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### Ruled over by those that hate us

**“Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance. And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them,”**  
**Psalm 106:40-41, KJV.**

The ways of God and His Providence do not change. The experiences of the professed people of God in ages past will be the experience of their counterparts in this age.

When Israel forsook the Lord and no longer adhered to His Word, in the days spoken of in this psalm, they were dealt with by the Lord in a just and appropriate manner.

The word “therefore” begins our text. It is a word denoting consequences taking place that were suitable to the occasion. Israel had sinned, chiefly by treating their children abominably and handing them over to the fires of heathen practices as denoted in verses 36-38. Those verses read: “And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them. Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils, and shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.”

It was for this that the Lord dealt with Israel in the manner depicted in our text. They who had acted as cruel parents were dealt with harshly but justly by the Lord.

These events, which possibly date back to the days of David, some 3000 years ago, have their parallels today amongst the people of God. I am referring of course to the true believers in the midst of today’s society. Just as Elijah felt the ravages of the famine that came as a result of the apostasy of the professing people of God in his day, even so today, those who seek to serve the Lord will not escape the consequences of the judgments that will fall upon the land because of its defiance of God and rejection of His Word.

#### TODAY

I was caused to think on these things by the ongoing controversy surrounding proposals for the future of education in Northern Ireland. The proposals come from the DUP/SF power-sharing camp. It would be most surprising, indeed impossible, for anything to come from such a political alliance which was truly for the good of the Protestant people of Ulster. Sinn Fein might rightly be termed those who have “hated” the Protestant majority in Ulster. They proved their hatred in the past by mounting a 30-year terror campaign in which they slaughtered hundreds of innocent Protestant people and many, many Roman Catholics whom they deemed to have gotten in their way. (One of the more recent items mounted on this site on this subject may be seen here.)

#### UNCEASING

But that hatred has not ceased even though the terrorism has subsided. Sinn Fein today hates the ethos of Bible Protestantism as fervently as it did during the years of terrorism. Sinn Fein/IRA has never repented of acts of murder and terror, but rather continues to maintain that it was justified in all its terrorist activities. Recently, the “Banbridge Leader” carried an interview with Sinn Fein councillor, Brendan Curran in which he said: “there was no alternative” to the terror the IRA pursued. (Banbridge Leader, 3rd October 2012). Furthermore, leading Sinn Feiners, including Martin McGuinness, have repeatedly declared their pride in their IRA associations and have



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steadfastly refused to concede that such activities were murderous and criminal.

It is in the light of the unchanged heart of Sinn Fein that there are a growing number of people who are beginning to recognise what a treacherous and disastrous course was embarked upon by the DUP, when they entered into a power-sharing deal with Sinn Fein, thereby bringing the terrorist-supporting group into government and Ulster under the rule of those who had viciously sought the destruction of Protestantism by the means of the assassin's bomb and bullet.

### CONCERNS

Recently, concerns about the plans of the DUP/SF alliance have been uttered ([Click to read online news article](#))

The heading on this article claims: "A single Education and Skills Authority (ESA) would give republicans too much power over Northern Ireland's schooling system, it has been claimed today."

The concerns mentioned in the article are more fully and succinctly dealt with in a speech by Mr Jim Allister during a debate on the matter in the Stormont Assembly on Monday 15th October. A full report of what his concerns are may be found [here](#).

When the education of children comes under the authority of your enemies, those who have a record of hating you, then your future is in grave danger indeed.

Presently, the Education Department is under the control of Sinn Fein at Stormont. Not so long ago the BBC reported on the findings of a tribunal on the propriety of the conduct of the Sinn Fein Education Minister, John O'Dowd. Its headline read: John O'Dowd breached code for ministerial appointments.

What madness is it that grips a people who would support giving such a man from such a party as Sinn Fein even greater control over their children?

The truth is that while there are concerns about the direction that politics in general have been taking since the power-sharing agreement was initiated in 2007, there has been little that the Ulster Protestant has been able or willing to do. The DUP is completely subservient to propping up the power-sharing arrangement since their wages depend utterly upon its continuance. The Ulster Unionist Party is in total disarray and the Protestant people generally have little appetite for the truth concerning the folly that has been enacted in their name.

The lack of real resistance is to be explained only by recourse to the word of God.

### WHY DO OUR ENEMIES RULE OVER US?

The blessings we enjoyed in the past were not of our own making. They were mercies bestowed from Heaven by the hand of God.

Should our ways displease the Lord and that hand of mercy withdraw, then we will be as Samson when "the LORD . . . departed from him", Judges 16:20.

That is why the cause of Protestantism in Northern Ireland is so weak and emaciated today. Where once there were voices aplenty raised against the sins and religious compromises of the day, now there is almost absolute silence. Where once the people of God were instructed from the pulpits on the errors they faced and the subtleties of the enemy at work in society, now there seems to be an avoidance of any preaching that might be seen to reflect badly



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upon the actions taken in 2007.

Such a cowardly silence is a clear token of the Lord's departure from amongst us and the loss of His blessing and grace as once enjoyed.

### WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

It is the old answer, the answer given in the psalm from which we took our text. "Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry: and he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies. He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives. Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise. Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the LORD," Psalm 106:44-48, KJV.

It is a formula that God's people in every age found to be successful. It will still succeed today.

The Church of God may know a spiritual recovery and a restoration to victorious spiritual living and to the soul-winning power of former times, if there is an applying of this formula. "And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me," Psalm 50:15, KJV.

This is an unchanging, unfailing promise from the immutable God of Heaven.

If we believe it, embrace it, we will find it works still today.

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