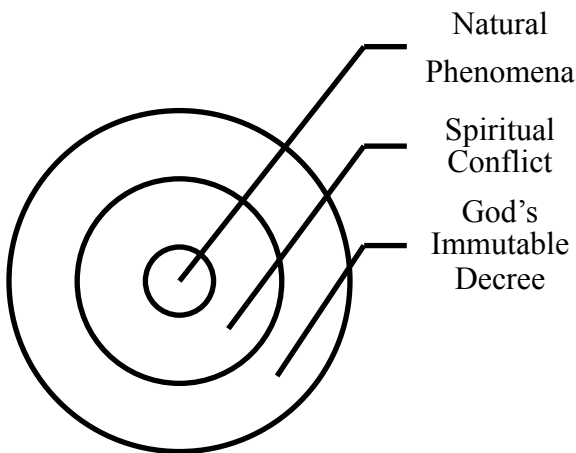


## **POST-ELECTION SERMON: THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012 ELECTION, preached on Sunday morning, November 4, 2012**

‘Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, “All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. “Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours.” And Jesus answered and said to him, “Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve’”” (Luke 4:5-8)

### **INTRODUCTION: THERE ARE THREE PARADIGMS FOR UNDERSTANDING REALITY.**



### **THE NATURAL WORLD IS THE WORLD OF MATERIAL CAUSE AND EFFECT.**

The world that we live in is a world that is affected by three things. I sent something out on the internet to all on Grace-Prays that has a little chart in it. Everything that happens, happens because of natural things, the physical world. I have a pair of keys. I know what is going... well, I don't know, but I am highly sure, not fully sure, but highly sure... I am not 100 percent sure, because we don't live in a Newtonian universe, but in a post Einstein universe. So I am highly convinced, but not absolutely convinced, what is going to happen. Are you ready? Just like always. That doesn't mean it will next time. It just always has in my past. Let go of the keys they fall. It is the natural world.

People will vote this coming Tuesday. And I don't know all that is going to happen. But as a result of a purely natural world with a lot of things involved, I don't think there has been a single election ever in the world there wasn't voter fraud. You remember the outcome of the 1960 election in the fall of 60? If it hadn't been for the Giancanas, we might have had Richard Nixon as President in 61 rather than in 69. There has always been voter fraud.

So, in the natural world people are going to go to the polls and vote on Tuesday. I really encourage you to do that. And I encourage you to vote your conscience. Your vote may lead you to vote for one candidate or another. And at the end of the day, that is your business. That is not my business. But I do encourage you to vote. And at the end of the day, hopefully, hopefully by nine or 10 o'clock at night, we will know the results, but we may not know the results. This is The Natural World.

### **THERE IS THE SPHERE OF SPIRITUAL WAR.**

There is a second sphere on our world and that second sphere has to do with the fact that you and I are in war right now, right now, sitting right here. In this very place is a battle field; the battle field is for your mind and my mind. There are supernatural influences that are good and bad that are in this room. And we can bind them, and we can pray them out, but they just keep sneaking back in, just like Sandy is gone, and her cat just sneaks in the house, and it sneaks in, and I am happy to have the cat in the house. But don't wake me up at four in the morning. I know you miss your mama, but don't wake me up. I am not your mama.

And so just like Sandy's cat sneaking in the house when I don't want him, when I am getting ready to leave, I don't want a cat in the house, a house with no litter box.

So just like the cat sneaking in, into this very place—no matter how much praise has been going on, no amount of petition—evil, unseen forces come in, and they work on your mind. They make you hear things that aren't being said. Seriously. And they make you fail to hear things that are being said.

## **THERE IS THE SPHERE OF THE ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD.**

And then there is a third way of looking at the world, and it doesn't cancel out the other two at all. And that is God is absolutely, totally, utterly and completely in control of the world. He is absolutely sovereign. Not a sparrow falls from the ground apart from Jesus, apart from the heavenly Father, said Jesus.

### **I. THE "GOD OF THIS WORLD" OFFERS POLITICAL POWER IN EXCHANGE FOR WORSHIP.**

So, with that in mind, I want you to look at that second sphere, the sphere of spiritual warfare. Look at what we find here. Look at the devil's claims. Now remember: the devil is a liar, so what he is saying to Jesus is not completely true. But I want you to understand something. It is somewhat true. He is called "the god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4). How did he become "the god of this world"? How did he become in control of this world? Man was given authority over the earth, and when man broke God's agreement with God himself and humankind, Satan, the usurper, seized the real estate.

