



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

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WHAT WILL HE SAY?

Thousands of anti-capitalist anarchists descended on Hamburg, Germany when leaders of the G-20 industrialized nations met. They did not come to hear what anyone had to say; they came to create havoc. However, most people wanted to know what Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin would say to each other. Another question was whether President Trump would soften his voice on the US withdrawal from the Paris climate-change agreement.

THIS IS WHAT HE WILL SAY

God's call to Jeremiah left little doubt as to what his message would be. It might seem like an anarchist message to some. God would overthrow established orders and ruling powers—but not for the sake of causing chaos. Jeremiah would speak God's words in order to restore a reign of godliness. The prophet would be tempted to fear his audience, understandably so in light of the content of the messages God gave him.

1. Why were the media so enthralled with the Trump-Putin face-off and the climate-change issue? Of what concern should those matters be to Christians?
2. Do you see any value in the protesters' presence during the G-20 meetings? Why or why not?
3. Was God's call to Jeremiah really a call to incite anarchy? Explain.
4. How much effort should we expend to understand those with whom we disagree?
5. Do you fear speaking out for God in our post-Christian culture? What would give you more confidence to do so?

—Charles R. Boatman

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