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Greetings in Jesus' Name! I pray you are well. I want to first invite you to join us at the State Capitol on Tuesday, July 13th at 7 pm for our monthly prayer meeting. I hope and pray you can make it.

Have you ever thought about how many things God takes care of all at one time? Let's see – The sun, the moon, the stars, the planets, the birds, animals, weather, rotation of the earth, oxygen in the air, feeding the sparrows, healing the sick, delivering the demon possessed, raising the dead, speaking to and through His people, forgiving sinners, turning the hearts of kings, listening to our prayers, breathing life into new born babies, giving grace to stand to those who give their life for the gospel, ministering to the brethren who are in prison for their faith, being a father to the fatherless and a husband to the widow.... This list is endless. Ephesians 3:10 & 11 says, *“to the intent that now the manifold (multi-faceted) wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

This scripture plainly states that this display of God's wisdom in many facets through us, His People, will be to the confounding of evil powers called the principalities and powers in the heavenly places. Later in the book of Ephesians we read about those same principalities again when God speaks to us about fighting not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers in heavenly places. (Eph. 6: 10-13). The Word then encourages us to *“put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand.”* (Eph.6:13).

It is important that we realize that the battle is first and foremost a spiritual struggle between the forces of good and evil. It is just as important to realize that spiritual battle takes on many facets as we live out this life in Christ. I spoke to an African American man who told me about his struggle to go vote on Election Day. He saw very clearly the reality of where our now President and then candidate Barak Obama stood on issues like abortion and many others. He was not fooled as some were and still are of his claims to Christianity but he is a black man and the pressure to vote for Obama was huge. He spoke of the fight that took place that morning and how he had to press through numerous challenges to just get to the voting precinct and cast his ballot. He also testified to the peace that settled upon him and his home when he had pressed through and did what God told him to do.

This battle between good and evil can be so spiritual at times and sometimes it seems so mundane and ordinary. We must remember that the *wisdom of God is multi-faceted*. While God causes a whole universe to operate according to His wisdom He also feeds a tiny sparrow. Sometimes we will be in the midst of His Awesome Presence in prayer and it makes you wish you could stay in that place forever. Then the next morning you have to get up and go to work to provide for your family so the enemy cannot take advantage of a door opened through laziness.

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“Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft” (1 Sam. 15:23). I woke this morning with this scripture on my mind. It is what Samuel told Saul when he did not obey the voice of God concerning the destruction of the Amalekites. It is when God announced that He was removing Saul from being king of Israel. The life of Saul after this was marked by troubles of many kinds because of this disobedience. Rebellion is akin to witchcraft in that another source of power is now operating whether you know it or not and that source is not God. The fruit on this tree is never good.

It is crucial that we obey God in every area of life possible. *At IFL we have been and will continue praying for that obedience in our government that allows God to demonstrate His wisdom to the principalities and powers.* Sometimes that manifests itself in a huge battle for the life of the unborn within the walls of our Capitol. Sometimes it manifests as efforts to block legislation that puts us at odds with God. Other times it is that obedience that acknowledges God as who He is while the whole country seems to be mocking Him. At other times it is a battle for who will be voted into the positions of authority that make up the structure of our government.

We are fast approaching one of those times. Elections will be going on all over Louisiana starting on August 28, 2010 and ending on November 2, 2010. *Who we put in office will in large part determine the context of the spiritual battles ahead.* One of the early statesmen in America, William Penn once said that it was more important to elect good people to office than to pass good laws because if good people were in office then only good laws would be tolerated.

Here are some very practical things concerning the elections coming up:

- 1) You must be registered to vote! We get to choose our leaders in this country and they get “chosen” by who gets the most votes. You cannot elect good leaders if you sit at home on Election Day.
- 2) You must register to vote by July 28, 2010 if you want to vote in the 1st Primary Elections on August 28, 2010 which is very important.
- 3) If you wish to change party affiliation you can do this by this date as well. For some of you this is a big issue as you have seen some parties take anti-Christian positions in many areas.
- 4) Research your candidates. Ignorance is not an applicable excuse these days with all the information available. If you say afterwards “I did not know” it is because you did not want to know.

About a month after the election of President Obama a dear sister and intercessor was asked what her take was. She said, “I think we just bought ourselves a bunch of intercession.” Boy was she ever right! In Louisiana we want to elect good people to office wherever they can be found. Remember – “When the righteous rule the people rejoice, when the wicked rule the people mourn.”

Till He Comes,
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