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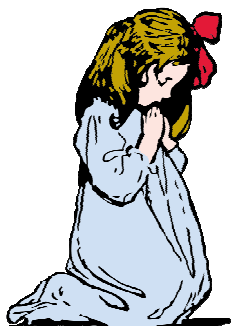
"take heed....as to a light that shines in a dark place." II Peter 1:19

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Dear Friends,

Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. 1 Peter 2:16

Trump is not a savior. He is not a national pastor. He is not a great moral reformer. If he has truly come to know the Lord as some respected leaders claim, then at best he is a baby Christian. So far he is a trumpet (excuse the pun) in the ears of both sides of the political establishment as well as the news media. The message he is proclaiming is that the time for change is now. Yet what does that change look like? Could he be a negative mirror image of Obama – white on the right – but just as lawless and narcissistic? Sadly there are validated reports of white supremacist groups claiming new ground because of Trump's election.

What we do know is that he is a tool in the hands of God. Is he a tool for blessing or for cursing? That depends in part on the people of God. Will we sit back and return to the inept indifference, passivity, and religiosity that helped put us in the present mess? Or will we awaken to our task to speak the truth in love and to demonstrate the reality of the kingdom of God in every level of culture? Will we pray for righteous laws to be enacted and for the fear of the Lord to come on our leaders? Will we ask the Holy Spirit to come first upon us as His church in convicting power, so that through us the church will overcome evil with good? Time will tell in how things begin to move.

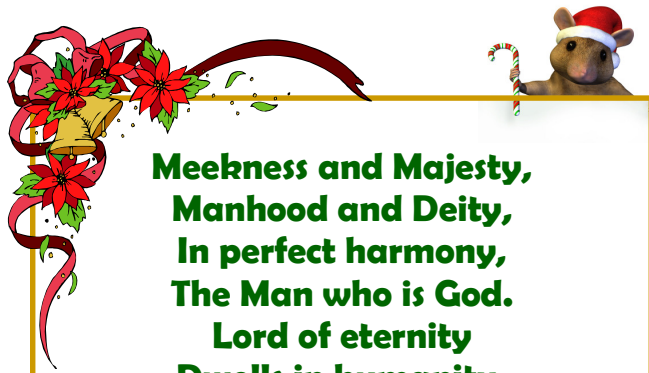
Today Tom Price was picked as Trump's Secretary of Health and Human Services. He is a medical doctor as well as a conservative leader. He is an opponent of the Obama takeover of medicine, and has been given a zero rating by Planned Parenthood as well as by the largest homosexual activist organizations. Trump's choices so far are encouraging. That should be a reason for God's people to offer thanksgiving. It should motivate us to press forward in prayer and action against evil.

But what I hear too often is this: “Who cares what they do up there? It’s all the same. Why bother?” That comes from some who are supposed to be fully awake! **The good lack all conviction, while the evil are full of passionate intensity.** Then there are those who claim to take no sides but remain in loving unity with everyone. That sounds so spiritual, doesn’t it? Yes, we are to love everyone. Yet to truly love some, you must be against them! There is a demonic empowered sentimentality that goes something like this: “To stand against evil is bad because it is not loving to take immovable stands. And who are we to judge what is good or evil? Let’s just all get along.” **If you prayed before the election, your prayer calling has only begun.**

There was a man who was caught in a flood hanging onto his rooftop. He prayed for dear life, and soon a boatman tried to rescue him. The near drowning man refused because he didn’t know if the boatman was a Christian or not, so he told him to move on, that he was waiting for God to save him. A helicopter flew over and a rope came down, but the man waved them away because he didn’t know what party they were part of. After he drowned, he asked the Lord why He never showed up. “Son, I sent you a boat and a helicopter, but you were too spiritually narrow-minded to see Me coming to you through them.”

If the analogy isn’t clear, let me close with this. No, Trump is not a lot of things. But one thing he is so far, is a fist in the face of rampant evil. If we seek God we may be given not only a reprieve but a reversal, and quite possibly, out of that, a revival of mercy and goodness in this country. Contrary to super-spiritual thinking, God uses people, all kinds of people. So instead of disregarding the progress towards good that Trump seems to be attempting, can we see our boat, our helicopter, our rope, and take hold prayerfully? Or are we so spiritually narrow-minded that even God can’t help us? **It is a fact that nothing worthwhile in this world is achieved without love and humility. Pray on, dear friends.**





**Meekness and Majesty,
Manhood and Deity,
In perfect harmony,
The Man who is God.
Lord of eternity
Dwells in humanity,
Kneels in humility
And washes our feet.**

