Prediction for November 9

Today is Election Day all across the country. Citizens of the United States are going to the polls to choose the next president.

Will it be Donald J. Trump, the Republican candidate, or Hillary Rodham Clinton, the Democratic office-seeker? We should know by the end of the day – or perhaps by Wednesday, if it is a tight decision.

What will be the outcome? Max Lucado, author and minister, has a prediction for Nov. 9:

We are really ready for this presidential election to be over. We're ready for an end to the rancor and tackiness. Voters on both sides feel frustrated, even embarrassed, by it all. There is a visceral fear, an angst about the result. What if so and so wins? When we wake up to Nov. 9, post-election, when the confetti is swept away and the election is finally over, what will we see?

I have a prediction. I know exactly what Nov. 9 will bring. Another day of God's perfect sovereignty. He will still be in charge. His throne will still be occupied. He will still

manage the affairs of the world. Never before has His providence depended on a king, president or ruler. And it won't on Nov. 9, 2016. "The Lord can control a king's mind as He controls a river; He can direct it as He pleases" (Proverbs 21:1 NCV).

On one occasion the Lord turned the heart of the king of Assyria so that he aided them in the construction of the temple. On another occasion, He stirred the heart of Cyrus to release the Jews to return to Jerusalem. Nebuchadnezzar was considered to be the mightiest king of his generation. But God humbled and put him in "detention" for seven years. "The kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the nations" (Psalm 22:28).



Understanding God's sovereignty over the nations opens the door to peace. When we realize that God influences the hearts of all rulers, we can then choose to pray for them rather than fret about them. Rather than wring our hands, we bend our knees, we select prayer over despair ...

Dare to believe that good things will happen. Dare to believe that God was speaking to us when He said: "In everything God works for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28).

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Max Lucado is exactly right. God can - and does - bless America.

But if we as Christians want to heal our land, we must do our part:

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land (2 Chronicles 7:14 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter