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Ulster Protestants awoke this morning, Saturday 4th March 2017 to dismal and distressing news indeed, that was summed up in the headlines of "The Belfast Telegraph" and "The Belfast Newsletter".

Live: NI election results - DUP loses power to veto gay marriage, unionists lose Stormont majority Nesbitt resigns as UUP leader

In a truly historic election in Northern Ireland the DUP has failed to secure the 30 seats required to trigger a 'petition veto' at Stormont - and unionists have lost their overall majority



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"The Belfast Newsletter" expressed the same truth though with a some show of concern.

I believe that it is telling that the first consequence of the election result is that "DUP loses power to veto gay marriage." "The Belfast Telegraph" is a liberal newspaper promoting the philosophy of ecumenism. There can be seen a note of triumphalism in its highlighting the loss of power to veto the agenda of the sodomite lobby.

Equalling distressing to the Protestant is the fact that the party of terrorism and murder has gained support to almost draw level with the DUP. Sinn Fein is just one seat behind DUP's total. Its first preference vote was up 4%. The DUP romped home to a 10-seat advantage over Sinn Fein just 10 months ago!

As one political commentator put it: "As the leader of unionism, Mrs Foster is under enormous pressure to explain such a result."

A combining of the Sinn Fein vote with the nationalist SDLP's vote shows that the combined Unionist vote falls behind that of the Roman Catholic/Nationalist vote. The combined Unionist votes amounted to 40 seats while the combined Nationalist vote amounted to 39 seats. The future of Northern Ireland's union within the rest of the United Kingdom now lies in the hands of the 8 elected members of the Alliance Party. It is a 'middle-of-the-road', ecumenical and liberal conglomeration of mainly pro-abortion, sodomite-supporting individuals, amongst whom there are those who favour a united Ireland.

How precarious is our political future when viewed in the light of the outcome of this election. As was stated in "The Belfast Newsletter": "As the Province heads towards its centenary in 2021, the Stormont chamber is reflective of the new Northern Ireland and it is a situation which Carson and Craig would struggle to comprehend." Indeed the Founding Fathers of Stormont would indeed struggle to understand how the heritage they left behind has been so squandered!

Many have been the casualties within the ranks of Unionist politicians. Amongst the sitting members that the DUP lost was its Party Chairman, Lord Morrow and its former Culture Minister, Nelson McCausland. Mrs Emma Little-Pengelly also lost her seat. She was a Junior Minister in the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister.

Ulster Unionist leader, Mike Nesbitt retained his seat but so disastrous was his Party's showing in the election he felt compelled to resign the Party leadership immediately!

One of the DUP's more prominent MLAs, Edwin Poots, said that "unionism needs to reflect where it's going" and said that the election had left unionism weaker.



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The DUP's Lagan Valley Westminster MP, Sir Jeffrey Donaldson, says "lessons need to be learned" within unionism after Friday's assembly election results.

Just what directions these musings and reflections may take was perhaps suggested by North Antrim MP, Ian Paisley Jr. He told BBC Radio 5-Live that while "Arlene Foster does need to reflect, he believes that her position as leader of the DUP is secure." Mr Paisley also said that after a bruising and divisive campaign the DUP needs to "stretch out the hand of forbearance to other parties".

His use of the term "forbearance" should be seen as a political euphemism for toleration and leniency toward the morally liberal agenda of the likes of Sinn Fein, The Ulster Unionist Party and the Alliance Party. When Martin McGuinness, former Sinn Fein Deputy First Minister was reported to be seriously ill, Ian Paisley Jr was widely reported as saying of this former IRA commander and gunman, that "Mr McGuinness had gone on a "remarkable journey" that "not only saved lives but made the lives of countless people better". He said: "I want to say thank you. It is important that we, actually, do reflect on the fact that we would not be where we are in Northern Ireland, in terms of having stability, peace and the opportunity to rebuild our country, were it not for the work he did put in, especially with my father at the beginning of this long journey." (Daily Mail, January 20th, 2017.)

Such statements can only be called a 'perversion of the truth'! McGuinness is guilty of leading a terrorist group which did not 'save lives' but has the blood of hundreds of innocent people upon its hands. To this day McGuinness has never repented of or repudiated his terrorism. In truth it is that "forbearance" of which Paisley Jr speaks which has brought the DUP and Ulster to this pitiful state.

In a statement headed: "**McGuinness is Unrepentant Terrorist, Not Man of Peace**", Jim Allister, leader of the Traditional Unionist Voice Party, said: "Martin McGuinness was, by his own admission, an IRA commander. The IRA was the most bloodthirsty terrorist organisation in Western Europe. It brought heartache and death to countless homes across Northern Ireland. . . . McGuinness remains unrepentant about his role in that terrorism. . . . One wonders what the family of Frank Hegarty will make of this news. Remember that he was shot in the head by the IRA as an alleged informer after McGuinness gave them assurances that Frank would not be harmed if he came home to Londonderry.

The recent comments of DUP MP Ian Paisley Jr about McGuinness saving lives have helped to feed into this twisted narrative."

The DUP has turned its back on the Bible's teaching on sodomy as was evidenced by its support, on November 28th, 2016, in the Stormont Assembly, for the granting of a posthumous pardon to sodomites of violations of the law in the past. Lord Morrow was amongst the group of Christians who refused to oppose this wicked decision and left Jim Allister to stand alone. Lord Morrow is also a Free Presbyterian elder and he has yet to explain how his action was not a violation of his ordination oath!

Nelson McCausland, who also supported granting of a posthumous pardon to sodomites of violations of the law in the past, was one of the political casualties. He was once the Northern Ireland Secretary of the Lord's Day Observance Society.

Of course, the DUP's departure from God's truth did not start last November. Rather, its greed for power and earthly glory took it into union with Sinn Fein/IRA terrorists back in 2007 when it agreed to 'power-share' with republicans and thus not only utterly repudiated its former stance and avowed political principles, but broke its solemn covenant with its members and supporters by bringing terrorists into government.

The dreadful fruit of this sin is now ripening and hanging heavy on the boughs of Stormont's 'orchard'!

Man speaks of 'pigeons coming home to roost'. More piercing is God's word on the happenings at Stormont.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap



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life everlasting," Galatians 6:7-8.

The DUP membership has forgotten the truth and power of these words. I truly hope that they come home to them this morning!

"Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience," Ephesians 5:6.

Men foolishly think that only the views of the electorate are what must be considered. 'Not so!' says the apostle Paul. There is an infinitely greater One to be feared when He has been offended, as the above verse shows.

I say without fear of effective contradiction that such is what has happened in Ulster. Let every God-fearing person take note and act accordingly.

As we have said on these pages many times before, there is a need for a reflecting on what it was we once believed and stood for and the blessing that followed such obedience and also the increasingly dreadful cost of abandoning the 'old paths' we loved and rejoiced in!

Hearken to these words.

"Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men," Hosea 10:12-13.

These are not irrelevant words from antiquity but the Word of the Living God to our land today.

To despise and ignore them can only see our distress increase and our enemies strengthened.

"If any man have ears to hear, let him hear," Mark 4:23.

Ivan Foster.

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