

Fellowship Baptist Church, October 16, 2016, AM
Message: "A Nation in need of Prayer"—I Tim. 2:1-10

INTRODUCTION: On November 2, 2008, I preached on "A National Prayer" from Daniel 9. In the Introduction, I said, "Tuesday is a very important day in America, we have what I feel is the most important election in my life time". On November 8th, we will vote for president. Both candidates have the worse public approval in my life time. It is the end of the nastiest political campaign in my life time.

I. The symptoms of a nation in need of prayer.

- A. The state of the political climate.
- B. A nation where sports figures won't stand for the National Anthem.
- C. A nation that rebels against authority.
- D. A nation where our very way of life is being threaten:

II. A challenge to pray for all men.—v. 1-2

- A. Pray for those in authority.
 - 1. National and local leaders—"Kings and all in authority".
 - 2. Pray for God to move in the hearts of political leaders.
(Remember the heart of the king is in the Lord's hand—Prov. 21:1).
 - 3. Pray for those to be elected.
 - a. God sets up and casts down political leaders—Dan. 4:25
 - b. God removed Saul from being King of Israel and had David anointed as king—I Sam. 15:27-28
- B. The reason given—v. 2b. "Lead a quiet and peaceable life..."

III. Pray for the salvation of all even those in authority—v. 2-6

- A. God desires for all men to be saved—v. 3-4
- B. There is only one mediator, Jesus Christ—v. 5-6
- C. Paul was a proclaimer of the gospel—v. 7

IV. Pray with holy consistent lives—v. 8-10

- A. Men everywhere are to be men of prayer—v. 8
 - 1. Men who have godly testimonies.
 - 2. Men who are in self-control, not given to anger.
 - 4. Men who are not argumentative, "doubting".
- B. Women are to be prayer warriors—v. 9-10
 - 1. Women are to pray in the same way as the men.
 - 2. The emphasis is to be on the heart not outward appearance—v. 9

CONCLUSION: We need to be much in prayer for this nation. We need to pray for those in authority and we need to pray concerning the election. Pray for God to intervene on behalf of His people. Pray for the nation to turn back to God.