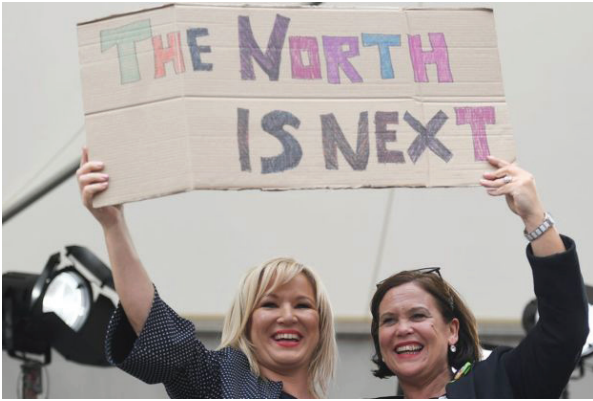




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The mob howls for blood.



At Saturday's Irish referendum results' announcement in Dublin Castle, Sinn Féin's Mary-Lou McDonald and Michelle O'Neill held up a sign saying: "The North is next".

For many of us, there was a stirring of memories of a time when IRA men have muttered those words to their next intended 'victim'. "You're next"!

What McDonald and O'Neill, these two highly lacquered and varnished harpies, female exponents of murdering unwanted babies, are indicating is that the position on abortion that is law in Northern Ireland will be targeted by them and their allies in the "killing babies coalition."

What this campaign is all about is encapsulated in the IRA's murder campaign during the 70s, 80s and 90s. Then, the political power that Sinn Fein wished to obtain, they were prepared to seize through the barrels of IRA guns.

The death of those they deemed a nuisance or undesirable meant little to them.

That spirit is surely seen amongst pro-abortionists! The pro-abortion campaigners wish to have the power to avoid the consequences of natural procreation by having the killing of the unwanted unborn that may be conceived, legalised.

Now they want the same power to be given to pro-abortionists in Northern Ireland also.

Their arrogance and self-assurance of victory in Northern Ireland for their evil cause is plain to see. It reminds me of another display of confidence!

"But Rabshakeh said unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? hath he not sent me to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you? Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spake, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria: Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand: Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria," 2 Kings 18:27-30.

Such glorying in an evil project was brought down to the dust by God's intervention.

"Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it. By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD. For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses," 2 Kings 19:32-35.

God can and still does humble His enemies.

Lord Byron (1788-1824) put it well even though he was anything but a man who learned from his own words:

The Assyrian came down like the wolf on the fold,
And his cohorts were gleaming in purple and gold;
And the sheen of their spears was like stars on the sea,



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When the blue wave rolls nightly on deep Galilee.

Like the leaves of the forest when Summer is green,
That host with their banners at sunset were seen:
Like the leaves of the forest when Autumn hath blown,
That host on the morrow lay withered and strown.

For the Angel of Death spread his wings on the blast,
And breathed in the face of the foe as he passed;
And the eyes of the sleepers waxed deadly and chill,
And their hearts but once heaved, and for ever grew still!

And there lay the steed with his nostril all wide,
But through it there rolled not the breath of his pride;
And the foam of his gasping lay white on the turf,
And cold as the spray of the rock-beating surf.

And there lay the rider distorted and pale,
With the dew on his brow, and the rust on his mail:
And the tents were all silent, the banners alone,
The lances unlifted, the trumpet unblown.

And the widows of Ashur are loud in their wail,
And the idols are broke in the temple of Baal;
And the might of the Gentile, unsmote by the sword,
Hath melted like snow in the glance of the Lord!

In the Republic of Ireland their campaign has succeeded. The propaganda machines of the humanists and anti-God organisations along with the use of the powers available to the Irish Government, led by sodomite, Leo Varadkar, have persuaded the majority of voters to support the removal of the former restraints in law upon abortion.

Those who were against abortion in the Irish Republic were utterly let down by that which many would have been looking to for aid. I mean of course, the Roman Catholic Church.

I have no doubt that the perverted actions of numerous priests upon innocent children over a long, long time, coupled with the deceitful and wicked cover-up by the ruling Bishops and clerics, drove the Irish people into the arms of the humanist camp in thousands. That reaction to the wretched and vile regime of clerical deviants of every rank gave the victory to the pro-abortion campaign. I see the outcome of the referendum as a verdict by the Irish people upon the rottenness of the Roman Catholic Church!

Sadly, the growing awareness of Rome's immorality did not cause the people, as it should, to read God's Word in order to discover just what it was God has said on the matter, but rather they chose to abandon religion altogether. That has often been the reaction of a population which becomes disillusioned with Popery. Italy, France and many South American nations are example of this.

We need to pray that no matter how many disillusioned Roman Catholics and no matter how many deceived



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so-called Protestants there may in Northern Ireland, the truth of God will prevail amongst us and the wickedness of killing the unborn will be seen for what it is and repudiated and rejected.

We take some comfort from what Arlene Foster, the DUP leader, has said. "The result of Ireland's abortion referendum has no impact on the law in Northern Ireland," she is reported as saying. Hopefully, the key position in Westminster of the DUP MPs will ward off the pressure that is mounting for Mrs Theresa May to try and intervene in our affairs in this matter. Mrs Foster's party is propping up Theresa May's minority government in Westminster. She won't want to upset the DUP and risk her parliamentary majority especially at such a crucial time in the Brexit negotiations.

However, we heed what God says. "Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help," Psalm 146:3. It would be right to understand that "princesses" are also referred to in that verse!

We have seen how dependence upon the promises of politicians, which can suddenly turn to vapour and disappear when something more advantageous to their political ambitions comes along, have failed us in the past!

We must find something more substantial to lean upon.

The follies and deceits and the unbiblical notions of the theologically liberal and modernistic ecumenists have emaciated the body of Ulster Protestantism and rendered it almost a corpse. Few of the clerics in the main Protestant denominations occupy the scriptural ground of their forebears of a generation or so ago. All too many Protestants today would go along with the pro-abortionists. The teaching of the Word of God on the sanctity of life and the conception of the child in the womb is unknown for the modern pulpits are not noted for their Bible preaching.

And yet God in His mercy has maintained a light. We have some little hope that He will answer prayer and be pleased to move His people to pray as they have done in the past. The Psalmist speaks of such a prayer.

"Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved," Psalm 80:19.

Such a turning is experienced in the place of prayer. It is a sadly neglected place today.

We need to get back to such gatherings as marked our denomination 50 years ago - days of prayer and fasting and calling upon God. Such earnestness and zealous intercession will indeed bring God's mighty answer.

"And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me," Psalm 50:15.

The promises of God CANNOT fail!

Let us take heed to what Asaph the Psalmist has said:

"I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me. So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels. Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways! I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries. The haters of the LORD should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever. He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee," Psalm 81:10-16.

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