

The Silence of Pastors on Voting Righteously

(Voting for Lovingkindness, Justice and Righteousness)

Jeremiah 9:24

(When quoting scriptures, from the Rotherham Emphasized Bible New Testament, I will substitute the Hebrew word Yahshua for Jesus, Yahweh and Elohim for God and the LORD and Anointed for Christ.)

The majority of the Shepherds (Pastors) in the USA are AOL (absent without leave) when it comes to guiding their flocks on how to vote in state and national elections. Their silences and lack of leadership, when it concerns the governing of our country is shameful in the eyes of Yahweh. Would Yahshua vote? Absolutely! What party would he belong to in 2008? The Republican Party! Any shepherds who gasp at these statements are either deceived by the Democratic Party or they are "...false apostles, deceitful workers, transfiguring themselves into apostles of Christ. And no marvel! for, Satan himself, doth transfigure himself into a messenger of light! No great thing, therefore, if, his ministers also, are transfiguring themselves as ministers of righteousness!—whose end, shall be according to their works" (2 Co. 11:13-15). If the shepherds are not going to feed their flocks in these areas then they need to step down for the people's and Yahweh's sake. The phrase, "Evil abounds when good men [pastors] do nothing," applies to a vast majority of American pastors because they have kept silent or they are ignorant on these issues.

Three evils that legally exist in the USA are partial birth abortion, homosexuality (sodomy) and confiscation of private property.¹ These evils came through the legislation of government officials who were placed into power by Christian voters. A great percentage of Christian voters are responsible for these evils because they voted for the wrong candidate or did not vote at all. Why did these misguided Christian citizens help institute evils that break three of Yahweh's Ten Commandments? Their shepherds did not lead and guide the flock.

¹ Confiscate; To appropriate (private property) to the sovereign or the public treasury by way of penalty; To deprive (a person) of his property as forfeited to the State; To take away by exercise of authority *from* the individual (what belongs to him).

The Hebrew word translated ‘shepherd,’ is ‘raah.’² Raah has been translated as shepherd, feed and tend. A shepherd’s job is to feed and tend the people. Yahweh is called a Shepherd; “Yahweh is my raah (shepherd)—I shall not want: In pastures of tender grass, he maketh me lie down, Unto restful waters, he leadeth me. My life, he restoreth, He guideth me in right paths, for the sake of his Name (Ps. 23:1-3). Yahweh also gives His people shepherds who will give His people knowledge of righteousness; “Return, ye apostate sons, Urgeth Yahweh, for, I, am become your husband,—therefore will I take you, one of a city, and two of a family, and will bring you to Zion; and will give you shepherds [raah], according to mine own heart,—who will feed [raah] you, with knowledge and discretion” (Jer. 3:12-13). Yahweh speaks to His shepherds in chapter thirty-four of Ezekiel.³ Raah is used thirty-one times in this chapter and is translated

² 07462 רעה ra’ah raw-aw’ pasture, tend, graze. The {#Ho 13:6} root ra’â is cognate to Akkadian re’û, a very ancient word, used as an honorific title in royal names and inscriptions from the time of Sargon of Akkad (c. 2300 B.C.). A cognate, r’i, is an important root in Ugaritic. Cognates are also found in Aramaic, Phoenician, and other Semitic languages. ra’â occurs over 160 times in the OT, the participial form ro’eh ‘shepherd’ occurring over 60 times. It is the primary term for ‘feeding’ domestic animals. Since the most common occupation in Palestine from greatest antiquity was shepherding, the term is basic to the description of the people of the country in historical periods. The initial occurrence {#Ge 29:7} is translated ‘feed’ by the versions, however the very next occurrence {#Ge 29:9} is read ‘kept’ by KJV and RSV, but ‘tended’ by JPS. The actual meaning is ‘pastured’ or ‘herded.’ There is a degree of confusion among the versions over the translation of this root: #Ge 37:2 Job 1:14, KJV ‘feeding,’ RSV reads ‘pasturing’, {#Ge 37:2} ‘feeding’. {#Job 1:14} There are many other confused passages such as: KJV ‘he fed’; {#Ps 37:3} ‘devour’ (#Ps 80:13 [H 14]); ‘eat’ {#Eze 34:19} and in the same verse ‘eat up,’ ‘keep’; {#1Sa 16:11 1Sa 17:34 1Sa 25:16} ‘wander’ {#Nu 14:33} ‘waste’ (#Mic 5:6 [H 5]). The root is used to describe the tending of sheep, {#Ge 30:36} asses, {#Ge 36:24} cattle, {#Ge 41:2} and gazelle fawns. {#So 4:5}