Satan owns the planet. Now you say, "But there is more to it than that." Of course, there is more to it than that. I've got 29 more minutes to give you more than that. So here is a half truth. Listen to what he says, verse six: "All this authority I will give You, and their glory" (Luke 4:6).

Do you use that word glory? You know, I wonder about people running for political office. Why would you subject yourself to that? Do you know why people do that? The glory. Why do people at my age decide to go on a political campaign where every ugly thing that they have ever done or said that anybody can prove—and get this—and make up, whoa, make up—subject yourselves to that?

I remember some years ago General Colin Powell was going to run for President. Do you ever remember that? I think something happened with him and his wife, for she said to him, "Honey, don't do this. Don't do this," because she knew they were going to dig and dig into their whole life story. Here is a general, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and he decided not to run.

Why do you put yourself through it? And the answer is: Glory. That this why people knock themselves out on movie sets, concerts. Who in his right mind heads out, performing night after night, strange cities, strange beds, bizarre things, security? You can't even go into a restaurant and have a meal because people come over, trying to get your autograph or just touch you. Why do people do that? Well, the answer is right here. He says, their glory. Glory. Now there are political leaders that are drafted by the people. But the self drafters—here is the deal, the glory.

But notice something here. There is a price for obtaining this glory. It is offered to Jesus. And he says, "I will give it to you. It has been given to me." How did he get it? That is another one of those half truths. "While Adam was not minding the store, I moved in and took possession." But he legally has possession of the country and of Africa and of Asia and of South America. He legally, though a usurper, has control.

And you need to understand something. There are things God cannot do. God cannot lie. God cannot murder. He kills people all the time. Nobody dies without God's decree. But God never murders anybody. God never steals. What is he going to steal? Do you own anything? God owns it all. So God cannot sin, and God honors his Word. He honors his law, because they reflect his own character.

So when Satan makes a legal claim, even if he got there by usurpation, God honors it. So Satan says, "I will give you all this if you worship me. I will give it to you, because it is mine to give."

Now that is a half truth, and we will learn more in a moment.

Now, you know, there is an implication here about people who seek power. The implication is, in order to get it, there has got to be a bit of selling of the soul. Verse seven: "Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours" (Luke 4:7).

I am not saying that of every political leader in history. You are going to look at something else in a moment. And I am not saying that every king in history or prince in history or general in history or movie star or actor or famous preacher or pope or bishop, I am not saying that they have all done it by compromise. That is not what I am saying, but I am saying this: as a

general rule, the price of obtaining power, of going to the next level, of getting that promotion you want that God hasn't said to you, "go for it," is to sell your soul.

Remember, selling your soul is not exactly like in Goethe's Faust. It is done subtly. It is a little compromise here. It is a lie told there. It is a prevarication here. It is a denial there. It is lining up with this bad person here, lining up with that person there. It is going all over the map with positions. It is putting your getting into office ahead of your own integrity and honesty. It is putting your getting into office ahead of your family. It is putting getting into office ahead of your relationship with the Lord, which is never going to work, if you are not part of a local church.

Wow. As I look over living former Presidents, the President with whom I have the strongest disagreement, probably was the best President in terms of trying to live a Christian commitment. I didn't agree with him. I thought he was incompetent—I'm just being honest here—but I think that Jimmy Carter, who like King Hezekiah has probably lived too long and talked too much (2 Kings 20:1-6), is nevertheless, probably, the one President in my lifetime who actually took Christianity seriously in terms of his personal life. I am not saying none of the others were Christians. Please don't misunderstand me. I just have to respect a man who picks up a hammer and a saw and builds houses for people to live in. And, by the way, that is a wonderful organization. It is about helping people to help themselves. They don't give these things away. They build houses through volunteers, and it is right here in Alexandria as well. They build houses that people can afford, and make it affordable for whatever they can pay, but it is theirs. They possess it. They own it. They keep it up, and you don't find people who buy those houses abusing them and not taking care of them.

So I will say this. It is a rare man who achieves high office who ends up like Jimmy Carter, still being part of a local church, still teaching Sunday school and still trying to practice Christianity.

