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God Rules!

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Have you sniffed lately? There is a lot of uncertainty in the air. I am reminded of an experience related by my father-in-law, Bob. He met a Chinese man named George Tein, who preached on the radio. Tein told him that God had used Mao Tsi Tung, the unbelieving communist leader of China, to give him the privilege of preaching the gospel in China. Say what? Tein began to explain.

When Mao Tsi Tung became the supreme ruler of communist China in 1949 he began a series of changes. For centuries the Chinese had worshiped their ancestors. In an effort to impose communism he outlawed ancestor worship. He did not want the ancestors competing with ideals of communism. Next, he established a universal language. For centuries the people had an untold number of dialects. In order to speak to the people, he required every citizen to know Mandarin Chinese. When the universal language was well rooted, he then required every Chinese person to have a radio so he could speak directly to the people, conveying communist thought and leadership.

The foundation laid by Mao Tsi Tung allowed George Tein to begin preaching over radio waves into China about God and his Son. Having no competition with ancestor worship, and using the universal language of Mandarin Chinese, his voice of truth came to the Chinese people over the radios provided to each person by Mao Tsi Tung. In other words, God used an unbelieving ruler to accomplish His good will!

The same thing happened with King Nebuchadnezzar. In the fourth chapter of the book of Daniel, the once arrogant, unbelieving king finally acknowledged this great truth, *The Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses* (Daniel 4:26).

When we sniff the air of uncertainty before, during and after an election process, perhaps we should read and reread the short book of Daniel. And cling to the great truths therein. The God Most High can and does accomplish marvelous things through good *and* bad leaders. Men do not rule. God rules!

Today's Verse: *Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God* (Romans 13:1).

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