

Robertson: Bush wins in a 'blowout'

Says God told him so

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Religious broadcaster Pat Robertson said he believes God has told him President Bush will be re-elected in a "blowout election" this fall.

"I think George Bush is going to win in a walk," Robertson predicted on *The 700 Club* program on his Christian Broadcasting Network on January 2. "I really believe I'm hearing from the Lord it's going to be like a blowout election in 2004. It's shaping up that way."

Robertson told viewers he spent several days at the end of 2003 in prayer, the Associated Press reported. "The Lord has just blessed him," the broadcaster said of Bush. "I mean, he could make terrible mistakes and come out of it. It doesn't make any difference what he does, good or bad, God picks him up because he's a man of prayer and God's blessing him."

Another prediction came from United Church of Christ minister Barry W. Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State: "Pat Robertson in 2004 will continue to use his multimillion broadcasting empire to promote George Bush and other Republican candidates." Referring to Bush's political adviser, Lynn said: "Maybe Pat got a message from Karl Rove and thought it was from God." -*Religion News Service*