Do I agree with his interpretation of Christianity? No. Do I agree with his policies? No. Did I just say that he was like King Hezekiah, who got that extra lease on life, and all the misery that happened to the children of Judah was a result of Hezekiah's living 15 years too long? But I've got to look at him and say, "This guy says to the world, 'I am a real Christian,' by how he lives."

I am going to say one thing. If you are not a part of a local church, in the eyes of the world, you are not and cannot be a Christian, because the New Testament knows nothing of a Christian who is not part of a local church. May I say it again? I know a lot of people who don't go to church. They say, "Well, my church is the TV. My church is the radio. My church is the internet." They don't go to church. They have no group of elders or deacons or pastors helping to shepherd them, helping to make them accountable. They are not Christians. I am not saying they are not going to heaven. But they aren't Christians legally. You are not a Christian in the technical sense, if you are not part of a local church.

So, I look at our Presidents, and I know a lot have used Christianity to get into office, but I will say this for old Jimmy: the guy lived out his faith, before, during and after.

But look at what Satan says: "Worship me and you can have it" (Luke 4:5-8).

## **II. GOD IS IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE WORLD, AND HE GENERALLY PUTS LOW-LIFES INTO POWER.**

Turn with me, if you will, to the book of Daniel chapter four, verse 17. Nebuchadnezzar who was one of the greatest, most powerful world rulers who ever lived, had a dream that terrified him. Do you know that God still speaks through dreams today? Dreams aren't infallible. But they shouldn't always be taken with a grain of salt. God often times takes your conscience and causes it to process what you were suppressing by day to come out at night. So you should take dreams seriously at times. Usually a dream doesn't mean what you think it means. You have got to figure out what your symbolism is there. Dreams cause us to realize we are afraid of things, cause us to realize we actually desire to do some things that we had no idea we desired.

Well, Nebuchadnezzar was given a dream by God that was a warning to him, because in this dream, he saw a tree full of birds that was chopped down and yet the root remained alive, and it was restored. And he was all upset about it. It was a nightmare. And so he called for people to interpret it, and finally he calls in the Jewish eunuch, a descendant of King Hezekiah,

because the exile took place because of Hezekiah. And this descendant of King Hezekiah, Daniel, tells the king what it is about.

I want you to notice when Daniel explains it to him what he says is, if you look over here at verse 32. Let me read 32 before we look at 17: “And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen; and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses” (Daniel 4:32).

That is Daniel’s interpretation. Now, I want you to notice when we look at verse 17, Daniel left something out because Daniel wasn’t stupid. Let’s see what he left out. Let’s see what he says. He says, “This dream has been given to you to tell you that you are about to go into madness. Your mental disorder is a direct result of the decree of God, and it is designed to humble you until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men and he gives it,” he says, “He gives it to whomever he chooses.”

See, that is the balancing truth to Satan’s half-truth. Now let’s look at verse 17. See if you can spot what is left out. This is Nebuchadnezzar’s recounting his dream.

“This decision is by the decree of the watchers, and the sentence by the word of the holy ones, in order that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, gives it to whomever He will, and sets over it the lowest of men” (Daniel 4:17).

What did he leave out? Daniel told the king what he had dreamed and interpreted it, but he left out one part of this. He didn’t leave out the part about God is in control. God chooses whose people’s rulers will be. He didn’t leave that out, but he left out something else. What did he leave out? The what?

The lowest. That is what he left out. Daniel is not going to push it. He would have been pushing it, because what Daniel says, and this is one of those rare places in the Old Testament that is not in Hebrew. It is in Aramaic, which is the language that was being spoken at that time in that place. And this is what Daniel says are the kinds of people that God puts as kings, emperors, presidents, governors, and so on. I want you to remember one qualifier before I press this. That doesn’t mean that everyone whom

God puts into power is this way. But we can say that, as a rule of thumb, it is true. He doesn't say that everyone whom God puts in power is this way, but he says, everyone who is in power has been put there by God.

What is the Aramaic word? *Sh'phal* (שִׁפְּלָא).

What kinds of people does God, as a general rule, put into power over others? He puts in power a *sh'phal* (שִׁפְּלָא). What is that? “Wretched, humble, lazy” (Ludwig Koehler and Walter Baumgartner, *Lexicon in Veteris Testamenti Libros*). Are you kidding me? God puts a *sh'phal* (שִׁפְּלָא) in power? A “wretched, humble”—not in a good sense, but in the sense of low down—lazy. A lazy man. Are you kidding me? Wait a minute. This is the Word of God. This was spoken by an angelic messenger to Nebuchadnezzar himself. And it is the only part of the revelation that isn't repeated about several times.

