

Is There No Balm In Gilead?

The political season is over!

The patriot season is just beginning!

We have been and are a part of "living history". Our grand children will be studying about the last eight weeks in their history books. What kind of historical legacy will we record for them to read?

The two contenders showed real statesmanship in their responses to the American public this week.

It just seems to me that we have this "window of history" in which to bring a real healing to our land and people. To live out the fact that "there is a balm in Gilead".

With our houses of government almost equally divided and the narrowness of the margins of the Presidential election maybe, just maybe, our elected leaders will find the high ground of consensus - - without the tired old images of political rancor and "paying back".

One of the benefits of the voting in Florida is that out of that will come true election laws and method of voting reform. None us want a system that does not count, and count correctly, the vote of every American citizen in a way that protects the Constitutional rights of both the voters and those receiving votes.

During the very emotional campaign I was amused about the fact that both of the major political candidates were not debating whether or not to have - - a safe and secure Social Security system - - medical benefits for senior citizens - - tax relief and reform - - and other issues that we Americans care deeply about. They were debating how best to do it - - who had the best plan - - who could cut taxes the most, etc. We are winners in that environment when everyone is seeking the high ground.

For thirty years I was on your payroll - - I was a career U. S. Government Federal Civil Service Employee. The Federal Hatch Act prevented me from actively participating in partisan politics. Of course I had political preferences. Of course I felt very passionately about ballot issues! But, once the ballot was taken and the votes counted whatever the results - - they were then my results - - my elected official and I then was just as passionate about supporting that issue and person as I was the candidate of my choice. I would never even think of sticking a bumper sticker on my car saying "Don't blame me, I did not vote for _____."

True patriots will always seek the high ground - - always seek the best for the common good. The president elect has stated that he wants to be the President of all the people - - not just those that supported and voted for him - - but just as passionately for those that did not support and vote for him. We are honor bound to do likewise - - to join with him in seeking to help him be the best President this nation has ever had. Together as true Americans we can do that!

Oh yes, dear hearts, there is indeed a balm in Gilead - - let each of us reach for it and apply it to the wounds of our great nation and then fervently pray for those that we have elected to lead us!