It is used metaphorically for a variety of descriptions. Among them are: the tranquility of two animals, normally pursuer and prey, grazing together: bear and cow; {#Isa 11:7} wolf and lamb. {#Isa 65:25} The root ra’â also appears in philosophical and theological metaphors as {#Pr 15:14} ‘the mouths of fools feed on folly’; {#Isa 44:20} ‘he feeds on ashes.’ Invading armies pictured as a horde of beasts or insects are said to ‘feed’ in the sense of ‘devour’ conquered towns (#Mic 5:6 [H 5]). From very ancient antiquity, rulers were described as demonstrating their legitimacy to rule by their ability to ‘pasture’ their people. Hammurabi and many other rulers of ancient western Asia are called ‘shepherd’ or described as ‘pasturing’ their subjects. In the OT, however, it is the Lord who feeds his people and is praised for his mercy in providing for them. {#Ge 48:15 Ps 23:1 Ps 28:9 Isa 40:11 Ho 4:16 et al} This attribute of God is one of the marks of the offices of prophets, priest, and king. David’s claim to the throne is based upon God’s command that he feed the people. {#2Sa 5:2} Failure of the officers of Israel to feed the people either physical or spiritual nourishment was deemed a severe transgression {#Eze 24:2ff} In this chapter the prophet plays repeatedly on the two forms of the root, ra’â, the verb meaning ‘to pasture’ and the noun meaning the ‘pastor’ or shepherd. The true repetition of the ideas is lost in the versions by supplying synonyms where the Hebrew uses the same term throughout. The OT theological idea of the good shepherd who feeds his flock with God’s truth {#Jer 3:15 etc.} becomes prominent in the NT. {#Joh 10:11} (Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament)

³ “And the word of Yahweh came unto me, saying: Son of man, Prophesy against the shepherds [raah] of Israel,—Prophesy, and thou shalt say unto them, even to the shepherds [raah]—Thus, saith My Lord, Yahweh—Alas! for the shepherds [raah] of Israel who have been tending [raah], themselves, Is it not, the flock, that the shepherds should tend [raah]? The milk, ye do eat, And, with the wool, ye do clothe yourselves, The well—fed, ye do sacrifice, The flock, ye do not tend [raah]: The weak, have ye not strengthened, And, the sick, have ye not healed, And, the torn, have ye not bound up, And, that which was driven out, have ye not brought back, And, that which was straying, have ye not sought out; But, with force, have ye ruled them, and with rigour. And they were scattered, because there was no shepherd [raah]; And they became food for every wild beast of the field, So were they scattered. My sheep did wander, through all the mountains, And over every high hill,—And, over all the face of the land, were my sheep scattered, And there was none, to inquire, And none, to seek out. Wherefore, ye shepherds [raah], hear ye the word of Yahweh: As I live,—Declareth My Lord, Yahweh, Surely, because my flock became a prey, And my flock became food for every wild beast of the field, through having no, shepherd [raah], Neither did my shepherds [raah] inquire after the flock,—But, the shepherds [raah], tended, themselves, And, my flock, they tended [raah] not, Therefore, ye shepherds [raah], hear ye the word of Yahweh: Thus, saith My Lord, Yahweh, Behold me! against the shepherds [raah], So then I will require my flock at their hand, And will cause them to cease tending [raah] the flock, Neither shall, the shepherds [raah], any longer, tend [raah], themselves, But I will deliver my flock out of their mouth, that they may not be their, food. For, Thus, saith My Lord, Yahweh,—Here am, I myself, Therefore will I inquire after my flock, and seek them out: As a shepherd [raah] seeketh out his flock in the day he is in the midst of his sheep that are scattered, So, will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver

shepherd fifteen times, tend eleven times and feed five times. In this chapter Yahweh promises the coming of His Son as the one shepherd; “And I will raise up over them one shepherd [raah], And he shall tend [raah] them, Even my servant David,—He, will tend [raah] them, And, he, will become to them a shepherd [raah]; And, I, Yahweh, will become to them a Elohim, my servant David being a prince in their midst; —I, Yahweh, have spoken” (Ez. 34:23-24).

Yahshua as the Good Shepherd was not silent when it came to wickedness neither was John the Immerser. John spoke to King Herod, “...It is not allowed thee, to have, the wife of thy brother. And, Herodias, was cherishing *a grudge* against him, and wishing, to slay him,—and could not” (Mk. 6:18-19). John spoke to the religious rulers, who were the Pharisees and Sadducees, “...Broods of vipers! who suggested to you, to be fleeing from the coming wrath” (Mk. 3:7)? Yahshua, as the Good Shepherd who fed his people with knowledge, instructed his flock concerning the Scribes and Pharisees; “But alas for you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites; because ye are locking up the kingdom of the heavens before men,—for, ye, are not entering, neither, them who are entering, suffer ye to enter. Alas for you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites: because ye compass sea and dry land, to make one convert—and, when it is done, ye make him a son of gehenna, twofold more than ye. Alas for you, blind guides! that say—Whosoever shall swear by the Temple, it is, nothing, but, whosoever shall swear by the gold of the Temple, is bound:, hypocrites; because ye are locking up the kingdom of the heavens before men,—for, ye, are not

them out of all the places where they were scattered in the day of cloud and thick darkness; And I will bring them out from among the peoples, And will gather them out of the lands, And will bring them upon their own soil,—And will tend [raah] them, Upon the mountains of Israel, In the ravines, And in all the habitable places of the land: In good pastures, will I feed [raah] them, And, on the mountains of the height of Israel, shall be their fold,—There, shall they lie down, in a fold that is good, And, on pasture that is fat, shall they feed [raah], among the mountains of Israel. I myself, will tend [raah] my flock, And, I myself, will cause them to lie down, Declareth My Lord, Yahweh: That which is straying, will I seek out, And, that which hath been driven away, will I bring back, And, that which is torn, will I bind up, And, the weak, will I strengthen,—But, the fat and the strong, will I watch, I will feed [raah] them with justice. And, as for you, O my flock, Thus saith My Lord, Yahweh: Behold me! judging between one kind of small cattle and another, as well the rams as the he-goats. Is it too small a thing for you that, on the good pasture, ye feed [raah], But, the remainder of your pastures, ye must needs trample down with your feet? Or that, of the pure waters, ye drink, But, the waters left remaining—with your feet, ye must needs foul? And, my flock, On what hath been trampled down by your feet, may feed [raah], And, of what hath been fouled by your feet, may drink? Therefore, Thus, saith My Lord, Yahweh, unto them: Here am, I myself, Therefore, will I judge between fat, sheep and lean, sheep, Because, with the side and with the shoulder, ye do thrust, And, with your horns, ye do push all the sick,—Until you have scattered them abroad, Therefore will I bring salvation to my flock, and they shall be no longer a prey,—but I will judge, between one sheep and another, And I will raise up over them one shepherd [raah], And he shall tend them, Even my servant David,—He, will tend [raah] them, And, he, will become to them a shepherd [raah]; And, I, Yahweh, will become to them a Elohim, my servant David being a prince in their midst; —I, Yahweh, have spoken; And I will solemnise for them a covenant of prosperity, And will cause to cease the mischievous wild-beast out of the land, And they shall dwell in the wilderness, securely, And shall sleep in the forests; And I will make them, and the places round about my hill, a blessing,—And I will cause the abundant rain to come down in its season, abundant rains of blessing, shall they be; And the tree of the field shall yield his fruit, And, the land, shall yield her increase, And they shall remain on their own soil, in security,—So shall they know, that, I, am Yahweh, When I have broken the bars of their yoke, And shall deliver them out of the hand of them who have been using them as slaves. And they shall be no longer a prey for the nations, Nor shall, the wild beast of the earth! devour them,—But they shall dwell securely with none, to put them in terror. And I will raise up unto them a plantation for fame,—And there shall be no longer the destroyed of hunger in the land, Neither shall they bear any longer, the reproach of the nations. So shall they know, that, I Yahweh their Elohim, am with them,—And that, they, are my people, the house of Israel, Declareth My Lord, Yahweh. Ye, therefore, my flock, the flock of my pasture, are, men,—I, am your Elohim, Declareth My Lord, Yahweh” (Ez. 34).