You can see it in chapter five. Daniel speaks to Belshazzar on the night before the empire collapsed. They didn't believe the empire could collapse, but it collapsed over night. You think that your nation is secure. You think that trouble comes gradually. You think that you can tell it weeks out, months out when it is going to happen. I want you to know that the kingdom of Babylon was absolutely sure and people were totally convinced that it was impregnable. They were so convinced that they had a big party eating and drinking and carrying on and what? The night of Belteshazzar's blast, when Minny-Minny tickled the parson—*mene, mene, tekel upharsin* (מְנֵא מְנֵא תִּקְל וּפְרָסִין)—that on the night of the handwriting on the wall, nobody suspected that before the sun rose, they would be dead people and their country would be no more, their government would have collapsed and chaos and all an invasion implies was going to take place.

Daniel reminded Belteshazzar of what his ancestor Nebuchadnezzar had been told. God is in control of things.

Do you know what God almighty said to King Nebuchadnezzar? King Nebuchadnezzar inherited the power from his daddy. That is so often the case throughout history, isn't it? Men who would never be anybody in this world, if it hadn't been for grandpa or daddy, are in power. Look at the kings of England down through the ages.



And here is Nebuchadnezzar. Nebuchadnezzar was raised to believe that he was somebody. Nebuchadnezzar was raised to believe that he was noble. They even have a saying about it. So don't forget you are noble, but remember there are obligations. This is French, and I think it is pronounced this way, *noblesse oblige*. *Noblesse oblige*, the obligation of nobility.

Do you know what God almighty says to the King of kings and Lord of lords? Because that is the title of this man. He said, "You are a lowlife, lazy, wretched man."

Do you understand the implications of *sh'phal* (שִׁפְּלָה)? Nebuchadnezzar, King of kings—his father was Nabopolassar who founded the Neo-Babylonian Empire—he is a "Blue Blood." He is of a noble race, of a noble lineage. The blood of kings flows in his veins.

But he is a *sh'phal* (שִׁפְּלָה), a lowlife, a wretched, lazy man. Wow.

Notice what we are told here. God puts these people into power.

### **III. WHOEVER IS IN POLITICAL POWER WAS PUT THERE BY DIVINE DECREE.**

Now turn with me, if you will, to Romans chapter 13: God puts into power whom he wills: "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God" (Romans 13:1).

I want you to understand, when Saint Paul wrote these words, who was emperor of Rome?

The Claudians were in power. We can read their biographies in Suetonius' *The Twelve Caesars*. The Claudians were in power. Which, particular Claudian was in power when Paul wrote these words?

Nero. Come on. Do you mean that almighty God put a murdering man in power like Nero...?

You see Nero's mama murdered her husband, Claudius, and Claudius only came to power because his nephew, "Little Boots," Gaius—we know him in history as "Little Boots"—the Latin of "Little Boots" is Caligula—because

the Praetorian Guard assassinated Caligula, and they ran through the palace wiping out people, and they found Claudius, who was a terrible stutterer, hiding behind a curtain, and they said, “You would make a great emperor, because we know that you are basically a coward.” And they left him alone because they knew that Claudius knew what side his bread was buttered on.

Never forget this about the high muckety-mucks: they all know what side their bread is buttered on.

Not long ago I got to hear a politician speak at a Boy Scout event, and the man said, “I was never smart enough to be an Eagle Scout, just a Congressman.”

That was designed to be a little self-deprecating humor, and I was there in my Scout uniform and, unfortunately, I guffawed. The baritone voice, breathing from the diaphragm, guffawing in a large sanctuary, tends to fill the place. He cut his eyes over at me immediately.

Then I thought about it: “I was never smart enough to be an Eagle Scout, just a Congressman.” And it dawned on me. You don’t have to be really smart to be a Congressman. You just need to know who pulls the strings. And if you will do what they tell you to do, they will see to it you go back in power again and again.

Whatever way that Senator So and So and Senator So and Doe vote, you vote. You don’t have to be smart enough to be an Eagle Scout to be a Congressman. You just have to know whom you don’t make mad.

Romans 13: “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God” (Romans 13:1).

You mean Nero? Nero. Claudius? Claudius. Caligula? Caligula. Julius Caesar? Didn’t he murder to get there? Sure. Cutthroat. “The powers that exist.” Look at what he says, verse two: “Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves” (Romans 13:2).

