

ENCOURAGEMENT TO AMERICA



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The question posed to me was how I feel about an Obama presidency. Can the age of innocence ever return? Can life simply be looked upon as just black and white? Can men and women live together in a harmonic balance? Of course not! God established that and many other things from the beginning, but due to disobedience we almost lost out on everlasting peace and life with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Now that's another story.

The question passed on to me was "How do I feel about an Obama presidency?" This question seems almost relatively easy to answer, since it would be generally asked of an incoming president. Surprisingly enough there's a slight twist to this common question. Our incoming president happens to be an African-American. That is a hurdle that no one I've talked with ever thought would be possible.

Most men and women I personally know never really give much thought to politics. Their lives deal with the here and now rather than policy making. They can care less who is in City Hall or in The White House for that matter. Nevertheless, something has actually taken place in the community. The tone has changed from "I don't care what those folks do" to "I cannot believe it happened" after the elections.

We were always taught as children growing up that whatever we set our minds to do, we could accomplish our dreams. That has now become a reality. Having an African-American president brings to light several things, growth, enlightened human beings, intelligent voters fed up with businessmen as usual and intolerance for stupidity.

What I would like to see as an African-American is the center of gravity pulled back towards a strong belief in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ - fathers standing up in their homes, guiding their sons and daughters, also mothers teaching and shaping their children's minds. Not to suggest that this isn't taking place now, we just need much more of it. I'm not trying to say that this president or any other individual in Washington can solve all problems. But the spirit of family in this society cannot continue to be over looked. History has dealt an ugly hand to those nations that forgot about God and abandoned their children.

Without responsible leadership and the proper mechanics of checks and balances, no one stands to be accountable for his or her actions. It's just passed on to the next incoming president to take care of along with millions of Americans left in limbo. Far too many people are relying on the government to rescue them from their woes. It's like an individual who gains weight over a period of years and then, all at once wants a magic pill to help solve their problem. It took time and effort to gain. There will be an equal amount of effort and work to lose it.

Nothing comes easy, unfortunately, in this microwave generation everyone wants instant results. Instead we should put the weight on our shoulders and bare one another's burden. From what I've heard so far from Mr. Obama that's precisely what he's trying to encourage Americans to do.

Mr. Obama from what I understand is a History buff. He's very much aware of what it took for this country to become as great as it is today. His message and policies however are not going well with most Republicans. People have all but forgotten about (GOD). There's a convincing push by a small minority of people through legislation to have our Lord and Savior's name removed from the very monuments of men and documents that have enabled Americans with the courage and strength to thrust this nation forward.

This generation has turned its back on GOD, and there's never been more creditable evidence of this than to just watch the news. I'm not quite sure if Mr. Obama's policies can cure our ailing economy but patience and strong prayers along with participation from the constituents to push their leaders. This just might be a successful four or possibly eight years. The indignation that the American people had for the last administration has left a sour taste in everyone's mouth. Maybe the energy and the inspirational speeches Mr. Obama has been making can arouse a sleeping giant in one of those classrooms in America. Look, neither four nor eight years will get this country out of this mess. There was a collective group of greedy unrepentant men and women alike that caused this. It takes people loyal to justice and the hard working tax payer, along with faith in GOD to endure and solve this very real dilemma. May GOD bless and keep always. Amen.