entering, neither, them who are entering, suffer ye to enter” (Mt. 23:14-16). The disciples were concern about what Yahshua was saying and said to him, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying? But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. "Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch” (Mt. 15:12-14).

The prophets of old all spoke against the wickedness of all nations. These shepherds fed their flocks the guidance of Yahweh. They addressed Kings, Queens and the people of all nations with the Words of the wrath from Yahweh; “Wherefore, Thus, saith My Lord, Yahweh, Woe! city of bloodshed. The caldron whose scum is in it, and, whose scum, hath not gone out of it: Piece by piece, bring it out, There hath fallen thereon no lot” (Ez. 24:6). Woe is the Hebrew word, ‘owy,’ which means, “passionate cry of grief or despair.” Paul said, “Woe to me, if I should not be telling the glad-message.” Many good pastors today are not telling the glad-message because of the fear of men who are in high places. They had better fear Yahweh who is in the highest place!

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No political party is without flaws and many times, as Christians, we must chose the lesser of two evils but as a whole, the Democratic Party stands more against Yahweh than the Republican Party. As an example, the Klu Klux Klan came from the Democratic Party.⁴

⁴ **The Ku Klux Klan was the Terrorist Arm of the Democrat Party**

By Frances Rice

History shows that the Ku Klux Klan was the terrorist arm of the Democrat Party. This ugly fact about the Democrat Party is detailed in the book, *A Short History of Reconstruction*, (Harper & Row Publishers, Inc., 1990) by Dr. Eric Foner, the renown liberal historian who is the DeWitt Clinton Professor of History at Columbia University. As a further testament to his impeccable credentials, Professor Foner is only the second person to serve as president of the three major professional organizations: the Organization of American Historians, American Historical Association, and Society of American Historians. Democrats in the last century did not hide their connections to the Ku Klux Klan. Georgia-born Democrat Nathan Bedford Forrest, a Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan wrote on page 21 of the September 1928 edition of the Klan’s “The Kourier Magazine”: “I have never voted for any man who was not a regular Democrat. My father ... never voted for any man who was not a Democrat. My grandfather was ...the head of the Ku Klux Klan in reconstruction days.... My great-grandfather was a life-long Democrat.... My great-great-grandfather was...one of the founders of the Democratic party.”

Dr. Foner in his book explores the history of the origins of Ku Klux Klan and provides a chilling account of the atrocities committed by Democrats against Republicans, black and white. On page 146 of his book, Professor Foner wrote: “Founded in 1866 as a Tennessee social club, the Ku Klux Klan spread into nearly every Southern state, launching a ‘reign of terror’ against

The Republican Party stood against slavery through the presidency of Abraham Lincoln, while the Democratic Party stood for it. As a whole the Republican Party stands against partial birth abortions. They outlawed this type of murder but Bill Clinton kept this abomination in force during his eight years as a Democratic President, vetoing all legislation that was attempting to ban this evil. This evil is no different than killing a child as an offering to the god Molech.⁵ Yahweh commands, "Thou shalt not commit murder" (Ex. 20:13).

