The Danger of Change

The Wisdom of Solomon said:

"My son, fear the LORD and the king;

Do not associate with those given to change;

For their calamity will rise suddenly,

And who knows the ruin those two can bring?" (Proverbs 24:21-22)

In Politics, the ruin of nations has been those who simply promised "change" and came into power. e.g. Lenin, Stalin, Castro, Mao Tse Dong, Hitler, ad nauseum. "Change" with no regard to who or where it will lead always heads toward more government control of every aspect of the individual's life: tyranny.

In Religion, likewise, unrest is created with whatever God has decreed, and "change" easily translated into "apostasy." e.g. Israel wanted "a king to judge us like all the nations" (<u>I Samuel 8:1-22</u>) Jeroboam made sweeping changes in God's Mosaic religion, and the people never recovered (<u>I Kings 11:43</u> – <u>I Kings 12:1-33</u>);

Christians would make sweeping changes in God's church of Christ, and some people never would recover (I Timothy 4:1-5; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12).

It is of little wonder, then, that Jesus Christ said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch." (Matthew 15:13-14)

The winds of change are blowing. Will you stand or blow away?

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