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## **Signs of the Times: Shining Bible Light on Current Events**

The Lord has wrought many blessed judgments in the world this week. The Word of the Lord provides an appropriate standard through which we may view them from a proper perspective:

The first debate between Biden and Trump for the 2024 presidential election took place on the night of Thursday, June 27. The social media laden world is aflutter with all manner of irrelevant babbling about who is the winner with both sides claiming victory over the other. As both sides cast aspersions across the aisle about how Trump frequently lied and misdirected while Biden was weakened by a cold and struggled to maintain coherent streams of thought and on and on, there was a more potent and vitally missing aspect of this dog and pony show: a fear of God. As both former and current leaders of a nation that has been bereft of the blessings of its Creator for so long, this is not a surprise. The hubris of man and their pride (month) will be their downfall, as well as all people who forget God. **“Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom. ... Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud. He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he.”** (Proverbs 13:10, 16:18-20) In fact, if you keep reading through these chapters of Proverbs, you will find many fitting parallels for these men, such as here in **Proverbs 16:31** **“The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.”** There is no righteousness in these men, and they will be found without their crowns in the final judgement unless they turn to God and repent.

Now, as we close out the month of June, one may wonder, where is my lust month or greed month? Why does the sin of pride get its own month? Besides the fact that all these sins are done openly and to the ends of excess in the world today, it does seem strange to single out this one and prop it upon a pedestal and demand the world to bow in reverence to it as Nebuchadnezzar did in his kingdom of Babylon. And, like the Hebrew children, any faithful and God-fearing persons will refuse to submit to this miasma of sin (**Daniel 3**). It is in part inherent to the sin of pride, however, it could also be that these other sins have become synonymous with the normal lifestyles of the “awakened,” developed, and modern first-world nations. But now it is time to pull off that bandage; to open the flood gates. Sin doesn’t want to be suppressed, oppressed, or repressed! It will not wait for “culture” to catch up and allow, one by one, for each additional sin to become accepted! Regardless of what you want to be, which sin you have latched onto and made to be your persona, be proud of it! **“Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.”** (Isaiah 13:9-11) God resists the proud but gives grace unto the humble (**James 4:1-10**). Fear God.

**“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.”** (Psalm 9:17)