



"And now I am no more in the world,  
but these are in the world..." (John 17:11).

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### **APPOINTED A JUSTICE FOR LIFE**

A CBS poll this week revealed that 82 percent of voters view this year's presidential campaign as more negative than previous campaigns. This represents the highest such poll numbers ever recorded by the network. The poll reflects the fact that both Hilary Clinton and Donald Trump have had negative ratings all year. People have such strong feelings that many are considering not voting at all. Others say they will vote for their party's candidate but only because the next president will appoint Supreme Court justices who can serve for life, and thus this election will determine the course of American jurisprudence for decades to come.

### **DECLARED A PRIEST FOREVER**

Melchizedek is one of the most unusual figures in the Bible. This king of Salem (later known as Jerusalem) is declared to be a priest of God Most High *forever*. Although human leaders prove time and again that they are not worthy of our trust, Melchizedek is described as "king of righteousness" and "king of peace." No wonder the author of Hebrews uses him as an Old Testament precursor of Jesus, our great high priest and the one who is perfect forever!

1. Can a Christian justifiably vote for a candidate he or she believes is unworthy of being elected? Explain.
2. Should the long-term effect of a president's judicial appointments be of greater or lesser concern than that person's character? Explain.
3. Does Abraham's act of offering a tithe, or tenth, to Melchizedek suggest to you that Christians ought to tithe to Jesus, our high priest? If so, explain how this should be done. If not, why not?
4. What does Jesus' role of always living to intercede for us mean for your life in practical terms?

—Charles R. Boatman

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