

# THE TALE OF THREE HOUSES

JOSHUA 24:15, 1 KINGS 18:15-18,  
1 TIM 3:15

Text:

Introduction:

Keep in mind and think about the disciples in the first century, they did not have one vote to determine who would serve as the ruler or senate of Rome.

But armed with the Gospel with the message of Jesus Christ and empowered by the true and living God, the Bible says that they turned the world upside down.

If our hope is in the white house or in the seat of government, and if we believe that it is the place that should have the priority of our energy and effort to see some reformation take place to bring about the change we hope to have in the world, we are wasting our time.

I do not think that we should withdraw ourselves and become the kind of people that goes somewhere and hide in a cave. As citizens we should cast our vote, and we should cast it wisely. But I believe that there has been an over emphasis on the white house and an under emphasis on our house and the church house.

And we need to place the emphasis where God places the emphasis.

Many today have been confused in equating patriotism and faith. I'm a patriotic individual, and honored God allowed me to be an American. I love America.

To equate our Christian faith with patriotism is a very dangerous thing.

Illustration:

Christian coalition

The problem with this is it muddies the water, and the Lord warned us about that.

Notice with me this evening concerning the Tale of Three Houses

## **1. RIGHT PRIORITIES**

### **A. Right Fight**

1. Some have taken up the fight concerning prayer in school.

- a. Many who have taken up this fight don't even pray like they

should in their home and in the church.

b. Think of the disciples, who had no vote, and turned the world upside down with the Word of God.

2. Some have taken up the fight of placing the Ten Commandments back on the walls of public buildings.

a. The problem is that most of those doing the fighting probably don't even know the Ten Commandments.

- Thou shall have no other god's before Him
- Thou shalt not make any graven images
- Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord in vain
- Keep the Sabbath day
- Honor thy father and mother
- Thou shalt not kill
- Thou shalt not commit adultery.

- Thou shalt not steal
- Thou shalt not bear false witness
- Thou shalt not covet.

## B. Right weapons

(2 Corinthians 10:3-5) "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: {4} (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) {5} Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"

1. No carnal weapon is as powerful as the Word of God.

a. They are the only weapons that will pull down strongholds.

(Ephesians 6:10-18) "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. {11} Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. {12} For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of

this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. {13} Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. {14} Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; {15} And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; {16} Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. {17} And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: {18} Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;"

b. That is Spiritual warfare, and spiritual weapons.

c. Many have laid down the right weapons, and picked up the carnal weapons.

Illustration:

Lowering the standards to reach more, and what you get is the result on what man can do instead of what God can do.

## **2. THE RIGHT PURPOSE**

A. A spiritual purpose.

## **3. THE RIGHT PRODUCT**

A. God wants people to be saved.

(1 John 5:4) "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

Close:

Shall we put our hope in the government? NEVER!

The greatest work is done not in the WHITE HOUSE, but rather in your house and the church house

Right Principles

1. It's more important to pray in your home than for the teacher to pray with your child
2. Let's not expect the Government to do what it cannot do; Government cannot change the heart of a human being, only God can do that.
3. May we determine to keep the right priority with these three houses.

Close:

My hope is in what can be done in my house and your house and in this church house.