

The Spirit of Change - Philippians 3:21

As we travel through life, one of the main things that amazes us, is how much everything changes. It seems that in only a few years, babies are teens, and in a few more, they are grown up with families of their own. And as there is a first time for everything, there is also a last time. Such as school, or driving, or even staying in your own home.

Solomon said it very well in Ecclesiastes 3:1-10 - To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth? I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it.

And in the world of politics, events can change pretty fast too.

When Canadians went to the polls in the spring of 2011, the Conservatives had a minority government, and were poised to win a majority. But in the last few weeks, something happened.

The socialist New Democratic Party started the campaign in third place with 15% support. All of a sudden, they started to trend up, and some polls had them tied with the Conservatives; even threatening to form the government.

Their leader attributed it to the spirit of change.

Well, when we heard that, we were able to fine-tune our prayers.

But God had His own plans, and the Conservatives had a last minute surge, and got their majority government.

If you were to go back a few decades and study the elections that had something unexpected happen; you would probably find the spirit of change.

The main question is; where is it coming from? If it's ordained of God, all is well. If it comes from our adversary, we have a problem.

And whatever happens, we still have to pray for our leaders.

1 Timothy 2: 1 to 4 - I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of

God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

So how do we pray for them? We will need the disciples' attitude.

Luke 11: 1 - And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

We have to make sure that our prayers are directed properly. We don't want any casualties due to friendly fire.

Ephesians 6: 12 & 18 - For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

We also have a special dispensation from Our Lord Jesus Christ, along with a warning. Luke 10: 19 & 20 - Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

So as we use the tools that Our Lord gives us; we can have the same victories they had in the Early Church.

2 Corinthians 10: 3 to 7 - For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's.

Matthew 16: 19 - And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Does the Word of God say anything about change? First, Paul describes how far sinful man changes, trying to get away from God.

Romans 1: 19 to 25 - Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an

image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

The world has changed God's Truth into lies; especially with morals. The major agents of change are the education system and the media. And they are the main advocates of worshipping the creation. How much is done for earth day? What Christian holiday gets anywhere near that much attention? Children can't even read their Bibles on the school buses anymore.

I, personally believe that Christian home-schooling is no longer optional for believers; but mandatory.

Events are moving so fast these days, are there any constants?

Malachi 3: 6 - For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Hebrews 13: 8 - Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Our Lord Jesus is not only dependable, He is Supreme over everything.

Isaiah 44: 6 - Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, & I am the last; & beside me there is no God.

Revelation 1: 8 - I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

And thankfully the road to salvation is the same.

John 14: 6 - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Acts 4: 12 - Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

And even if everything in society falls apart, Our Lord Jesus will not let us slip away. John 10: 27 to 30 - My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one.

Will the West's switch in religious beliefs be honoured by Our Lord?

Jeremiah 2: 1 - Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit.

And how do people change their gods? By deviating from the Word of God; and ending up with another Jesus, another gospel, and another spirit.

And don't be surprised if they imitate Jeroboam.

1 Kings 12:31 - And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi.

And so for people who are in demoninations that copy Jeroboam.

2 Corinthians 6: 14 to 18 - Be ye not unequally yoked together with

unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

How does Our Lord Jesus view this situation? Isaiah 5: 20 - Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Now do people really change their behaviour under stress?

1 Samuel 21: 13 - And he (David) changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard.

Matthew 26: 35 - Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

Matthew 26: 75 - And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

Are there any other examples of leaders suddenly changing?

Daniel 4: 27 to 36 - Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity. All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar. At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon. The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty? While the word *was* in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, *saying*, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling *shall be* with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' *feathers*, and his nails like birds' *claws*. And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom *is* from generation to generation: And all the inhabitants of the earth *are* reputed as nothing: and he doeth

according to his will in the army of heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me.

In all this uncertainty, what should be our response? Because no matter what happens, we have to fear and honour Our Lord Jesus first.

Proverbs 24: 21 - My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change: For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?

The recent Canadian election was proof of this. The minority government didn't want to go to the polls, but the Opposition was salivating over the prospect of ruling; directly by majority, or in-directly with a coalition. So they staged and won a non-confidence motion. And after the ballots were counted; many were in shock. At least 1/3 of the politicians either resigned or were defeated.

First, the Conservatives came back with a majority, which no-one expected.

