

## God Resists the Proud!

I have been alive to see firsthand, many of the leaders of this United States, which would come to power and influence (on national and local stages). Some have been somewhat meek and humble in spirit. Some have demonstrated egos that were alive with self-elevation. However, I firmly testify that before now, there has never been a leader of this nation that has demonstrated the level of self-elevation than is exhibited by the present President of this United States, right now.

In September of this year, the president spoke to the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and quoted from the Declaration of Independence; however, his quote would be sadly inadequate, note:

*“Over the centuries, what eventually bound us together, what made us all Americans, . . . was faith and fidelity to the shared values that we all hold so dear. **‘We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, [pause] endowed with certain inalienable rights: life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness.** That’s what makes us unique. That’s what makes us strong.”*

What is obviously missing of course is the vital recognition of who has endowed us with the certain inalienable rights. Note the accurate quote:

*“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, **that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights,** that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”*

If this is somehow not enough to convince you concerning an unprecedented demonstration of self-elevation and removal from a founding principle of this nation; remember when he hosted a few of the Republicans to the White House in a theater effort of bipartisanship during the February health care summit? As the Republicans issued some of their ideas (Tort reform, etc...), he simply and mockingly sneered as he stated they had lost the election and their point of view was in the minority.

Let me also draw your attention to his explanation of why the election results just removed his party from majority power in national, state, and local elections:

*"I think that, over the course of two years we were so busy and so focused on getting a bunch of stuff done that, we stopped paying attention to the fact that leadership isn't just legislation. That it's a matter of persuading people. And giving them confidence and bringing them together. And setting a tone. And making an argument that people can understand. And I think that we haven't always been successful at that. And I take personal responsibility for that. And it's something that I've got to examine closely as I go forward." Barak Obama*

Does anyone else feel the distinct sting of being called stupid? Did we not understand the scope of the financially crippling legislation, the demoralizing effects of having it crammed down our throats; even when in one unified voice we said “NO”? Was this not why a movement in unified participation stood up on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and said enough?

Nope!

We just didn’t understand how blessed we were to distribute our hard earned anything to everyone else! We just don’t understand that the government can do a better job of regulating our health care than the private sector (because they demonstrated it in every other sector they control – just think of the post office)! We just don’t understand how an eight hundred billion dollar stimulus still has a double digit unemployment effect?

**“The King spoke, saying, “Is this not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty”**

**Daniel 4:30**

I seem to be able to relate more to the wrath of God demonstrated on king Nebuchadnezzar’s arrogance, than ever before. I also feel the sting of his arrogance that must have been felt by the citizens and slaves of Babylon, whose blood, sweat, and tears built the kingdom he arrogantly pronounced was to the honor of his majesty!

Just as he continues to blame everything wrong on the previous administration, and just as he will do a better job of telling us that we are stupid; he thinks his kingdom continues, in his mind, unchecked by God or man.

To you and me, it is to know this fact:

**1 Corinthians 10:12** “Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.”

**“God resists the proud,  
But gives grace to the humble.” – James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5.**

There will come the day when he (Obama), like Nebuchadnezzar, will know that it is God who raises up and brings down (**Daniel 4:37**) –

**“Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.”**

In addition, we who are God’s children and commanded to abhor evil (**Romans 12:9**), must continue to **stand-up, shout-out, and without compromise** demonstrate the God fearing service and nation that God will bless!