

# Our Hope is in the Lord

**“My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation [hope] is from him”  
(Psalm 62:5)**

Our church’s text for 2020, above, can perhaps also be applied to the recent general election: arguably the most critical general election we have had for several decades. In the days following, I waded through many articles all dissecting it in meticulous detail - mostly political analyses, but some Christian ones also. Three themes especially seemed to be uppermost in the Christian commentaries:

## The Fig Tree

**“...let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down” (Luke 13:6-9)**

“As I was reflecting on this great shift in politics ... I felt these words of the fig tree also were being spoken to us as a nation” [*Prayer Bulletin*].

“[I]n his love and mercy, God does not always give us the judgment we richly deserve ... Instead, in judgment he exercises mercy and gives us another opportunity to do what is right” [*An Historic Day*].

“[M]aybe, the Lord is giving us one more year to prepare the ground and bear fruit?” / “God’s mercy and grace is amazing but does, as this parable illustrates, have its limit because He is a Holy God. Will we repent?” [Readers’ comments, *An Historic Day*].

## The Politicians

**“Put not your trust in princes ... in whom there is no help” (Psalm 146:3)**

“[W]hether the ‘good guys’ win or lose, at the end of the day politics is not everything ... politicians cannot save us” [*More on the Boris Landslide*].

## The Hope

Politicians recognise that people are looking for hope, but...

“[F]or political leaders, ‘hope’ is built on their political ideology and agenda. If the people will endorse these by voting them into power, then they promise to deliver a better society...” [*Looking for Hope*].

“The line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between classes, not between political parties either – but right through every human heart – and through all human hearts” [Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, quoted in *Landslide*].

“[W]e seek for good government and good policies. We hope that evil will be constrained to some extent. But we also realise that no laws and no governments can change the human heart. That is where the real action is at. Only God can change hardened, self-centred hearts” [*Landslide*].

Surely, our nation today is like this fig tree. In numerous ways the UK has gone against God’s commandments and so has borne no good fruit. Thus, we have come under His righteous judgement. But, like the owner of the fig tree, folks across the country have been faithfully praying that God will have mercy on us. So maybe God is yet giving our nation a reprieve; some extra time in which to return to Him: to His Word and His Ways, and to Hope in Him...

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*May God bless our nation this year with repentance and a renewed hope in Him,  
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