Whoever wins this Tuesday—or as a result of the vote on Tuesday, or if it is extended out 12 more days, as someone has said it might be in certain places because of Hurricane Sandy—if you resist, you bring judgment on yourself.

And then notice, he gives you a rule of thumb. Was this true for Nero? Listen to this. This is pretty serious: “For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same” (Romans 13:3).

Now I am going to tell you something really bizarre. People are better off in Stalin’s Russia and Hitler’s Germany than under Hurricane Sandy when the government has collapsed. Hear me out. Don’t write me off as a lunatic. You remember everybody was mocking New Orleans—how bad New Orleans was? And the reason things were bad in New Orleans was that the electricity was off in the southeast corner of Louisiana. That means that the police communications and all these other things weren’t working, and water was blocking streets. So the police are gone.

What happens when there is no government? When there is no government, chaos rules. You know, Sandy and I—not Hurricane Sandy—“Mild Tornado Sandy” and I drove your church van down and hauled people out of the Super Dome. That was an unbelievable experience after Hurricane Katrina. People were raping people in broad daylight. People were killing people in broad daylight. People were so afraid because there was nobody there to protect them in the Super Dome that they circled themselves in circles of people, and they put women and children in the middle of the circle, and people defecated right then and there, days on end that they were in there—no government came.

And people said, “Oh, look at those stupid people down there in New Orleans.”

Now we find out that people are “just as stupid” in New York. And here is what happens. When you don’t have electricity, and your batteries begin to die, and you can’t communicate, and you can’t transport, and you run out of fuel, what do you have? You have chaos. I want to tell you: no matter how bad the government, it is better than no government.

So how do you get along if Joe Stalin is the head of your country, or Mao Zedong, or Adolf Hitler? You fly below the radar. You keep your mouth

shut. You are polite. You say, “Yes, Sir; No, Sir; Please and Thank you.” And by and large, if you will mind your business, you will be all right. I didn’t say there won’t be persecution. There will be, but you can often avoid it. And Paul writes these words with Nero in mind, and he says, “Whatever government you have got, deal with it respectfully,” because he says, verse four: “For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience’ sake” (Romans 13:4-5). And that is why you pay your taxes.

Whoever wins, he is God’s appointment. He is God’s minister. He has been put in power by God, and if you are ugly and defiant and rebellious and hateful, God will punish you through him.

#### **IV. WE ARE TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CONTROL OVER US.**

Turn with me, if you will, to First Timothy two.

So what is your response if Mr. Romney wins, or Mr. Obama wins, or Mr. Virgil Goode wins, or Governor Johnson wins, or that lady that got arrested with the Green party wins? What is your response? How are you going to deal with him? You want God to curse you? You want him to stop hearing your prayers?

Look at First Timothy two: “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence” (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

God wants you to pray for your President. Have you prayed for President Obama lately? How about praying for his wife. How about praying for his two precious little girls, Malia and Sasha? Or Mr. Romney and his wife, Anne? Whoever comes into power, do you pray for them? That is what he says. Notice what he says in verse eight. This is so important, angry voters. Verse eight: “I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting” (1 Timothy 2:8).

If you hate President Obama, your vote is going to curse you. If you hate him, your vote is going to curse you. It will. Because you are not having your prayers heard by God. That doesn't mean you have to like everything that man does. I certainly don't. I am a one-hundred percent Pro-Life person—unless both lives are going to be lost. I believe it is a human being. I am a traditional marriage person. I believe in the Ten Commandments, but if I hate my President, I can't lift up hands without wrath and doubting. You have got hatred for the President? You better get it right with God, or you are about to unleash hell on this country. Get rid of your hatred. It is all over the place. Get rid of it. Hate his policies, if you will. I hate many of them, but I don't hate him. If you hate him, deal with it, because when you pray, you have got to “lift up holy hands without wrath and doubting.”

What about doubting? God is in control. That is what you have got to remember. You have got to believe that: when you pray, God is listening. And he is going to hear your prayers. But you have got to “lift up holy hands without wrath or doubting.” Wow, that is tough, isn't it?

So next Sunday, Mr. Obama may be going to be inaugurated the second time, or Mr. Romney may be the person who is going to be inaugurated in January. I don't know. But you can't hate him.