The Democratic Party supports homosexuality, which is sodomy and sexual immorality. Yahweh commands, "Thou shalt not commit adultery" (Ex. 20:14). Bill Clinton was committing adultery and the Democratic Party kept him in power. Yahweh's commandment concerning sodomy is, "And, any man who lieth with mankind as with womankind, an abomination, have both of them wrought,—they shall, surely be put to death,—their blood, shall be upon themselves" (Lev. 20:13). There are openly homosexual members in the Democratic Senate and House of Representatives.⁶

The Democratic Party supports confiscation of private property from wealthy people and gives it to their voters in the Democratic Party. Yahweh commands, "Thou shalt not covet, thy neighbour's house,—thou shalt not covet, thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant, nor his handmaid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything which belongeth unto thy neighbour" (Ex. 20:17). Yahweh is just and righteous. His tax on people was the same whether poor or wealthy. Ten percent was the tithe for all. The Democratic Party covets their neighbor's property, which is an offense to Yahweh. Out of the Ten Commandments of Yahweh listed in Exodus 20, the Democratic Party openly violates three.

Republican leaders black and white." Page 184 of his book contains the definitive statements: "In effect, the Klan was a military force serving the interests of the Democratic party, the planter class, and all those who desired the restoration of white supremacy. It aimed to destroy the Republican party's infrastructure, undermine the Reconstruction state, reestablish control of the black labor force, and restore racial subordination in every aspect of Southern life."

Heartbreaking are Professor Foner's recitations of the horrific acts of terror inflicted by Democrats on black and white Republicans. Recounted on pages 184-185 of his book is one such act of terror: "Jack Dupree, a victim of a particularly brutal murder in Monroe County, Mississippi - assailants cut his throat and disemboweled him, all within sight of his wife, who had just given birth to twins - was 'president of a republican club' and known as a man who 'would speak his mind.'"

"White gangs roamed New Orleans, intimidating blacks and breaking up Republican meetings," wrote Dr. Foner on page 146 of his book. On page 186, he wrote: "An even more extensive 'reign of terror' engulfed Jackson, a plantation county in Florida's panhandle. 'That is where Santa has his seat,' remarked a black clergyman; all told over 150 persons were killed, among them black leaders and Jewish merchant Samuel Fleischman, resented for his Republican views and for dealing fairly with black customers. "Frances Rice is the Chairman of the National Black Republican Association and may be contacted at: <http://www.nbra.info/>

⁵ Jer 32:35 And have built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of Ben-hinnom, To cause their sons and their daughters to pass through unto Molech, Which I commanded them not, Neither came it up on my heart, That they should do this horrible thing,—Causing, Judah, to sin!

⁶ National Coming Out Day, on October 11, will hold special significance for United States Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA), who often addresses issues involving the rights and concerns of gay and lesbian Americans with the statement, "I think I have had as much experience about it as almost anybody in here." Rep. Frank's claim to "experience" in the area of being gay in America is no hollow political boast. Since first elected in 1980, Frank has served the people of Massachusetts' 4th District as an openly homosexual member of the United States House of Representatives.

In her article *History of National* <http://usgovinfo.about.com/library/weekly/aa092800a.htm>

Pastors can guide their congregations by telling them which candidates he or she is endorsing. This is allowed by the IRS and will not interfere with their tax-exempt status.⁷ Another method is to set up an additional organization that is not tax exempt. Dr. Dobson has done this with his organization called ‘Focus on the Family Action’s’ while his tax-exempt organization is ‘Focus on the Family.’ Dr. Dobson can speak openly on political matters through Focus on the Family Action’s. If neither of these methods are effective then a pastor should give up the Church’s tax-exempt status, thereby depending on Yahweh for their provisions. You cannot serve mammon and Yahweh. Could you ever imagine the prophets such as Moses, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Peter and Paul holding their tongues against political figures in order to receive a tax credit?

