in your heart

and mind, I will fear no evil I will never fear Satan and nor will I ever fear the happenings of this world, for it is all of Satan but God is continually in control. Preachers and Christians since creation have tried to figure out God's workings, prediction after prediction we have all failed because only God know what He has Ordained, Predetermined. "*Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.*" Acts 15:18 We only know what God has graciously manifested to us. It is true that some preachers have had true predictions over the years, but only because the Holy Spirit reveled it to them and then to us. As Christians, we are best served remembering that no matter what happens in this world or to us as Christians "...*For there is no power but of God...*" therefore we have no reason to worry or be of concern, God is over all. Job is the greatest of example to us, although the Bible and your life as a Christian are full of examples, Job's account shows us how God works. Satan could only do what God allowed and no more, Satan wanted to kill Job, but God would not allow it, but the misery and pain Job suffered at the hand of Satan and power of God was unbearable for anyone without grace. Job needed much grace to overcome the hurt in his heart and all the sufferings Satan brought to him. Satan was controlled by God then and he is still controlled today, only doing what God would allow him to do. While Job suffered much he was rewarded much, as we also will be. Folks, in our time we may suffer much but God has promised "...*that all things work together for good to them that love God...*" either in this life or our life with Him in glory, we will be rewarded for our faithfulness and sufferings. While Job lived, millions have died at the hand of Satan and his workers, but God is still in control. Our life and our bounds in life has been set by God, and we cannot pass them.

Last, let us understand "...*the powers that be are ordained of God.*" Just as Satan is, so are the evil powers of this world, all God's Ordained, Predetermined Will. Who will be President on January 20, 2021, whomever God has ordained! We must understand that God has predesignated everything in creation and therefore while we vote, God sets the winner in office as He ordained. Everyone in creation is a servant of God, not all are righteous servants as we are, but servants to do God's will in setting the world up for tribulation and destruction. Paul said "...for they are God's ministers..." Romans 13:6 because just as God created Satan to do evil, God created these people like Presidents to accomplish His will, even though they are evil, they are doing God's will and purpose. Folks, fight for good, fight for God's word, fight for godliness, but remember the Tribulation Period is in this world's future. God never promised our victory in this world, but promised that no matter what happens "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and ***be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.***" Hebrews 13:5 Therefore, fear not the world, the happenings of the world, nor who is elected President, "...*the powers that be are ordained of God.*" Jeremiah 27:5 "I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me."

If she has exceeded some of us in the heinousness of her sin

By Charles Spurgeon

"As she stood behind Him at His feet weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them!" Luke 7:38

O that our *eyes* were as ready with tears of repentance as were hers! O that our *hearts* were as full of love as hers and our *hands* as ready to serve the forgiving Lord! **If she has exceeded some of us in the heinousness of her sin** — yet she has exceeded all of us in the fervency of her affection!

Church News:

Happy Birthday Brother Larry Mollette Tuesday June 23rd
Happy Birthday Pastor Randy Johnson Saturday June 27th