

Is God for Republicans or Democrats?

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Even though I don't put bumper stickers on my truck or place signs in my yard, I take my voting responsibilities seriously. I listen, try to understand, and then make an informed decision in my voting. It's not an easy task, and my cynic side often has trouble believing all I am told. I'm not naïve enough to believe that just because a person is of good character and beliefs means that person will make a good political leader, but I do believe that a good political leader should have good moral character and good moral beliefs. Being a strong Christian would make that even better. Unfortunately, I've taken measure of what is being offered, and I find a lot lacking. I find myself once again turning to God to ask Him to help guide me in my voting selections.

For the record, I'm a registered Republican. My wife is a registered Democrat. We get information, phone calls, and visits from both parties. Listening to some of them, you would think that they were God's gift to whatever needs I had.

So, the question arises, "Who really has God on their side?" Depending on who you asked of which political persuasion would probably get you different answers. Listening to the many commercials and commentaries by various politicians, I think both the Republicans and the Democrats would claim that God would side with them.

Is God for Republicans or is God for Democrats? We might find the answer for that by turning to Joshua 5:13-14 in the Bible: "Joshua looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come."

Here we have the leader of God's army going out to scout the nearest Canaanite stronghold, finding another warrior already on the scene. He asks the stranger, who turns out to be an angel, whether he was on his side or the oppositions. The reply was neither. He was on the Lord's side.

The best question in all of these debates is not to ask whether God is on our side or on their side. The best question to ask is whether or not we are on God's side.

Our best hope for a future is to follow God's direction and plan – to do God's will in our name, not our will in God's name.