Paul didn't even hate Nero, and Nero is the one that had Paul executed. Did you know that? Paul is writing this letter late in life. Nero is the cat that is going to kill him, and he knows it. “Without wrath.” Don't hate your President. Don't hate your governor. Don't hate political leaders. Pity them. They are in a Satanic trap. But remember, not only does Satan engineer these things, God does, too.

## **V. GOD PUTS PEOPLE INTO POWER, SO THAT WE WOULD TURN TO GOD.**

We have got one last verse, and then we are truly done. Acts chapter 17: why does God put *sh'phal* (שִׁפְּלָה) in power? Why does God put lazy men, men who get into positions because of others into power?

Look at Acts 17. Why does God do it? Why does God put a Hitler in power? Why does God put a Lenin in power? Why does God let a nice family man like Nicholas Romanov, Nicholas II, be killed by a bunch of lowlifes in Yekaterinburg? Why does he let a megalomaniacal man like

Mao Zedong come to power? Or the Kim family in North Korea? Why does he do that? Why is God going to put in power in January a lowlife, lying, lazy, good for nothing? Oh, oh, wait a minute. You have information about the guy I hate, that he is going to win? No, I don't have an inside track. I am not a prophet. I don't know who is going to win. That is why I said, I am doing my Post Election Sermon now, so you won't have fault with it. Why does God do those things? Here it is, verse 26.

Paul is at Mars hill speaking to the philosophers and he says: "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre appointed times and the boundaries of their dwelling" (Acts 17:26).

Do you know what he is saying? He is saying Babylon fell because of the decree of God. The United States existed from 1776 to 2013... I don't know that, of course, but it could be true, because of what? Why did he determine their pre-appointed times and boundaries of their dwellings?

Verse 27 says why: "So that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us" (Acts 17:27).

And I am going to leave you with this word: the greatest way that God can bless America is to knock our financial foundation to hell. The greatest way that God can bless us is to collapse Social Security. The greatest way that God can bless America is to let us be invaded by a foreign power.

You say, "Come on, Bob. Are you serious?"

This is what I mean. God will sacrifice absolutely anything in your life and my life to make us become praying people. There are no Atheists in foxholes. Well, there are no Atheists anyhow; people just tell themselves they are Atheists. When people are in excruciating pain, when their lives are in grave danger, they begin to seek God. God arranges for things to happen that, from my perspective, are absolutely awful because he has a purpose called Salvation: that men might seek him.

The last Chinese Emperor was overthrown in the early twentieth century, and then we have Sun Yat-sen, and we have the Kuomintang who come under the authority of Chiang Kai-shek. And then we have a rich peasant's

son, a real lowlife... I mean if you want to talk about a *sh'phal* (שֶׁפַל), it is Mao Zedong. He was a lazy, good for nothing. He really was. Yet after World War II, it isn't the Kuomintang who retained power in China, when the Japanese are driven out. Thanks to a little help from our State Department, Mao Zedong comes to power.

Now, at the time that the Communists came to power, in China there were about four million people in the whole of that massive nation, who in any way shape or form confessed faith in Christ. You name the denomination, we are including all of them, including cults and what have you. Chiang Kai-shek led the Kuomintang, and they took over the island of Formosa and set up the Nationalist China. (It used to have a place on the Security Council until they were betrayed by Richard Nixon. And he swapped them for the Communists, and set the stage for the Communists to gain that power.) So the Kuomintang went to Taiwan, and the Chinese Communists took over China, and then came the Cultural Revolution. It was a nightmare from the pit of hell . . . Unbelievable . . . Violence . . . College professors are pulled out of their universities and put out into the rice paddies. It was unbelievable. Merrill and I met a professor and his wife who suffered during that time, the death of one of their four children, while they were both in prison. I think he was a physics professor during the Cultural Revolution.

But what happened after it was over? Any guess today of how many millions of people are real Christians in China today? Eighty million.

You see, God will put a Mao Zedong in power so that men and women and boys and girls will begin to get on their face and seek him.

So will you seek the Lord? This isn't even an evangelistic sermon. It is seeking the Lord, because I think that most Christians are asleep in the light. It is later than you think. Babylon fell in a single day. The country that we love may not be here next Sunday.

“Oh, come on, Bob.”

That is not a prophecy. I am just saying that is the way history works. Sometimes, from some unexpected source, bizarre things happen. God will do absolutely anything in your life to turn you into a seeker.