



“Yes God Can And Did!!”

Philippians 4:13; Ephesians 6:10-18

In two days America will inaugurate its 44th president. The process of electing a national leader is not new, but for the first time in the history of the United States, an African American will lead this nation. At no time in recent memory has any leader, of any nation, faced so many challenges. President Obama has been placed, by the people, in the focal point of a nation and a world, which seems to be imploding. He faces a nation where greed and power have consumed those in the business world; and they in turn have behaved like piranha—consuming those who worked for them. People are experiencing illnesses of catastrophic proportion while health care provision are minimal, if not absent. Wars on foreign shores are challenging the moral fabric of America and decisions are being made which have been, and are destroying America’s image abroad. Homelessness is no longer limited to the alcoholic derelict or the mentally impaired. It now includes thousands who have lost their source of income, their homes to foreclosure, their self-respect, and their hope. People are being consumed by fear and anxiety. The question then, which Christians must ask, is the same, which Jeremiah asked in Jeremiah 8:22, “Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there?”

In our land and across the globe people are crying out for a change. We are seeking viable solutions to dilemmas to which there seem to be no solutions. The children of God are “seeking God’s face” and questioning their own wicked, negligent lives. God has given us everything we need, but America is depleted of spiritual leadership. Biblical history, in moments like these, has always provided prophetic leaders to guide God’s elect. God always knows who He wants to lead His people through turbulent times and often those chosen are humble, non-assuming individuals who do not seek to be called leaders but who would rather be called servants. Servants such as Moses (Exodus 3:11); Gideon (Judges 6:15); King Saul (1 Samuel 9:21); King David (1 Samuel 18:18); King Solomon (1 Kings 3:7); Isaiah (Isaiah 6:5); Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:6); and John the Baptist (Matthew 3:14). These were all reluctant servant leaders.

I reflect on four such servants whose lives seem to demonstrate God’s love for His lost creatures. He used these four at different, difficult times in history.

- A. Moses
- B. Jesus
- C. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- D. Barack Obama

All of them were called by God to deliver and redeem a people. Each of them is so different yet their lives, for sacrifice and service, are very similar. This morning I will contrast and compare these four from a historical perspective and share the implications for President Barack Obama’s time of service.

President Obama gave life to the mantra “Yes We Can.” People believed they could do anything. But as all chosen leaders of God, the new president joined his vision with other chosen prophets in remembering and believing what Paul told the Church at Philippi in his letter to them (4:13) “Christ gives me the strength to face anything.” (CEV); “I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.” (NIV); “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (KJV, NKJV).

Yes WE CAN do anything through Christ who gives us the power to defeat any enemies who seek to destroy us and God’s mission here on earth. Moses, Jesus, and Martin understood. Barack Obama understands and has found divine wisdom and guidance from Paul’s word in Ephesians 6:10-20. All people led by God must understand that we must allow God to fight our battles.

We all know what ultimately happened to Moses, Jesus, and Martin. President Obama’s future will be spiritually empowered when the household of faith lifts up holy hands to God so that His grace and mercy will rest upon the shoulders of the United States of America’s 44th President. YES—GOD CAN!!

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