

## General Topics :: Knowing the season of evil

### Knowing the season of evil - posted by CofG (), on: 2021/1/18 8:26

When the Holy Spirit is leading God's people corporately there is a unity of mind, heart, and direction of God's people all joining arms together in a common purpose but also moving towards a common end. We can all embrace that. When this happens on a large scale, sometimes we call this revival or a great awakening. Even though we are individuals and the Spirit works in us individually, there is in certain seasons also a corporate leading that the Spirit is undertaking that can partially be known by Scripture but also can be unperceived because His leading in a particular direction isn't always revealed in prophesy. When God is working in this way in a particular time, the leading can be different say than when He led 500 years ago. Just picture the leading of the Spirit in the wilderness of the OT. Ultimately, the Spirit was leading to the promised land but the journey took many turns and had varied twists.

The question I ponder is this. Does the spirit of disobedience that is at work in the sons of disobedience have a similar leading of satan's "children" unbeknownst to them and to the undiscerning? That is, satan is obviously leading men in to temptation and sin on an individual basis. Controlling their direction individually. Men are slaves to sin and under its power. This we know. But, isn't it also true that satan at times and with God's permission exercises corporate control in moving his children where he wants them to go? Experientially, we would have to say so. Think of Nazi Germany or Pol Pot and the killing fields where millions of people adopt such a common unthinkable evil path and goal that is unexplainable in understanding how such a thing could happen on such a grand scale without acknowledging that evil has stirred men's hearts and worked simultaneously in the hearts of men to pursue a common evil path and objective.

If my thoughts are correct as to how evil, when given permission by God, can unite the sinful in one pursuit then we have to consider that in this time, in what we see going on in the US and in the world, that satan is uniting hearts to one common goal in a organized and planned scheme and major offensive. An evil great awakening as it were.

Often we view sin as an individual problem with individual manifestations and outcomes. But, there are seasons when it is much more corporate and organized than that. Aren't we in such a season? If so, then it is incumbent on Christians, especially leaders, to discern the times.

If the enemy is more organized now than has been the case in the recent past, then we must recognize that fact, recognize the goal and the scheme and likewise especially unite in the Spirit in opposition to this. We must recognize the battle plan of the enemy and not fight sin only on our own individual level but also intercede in prayer as our plan to help each other stand firm and to resist the evil one's assault against the church. This is a time of corporate large scale attack and requires a corporate united large scale response. If we fight as individuals, we will potentially be picked off one by one.

Evil is pushing forward hard now in unison with arguments and lies that have common threads. The plan is to divide society, incite anger against those who stand in the way of its agenda, to silence the voices that would speak truth against it and its plans and to ultimately, down the path, crush the church either into joining in submission or to eliminate it. I'm not speaking politically here at all.

In these times there is a cosmic clash between the plan and leading of the evil one and that of the Spirit. There will be a particularly massive clash between those who call evil good and those who call evil evil. There will be a temptation to evaluate this clash as mere political or cultural skirmishes. It isn't. The war is on the ground but is fought in the "air" against the prince of the air as one man preached this past Sunday.

The flashpoint for the church, the fork in the middle of the road at this time, is if she recognizes and discerns the times. This is not primarily a time of increased individual sin but rather a marshaling together of evil into a coordinated and concerted massive push against the church. This is where all the political, social and economic struggles are really founded and headed. If we look at this time as merely a political, social or economic battle, we will deal with mere bandaid solutions. We will look for a temporal peace that would be similar to the false peace that is illusory. This is a time of war and the enemy has no acceptable terms that should give comfort to God's people. We must hold the line.

This war is not going away unless we pray and we keep our testimony of Jesus even through the shedding of blood. You might find that melodramatic. If so, we have fallen for the first scheme which is "this too shall pass." Read the NT. It continuously warns of a concerted last day offensive. While we may or may not be at the last last day, the idea of a concerted large scale offensive of pure evil is a Biblical notion which may apply in certain seasons of war even prior to the final battle. The level of pace and the seemingly coordinated joining of forces of evil in various systems seems to point to this as such a season.

May we rise from our slumber, put on the armor of God and join a Spirit awakening against an evil awakening.

The church in the past in other places lacked a discernment of the corporate movement of evil. May it not be so with us.

**Re: Knowing the season of evil - posted by mama27, on: 2021/1/18 8:41**

We are living in unprecedented times and have been trying to make sense of it all. Thank you for your thoughtful and very insightful post. May we be unwavering in our stand for Christ!

**Re: Knowing the season of evil - posted by JFW (), on: 2021/1/18 9:50**

Brother Robert,  
Thank you for sharing this as it is quite insightful ðŸ™•ðŸ™•»

Many are willing to die for something or someone but.... are we willing to live in the light for it/them? To die for something is to have courage, to live in the light is to have faith ðŸ™†

**Re: Knowing the season of evil - posted by staff, on: 2021/1/18 12:02**

Hi CofG,

You posted a really incorrect and very divisive post from Wheaton College the other day so its a little hard for me to take this post here seriously.

Wheaton College(not you) were clearly race baiting and telling lies about events surrounding the elections,  
Their was time to respond,  
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**Re: - posted by docs (), on: 2021/1/18 12:10**

How do the Scriptures, Old and New Testament, say that this present evil age will end? What should we be expecting and preparing for?

**Re: - posted by CofG (), on: 2021/1/18 14:27**

Hi Fletcher. The reference to resisting and shedding of blood was to this passage. I wasnâ€™t speaking of shedding othersâ€™ blood if that was your inference. I was speaking of standing firm in the faith even when Godâ€™s people are enduring hostility from others for their faith.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. - Hebrews 12:3-4

Staff, I honestly have no idea what you are talking about. Sorry. All I did was post a deeply sad article from Wheaton College.