Pastors are commanded to speak these truths to their congregation if they seek to serve Yahweh and Christ. Yahweh delights in lovingkindness, justice and righteousness in the earth and hates wickedness: pride, arrogance, and the way of wickedness.⁸ Yahweh said, “Wandering sheep, have, my people, been, Their own shepherds, led them astray [by keeping silent], On the mountains, they seduced them, From mountain to hill, have they gone, They have forgotten their couching–place. All who found them, devoured them, And, their adversaries [Democratic Party], said—We shall not be guilty...” (Jer. 50:6-7). A majority of Christian are either deceived about the Democratic Party platform because their pastors have kept silent or they are knowledgeable but in rebellion against Yahweh. The shepherd’s job is to be the watchman for his flock.⁹ He must blow the horn and warn

⁷ Individual Activity by Religious Leaders

The political campaign activity prohibition is not intended to restrict free expression on political matters by leaders of churches or religious organizations speaking for themselves, as *individuals*. Nor are leaders prohibited from speaking about important issues of public policy. However, for their organizations to remain tax exempt under IRC section 501(c)(3), religious leaders cannot make partisan comments in official organization publications or at official church functions. To avoid potential attribution of their comments outside of church functions and publications, religious leaders who speak or write in their individual capacity are encouraged to clearly indicate that their comments are personal and not intended to represent the views of the organization. The following are examples of situations involving endorsements by religious leaders. www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p1828.pdf

⁸ “Thus, saith Yahweh, Let not, the wise man, glory, in his wisdom, Neither let, the mighty man, glory, in his might,—Let not, the rich man, glory, in his riches; But, in this, let the glorying one glory—In having intelligence, and in knowing, me, That, I, am Yahweh, Executing lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness in the earth,—That, in these things, I delight, Declareth Yahweh (Jer. 9:23-24).

Pr 8:13 The reverence of Yahweh, is to hate wickedness: pride, arrogance, and the way of wickedness; And a mouth of perverse things, do I hate.

⁹ Son of man, Speak unto the sons of thy people, and thou shalt say unto them, A land,—when I bring upon it a sword, And the people of the land shall take, one man out of their whole number, and appoint him for them, as watchman; And he shall see the sword coming upon the land,—and shall blow with the horn, and warn the people, Then, as for him who, really heard, the sound of the horn, and took not warning, The sword indeed, hath come, and taken him away,—His blood, upon his own head, shall remain:— The sound of the horn, he heard, but took not warning, His blood, upon himself, shall remain,—Whereas, had, he, taken warning, his own soul, he should have delivered. But, as for the watchman—When he seeth the sword coming, And hath not blown with the horn, And, the people, have not been warned, And the sword, hath come, and taken away from among them any person, He, for his iniquity, hath been taken away, But, his blood, at the hand of the watchman, will I require. Thou, therefore, Son of man, A watchman, have I appointed thee, to the house of Israel, So then thou shalt hear, at my mouth, a message, and shalt warn them, from me. When I say to the lawless man, O lawless man, thou shalt, surely die, And thou have not spoken to warn the lawless man from his way, He, the lawless man, for his iniquity shall die, But, his blood—at thy hand,

the people of the coming wickedness or be judged by Yahweh for dereliction of duty. If a pastor will not tell his congregation who he is voting for and why then he is not a shepherd! If a pastor votes for the present Democratic party with its endorsement of sodomy, partial birth abortion etc., he is not a servant of Christ but rather a servant of the adversary.

will I demand. But, as for, thyself, When thou hast warned a lawless man from his way, to turn therefrom, And he hath not turned from his way, He, for his own iniquity, shall die, But, thou, hast delivered, thine own life. (Ez. 33:1-9)