Then the Liberals, the other main party went from 77 seats to 34; and the leader lost his own riding.

The separatists, Bloc Quebecois went from 49 seats to 4; and their leader lost his own seat too.

But the NDP went from 37 to 103.

Events changed in France quickly too. What happened to the head of the IMF? Whether his lawyers can get him off remains to be seen. But whatever happens, his reputation is damaged; as are his chances to be France's next president. Over the years, he has earned the notoriety of being the great seducer. Do you get that by being a Sunday School teacher? I hope not!

So how would you deal with this spirit of change?

First, remember that all change is not bad. In fact, we should all be praying for Godly change in our lives, our families, our church, our nation, and the world. Because as people change; the spirit of reform and revival will burst forth mightily.

If you haven't read "Like a Mighty Wind" lately; it would be a good idea to re-fresh your memory. Your children would like to hear it too.

We used to read Christian biographies to our family on Sunday evenings.

It can help in developing Godly character. And now that our children have moved on, we still try to regularly hear one of the old master pieces that are available on the internet.

What else can praying for Godly change do?

Daniel 2: 20 to 22 - Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times

and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

Our Heavenly Father can and will change times and seasons; as His Children ask. There have been testimonies about how the weather was changed. It is something believers should be praying about daily.

And if you hear of a weather warning, bind and loose over the situation.

When binding the spirits of ungodly change, in Jesus' Name; also loose the Godly spirits of change, etc.

Bind the strongman etc. over all aspects of the elections, decision making processes, changes of power etc. and all the ramifications.

Bind the strongman etc. over the nation & all parts, down to every riding & poll.

Bind the strongman etc. over the mechanics of the election; the Chief Electoral Officer, all officials down to returning officers etc; the enumerations, the voting (no voter fraud), the counting, all involved in recounting etc.

If computerized voting is being done; pray extra so that it does not register the votes to only one candidate, again.

Bind the strongman etc. over the media, including the internet, social sites, behaviour modification, psych-ops, etc., opinion polls, analysis, media coverage, fact checkers, etc.

Bind the strongman etc. over other influences; weather, disasters, death, or accidents etc.

Bind the strongman etc. over other factors trying to push their agenda on the nation, etc., especially the special interest groups, the anti-christian factor; ungodly strategic voting; ungodly divide and conquer, and trying to buy the election, Absalom's stealing the hearts of the people, the occult (curses etc.), mind control, voter suppression, fear mongering, smearing of Christians, lying, deception, re-writing history, using dead politicians to boost votes, taking advantage of vulnerable persons for voting, etc.

Bind the strongman etc. over the politicians, parties, staffers, advisors, war rooms, strategies & tactics, the choosing of candidates, hidden agendas, familiar spirits, spirit guides, ancestral spirits etc.

Bind the strongman etc. over the voters, especially the undecided, women, seniors, youth, disabled, ethnic, special interest, religious, etc.)

Pray for the restoration of souls; for God to reveal His Will for voting, and compell the people to do it; that the ones that God wants to vote, will; and those that He doesn't, won't.

Pray that Our Lord will motivate the apathetic voters, by stirring up their minds, wills and emotions.

Pray that Our Lord Jesus will bring back to the voters memories all the

incompetence, corruption, lies, deception, arrogance, lack of compassion, broken promises, thefts, sweet-heart deals, graft, bribes etc. that the current politicians did.

And if you wage spiritual warfare extensively; you will definitely get the devil's attention. But as Pastor Win said, "The amount of attacks you receive from the devil, is directly proportional to your attacks on him."

You might even visit a fiery furnace or a lions' den.

So don't despair; we either get deliverance, or a martyr's crown.

Daniel 3: 28 - Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

And when we complain that we're suffering too much; let us reflect on what Our Lord Jesus did for us. Isaiah 53: 3 to 8 - He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Or how about others; like Stephan or Paul.

2 Corinthians 11: 23 to 30 - Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities.

As time marches on, it seems that the spiritual temperature is escalating

rapidly.

Just look back at what the world has been through in the last few years; and it's not over, by any stretch of the imagination.

One of the next big areas is; the sovereign debt crisis in Europe. The big question is how far will it go when it starts?

Then there's the staged up-risings in North Africa and the Middle East.

