Pondering the election results made me think back to some hard times in Israel's history. I wonder how it must have felt to Daniel and the other Israelites when Jerusalem was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar? They must have been wondering how in the world God could do this to his own people? Daniel and his friends were taken as slaves to Babylon they never returned to Israel again. But no matter what the issues politically were, they remained Faithful to God. That is a wonderful reminder to us that God knows what He is doing and that everything He does has a purpose. In these verses God is judging Nebuchadnezzar for his arrogance and pride. Look closely at the words and remember the Bible is true and applicable today.

Daniel 4:29-32 *(NIV) "...as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, [30] he said, "Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?" [31] The words were still on his lips when a voice came from heaven, "This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you. [32] You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like cattle. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that* ***the Most High is SOVEREIGN OVER the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone he wishes****."*

God is Sovereign over ALL the kingdoms of men. Yes, we get to vote in this country but God still determines the end result. How does He do that? W do not know, but we do know that He is Infinite, All powerful and Sovereign. Somehow, He manages to give us the right to vote and still determine the end result.

So what is our responsibility in all of this? First, never loose heart, God is still on the throne. No matter what happens all around us God knows what He is doing and has a purpose in all of it. Second, pray for those in authority (1 Tim. 2:1-3), for our current president and our president elect. Third, remember we are just passing through. We really are just aliens and strangers here. Last, give thanks to God as Paul told the Thessalonians.

1 Thess. 5:16-18 *(ESV)* Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, *give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

PRAYER: Lord, God, I acknowledge that You are God and I am not. I'm thankful that I can praise and worship you no matter what the political situation may be. I ask Lord, that you would continue to do Your good work in me, my family, our church, this community and our nation. May you be exalted more and more.

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