***O what a mystery,
Meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship
For this is your God,
This is your God.***

**Father's pure radiance,
Perfect in innocence,
Yet learns obedience
To death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life,
Conquering through sacrifice,
And as they crucify
Prays: 'Father forgive.'**

**Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible,
Love indestructible
In frailty appears.**

**Lord of infinity,
Stooping so tenderly,
Lifts our humanity
To the heights of His throne.**

(Graham Kendrick)

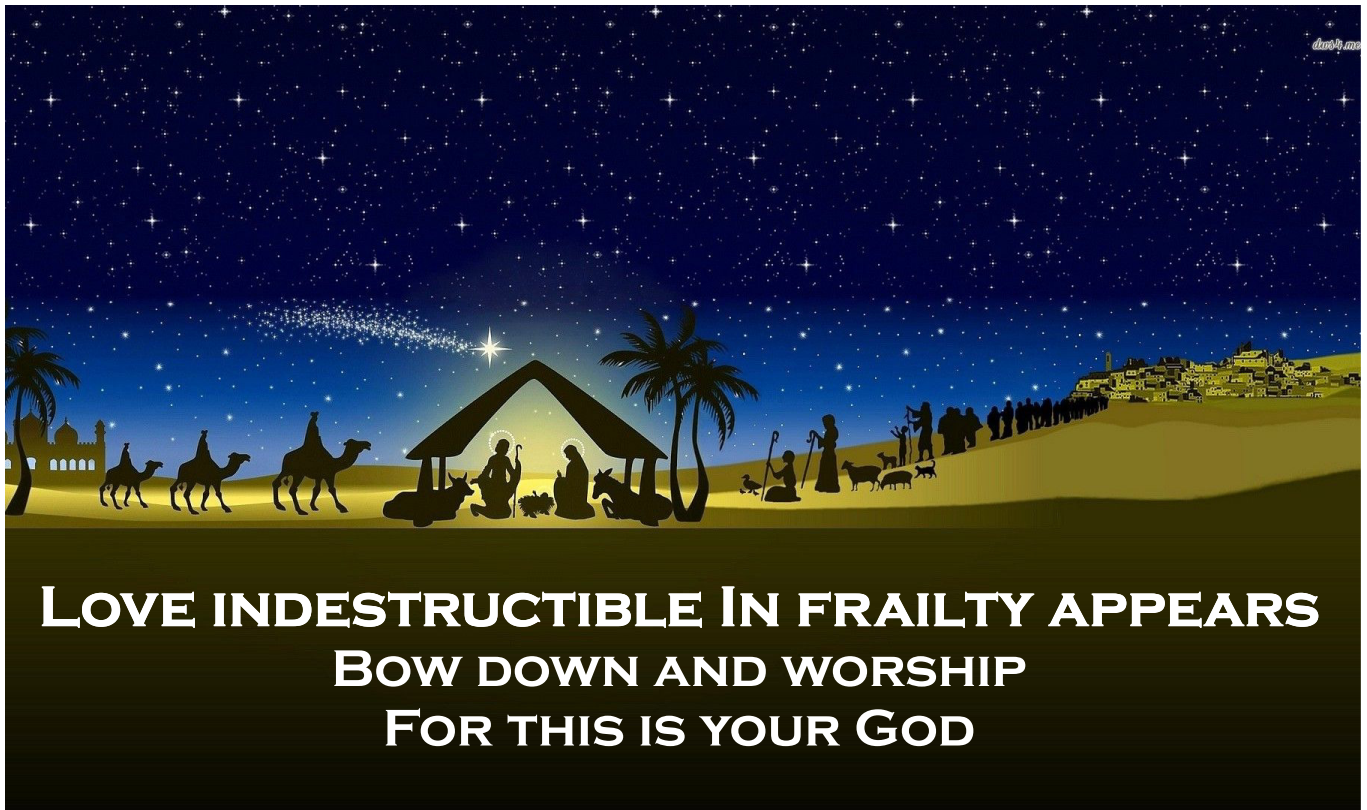


Closing Thoughts...



The glory of the season transcends all that we love. The goodwill. The gifts, both given and received. The good food. The faces of children. The Christmas carols. The fellowship with family and friends. The flicker of candles. The Christmas tree. The twinkle of lights. The greenery of wreaths. The nativity. The church bells. Communion. All that we love, but more. May He give us eyes to see **THROUGH** these loves to the greater Beyond. To the ultimate Reality. To Him, our God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Merry Christmas, Clay & Mary



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