All are designed to put more pressure on Israel. But Israel will only be pushed so far. When they feel that their national survival is at risk; they will lash out. And they have at least 55 nuclear arrows in their quiver.

Will much more have to happen before the man of sin appears?

Daniel 7: 25 - And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

But it's not all bad news.

Revelation 12: 11 - And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Because someday; Our Lord Jesus Christ will be coming back for His Own.

1 Corinthians 15: 51 & 52 - Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

2 Corinthians 3: 18 - But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Yes, the day is coming soon, and we will no longer need these bodies.

Philippians 3: 21 - Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

So let us use these remaining years that Our Lord has given us; and keep binding up those ungodly spirits of change, and loosing the Godly spirits of change. And it will be so rewarding to hear Our Saviour say, as in

Matthew 25: 23 - His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Amen.

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Name of Jesus.

Amen.

Prayer of Binding and Loosing for Elections Etc.

In the name and authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, I bind the strongman, rulers of darkness, principalities, powers, spiritual wickedness in high places, thrones, dominions, world rulers, etc over every aspect of all current and future elections, decision making processes, all means of changing power, and all ramifications; over all governments and bureaucracies, everyone and everything having anything to do with them here, and all its parts.

This includes all potential voters, the whole political process, all paramilitary (military, intelligence, police, terrorists etc.), all ungodly spiritual influences (religions etc.), the media and any other external or internal factors.

Heavenly Father, in Jesus' name, I am binding over all the geopolitical areas; provinces, states, territories, the capital, all ridings, polling stations and officials, etc.

Heavenly Father, in Jesus' name, I am binding over all the mechanics of the election; from enumerations, voting, counting, legal challenges, fraud, corruption, computerized voting etc.

Heavenly Father, in Jesus' name, I am binding over and cutting off and canceling all ungodly influences; mind control, witchcraft control, anti-christ, Absalom syndrome, bewitching with sorcery, hypnotic controls, pseudo-religious motivational speeches, fear and smear, lies and deception, familiar spirits, racism, religious intolerance, etc.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bind and cast down all evil thoughts, lying & deceiving spirits and ask Lord that the whole truth would always be presented.

I also cancel all dirty tricks and bind the strongman over all the tactics, strategies, finances, advertising and marketing, damage control, dynamics, and debates of the campaign.

Heavenly Father, in Jesus' name, I ask that you restore the souls of the voters in accordance with Your will so they can vote with their minds and not be controlled by their emotions.

I ask You to cut off all ungodly controls on them; physical, spiritual, voter suppression tactics, irrational or mob influences, death threats, terrorism, etc.

I ask that You would guide them how to vote by whatever means necessary; such as common sense, dreams and visions.

I ask that you would bring out those you would have vote and keep away those you don't want to vote.

I ask You, Heavenly Father, to guide all undecided voters how to vote.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bind the strongmen etc over all the weather systems having anything to do with any aspect of the election.

I rebuke and cast down all the weather gods, like Baal, and ask You, Lord, for your weather.

I ask, Heavenly Father, that you would restore the whole political process to what it should be in accordance with Your will.

This means to raise up your candidates, parties, leaders, governments, bureaucrats and officials; and remove those you don't want in, as mentioned in Daniel.

I ask that you will raise up Godly leaders, judges, police etc. who will help and protect the people, and remove those who will not.

I ask that all ungodly masks would be removed so that the true images and personalities of the politicians would be shown.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bind the strongman over all aspects of the media (opinion polls, focus groups internet, fact checkers etc.)

I ask the Lord that all ungodly controls over them would be cut off, so only the truth would come out.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bind, rebuke, cast down all ungodly spiritual forces trying to influence the election in any way.

I ask Lord for as many of Your angels as necessary to do battle in the heavenlies, to turn back the plans of the devil as in Daniel.

I ask Heavenly Father that Your Will and way would be done in every riding.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bind the strongman etc over all other internal, external factors influencing this election like big business, IMF, One Worlders, etc.

I ask Heavenly Father that You would cancel all their ungodly plans and purposes. I ask, that if there's anything else that we should be praying about that you would expose them and bring them to our attention.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I break off all ungodly spiritual warfare like curses etc. and send them back to the original sending demons.

In Jesus' Name, I loose into everyone, the spirits of grace, mercy, peace, faith, hope, love, salvation etc.

We thank & praise you, Heavenly Father, in Jesus' Name.

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