



A Turning Point

“The faithful intercession of the saints has a direct relationship to whether the forces of darkness or the forces of righteousness prevail at a given time.”¹

Our nation has sunken so far from God that only a major revival can save us. And a few short weeks away is a critical turning point. (*Written in October, 1996.*)

"The next president will either support historic Christian faith and shore up the moral and ethical foundations of our nation through personal example and executive decisions, or will not. If not, we each stand weak and vulnerable in the raging flood waters of this decadent and perverse time. The upcoming elections are not just any elections, they are pivotal."²

Note that Halloween--the year's most important satanic holiday (besides Easter) – falls just five days before our nation's most important election.

While maintaining the primary prayer focus on revival, I believe the Holy Spirit is calling us to pray specifically for the grip of the enemy upon the November elections to be broken and God to be glorified in their outcome.

Satanists hold meetings and evil prayers weeks in advance of major satanic holidays to cast their pall of darkness over the land.

Can we, who can shed God's light through prayer, do less?

Throughout the Bible targeted prayer has defeated Satan's strategy.

The prayers of Moses, Aaron and Hur on the mountainside decisively affected Joshua's battle in the trenches.

"As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning."

When the trio took unusual measures to persevere, *"Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword."*³

When King Jehosephat's kingdom was attacked by a vast army, he knew exactly where the real battle lay. *Although the threat manifested in the physical realm, he knew the answer was rooted in the spiritual.* So Jehosephat and all of Judah's citizens followed some key strategies in seeking help that we, too, can follow.

First, they humbled themselves and fasted. Then the king prayed doctrinely – publicly proclaiming God's sovereignty over the nations – and cried out to the Lord for help.

And God responded and saved them.

"Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's."⁴

Previous articles have highlighted the glorious revivals God has brought in the past, to remind and focus us on what He can do again, now, in this present darkness. Keeping this hope in the forefront of our lives will help our zeal not to flag when the darkness seems to deepen.

Practicing Spirit-guided intercession as a disciplined, focused, long-range military operation is vital to victory. One wonderful example of how God overcame demonic assault during WWII is the faithful, committed intercession of Rees Howells' Bible College in Wales. It was not only a sobering reminder of the fierceness of the spiritual warfare of our age, but meant to be an encouraging reminder of what God can do with committed Christian intercessors.

This month is the time to put these principles to work.

Now, more than ever, as the November elections approach, is the time to fiercely overcome the enemy's plans through committed, unyielding prayer and fasting.

An Army of Prayer

All over the nation the Lord is raising up an army of dedicated warriors to pray and fast in this effort. If you believe He is calling you to join in some way, know that you will be connected in a focused, united way to others similarly called. And that He will use us in a powerful way.

Some years ago I was privileged to be part of a small group of people who formed a "renewal prayer chain" for our respective churches, several of which were in different states. We all communicated almost entirely by mail. We each committed to one day of the week. We fasted and prayed as little or as long as we felt led, half an hour or all day, it was up to the individual and the Lord. The main point was the committed, united focus.

God said that if we were faithful, He would move powerfully. And He did. Over several years, I saw a large church transformed from Biblical liberalism and open corruption into a Bible-based church with a believing pastor.

I have never forgotten God's awesome response to a very small amount of faith and commitment.

Author Mark Bubeck reminds us:

Perhaps I should warn you that the kingdom of darkness hates the United States with a violent, cruel hatred. Satan hates our history of Christ-exalting churches. He hates our freedom and prosperity which enables believers to support world evangelization and missionary outreach. He hates our technology that makes possible wide and diverse means of communicating the gospel. He hates the large numbers of evangelical Christians who pray, love and support the things of God. His hatred is so great, he'd rather destroy us than fight us. Even if he gets the nation's majority totally coming his way, Satan is still terribly threatened by believers. He knows the awesome potential of even a remnant of Bible-believing Christians. If we unite behind God's will and plan for world revival, mighty advancement for Christ will result. Even a desire for revival awakening terrifies the kingdom of darkness. It's the one remedy that can intervene in our national, downward plunge toward total destruction.⁵

--Linda Nathan

Recommended Reading

Bubeck, Mark I. **The Satanic Revival.** (Here's Life Publishers, Inc., P. O. Box 1576, San Bernardino, CA 92402), 1991. *Despite its title, this is really a tremendously powerful manual on how to pray for revolutionary revival in our nation, complete with very helpful suggested patterns of prayer.*

Jacobs, Cindy. **Possessing the Gates of the Enemy: A Training Manual for Militant Intercession.** (New York: Fleming H. Revell Company, Chosen Books, 1991.) *Cindy heads Generals of Intercession, a ministry that unites intercessory prayer movements*

all over the country in order to get God's larger vision. This book is full of very specific help.

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Footnotes

¹ Bubeck, p. 167.

² From letter dated September 19, 1996 from Gary Bergel, President of Intercessors for America (IFA). IFA publishes a free monthly prayer newsletter and promotes a first Friday of the month prayer focus. They also provide large amounts of excellent material on prayer and intercession. Write to them at IFA, P. O. Box 4477, Leesburg, VA 20177. Fax: (703) 777-2324 or E-mail: USAPRAY@AOL.COM.

³ Exodus 17:10-13.

⁴ 2 Chronicles 20:1-29.

⁵ Bubeck, Mark. The Satanic Revival. (Here's Life Publishers, Inc., P. O. Box 1576, San Bernardino, CA 92402), 1991, p. 152.