

A Larger View of the Watergate

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When we look at Watergate, a question comes to mind. Why do some people run for public offices? Is it for the power to influence other people and events? Is it the selfish glory given to a few individuals in a short time? Or is it the good one can do and the wrong one can right? Those who run for position tend to be strong personalities with more than their share of aggressiveness. In order to win the votes, the minds and emotions of others must be won; and secret elections are more often salesmanship and pride rather than humility and virtue.

Certainly the present crisis has brought a surprising reaction. Now not only the general public and national figures, but also the press are starting to look at politics with more of a Christian feeling. Churchmen have been calling the people of the nation to prayer, as they had done from the beginnings of the nation until perhaps 1945. This is a step in the right direction. There is a challenge caused by internal and external crises, but perhaps we are starting to know where we are going again.

This is a crossing point, particularly for the Republican Party. The Republican Party should put national interests-and that includes international responsibility-ahead of its own interests. If the Republican Party fails the President, it will surely have failed America. If it fails America, it will have failed God, because God has entrusted the USA with responsibility as the leading nation and a guardian of freedom in a world that is far from free.

We are facing a difficult time, a time of decision, a time to sort out what is of value and what is not.

Politicians are forced to make a decision about right or wrong. Our present hardships may give us the impetus to make the first step. We can find in God the answer to all our questions and more in that direction with faith and love. And together we will build a new future, a world of truth and beauty.

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