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he title is taken from what man has labeled "The Lord's Prayer," "...For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." (MATTHEW 6:9-13).

Shortly after the beginning of the "<u>invisible</u>" church, a man named Simon, who "<u>giving out</u> that <u>HIMSELF</u> was some <u>GREAT ONE</u>" (ACTS8:9-19), <u>tried to purchase</u> the <u>POWER</u> of the Holy Ghost with money.

Since then, men and women <u>through</u> their own ministries have been "<u>giving out themselves as great ones</u>" too, ever craving the "<u>power and glory</u>" that should belong to Jesus <u>ALONE</u>.

Jesus made known to the people that the Scribes and the Pharisees sat in **MOSES' SEAT** of authority. They ruled the people, and loved to be acknowledged by them.

Jesus said, "...ALL their works they do for TO BE <u>SEEN OF MEN</u>" (MATTHEW 23:1-12), for "...they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi [OR REVEREND, PASTOR, PREACHER, DOCTOR, PROPHETESS, ETC]."

Jesus declared to his disciples, "...he that is greatest among you shall be your <u>servant</u>. And whosoever shall <u>exalt himself</u> shall be abased; and he that shall <u>humble himself</u> shall be exalted" (MATTHEW 23:1-12).

But leaders today will not hear it, being filled with their own **PRIDE**, while they "<u>market themselves</u>" with their books and reputation, making **MERCHANDISE** of men.

God calls them "wells without water" (2 PETER 2:17), and "Jude writes: "...clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth...twice dead, plucked up by the roots" (JUDE 1:12).

Jesus, "...when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he GAVE THEM POWER against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease" (MATTHEW 10:1-42). One of those to whom Jesus GAVE this POWER was JUDAS ISCARIOT, the betrayer, who was also one of the twelve, and labeled a "devil" (JOHN 6:70).





Pope in Christ Seat of Authority

Prophet Jones of the 1950's & Reverend Moon and Wife in their OWN Seat of Authority

Jesus also <u>GAVE POWER</u> to seventy and sent them out to preach, and when they returned, they said: "...<u>LORD</u>, <u>even the devils are SUBJECT unto us</u> <u>through thy name</u>" (LUKE 10:17), but Jesus said...

"Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over ALL the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this REJOICE NOT, that the spirits are subject unto you; but RATHER REJOICE, because your names are written in heaven" (LUKE 10:19-20).

All of the "<u>religious</u>" bragging, boasting, and "<u>strutting</u> <u>feathers</u>" in the ministry today is <u>contrary</u> to the <u>TRUTH</u> of God, and it ought not to be.

<u>True</u> believers are "<u>SERVANTS</u>" of the Lord Jesus Christ, not <u>celebrity-status</u>, <u>high-minded</u> "holy" men and women of <u>great fame or reputation</u>. Jesus said, "<u>WOE UNTO YOU</u>, when <u>all men</u> shall speak <u>WELL OF YOU!</u> for so did their fathers to the <u>FALSE PROPHETS</u>" (LUKE 6:26).

Too many people are "majoring" on "themselves,"

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instead of the *Lord Jesus Christ* and his finished work. Because of their pride, they reject their vocation as a **SERVANT**, refusing to *humble* themselves:

"...which of you, having a **SERVANT** plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat?

And will not <u>RATHER</u> say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and <u>SERVE ME</u>, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink?

<u>Doth he thank that servant</u> because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow [THINK] not.

So <u>likewise ye</u>, when ye shall have done <u>ALL</u> those things which are commanded you, <u>say</u>, We are <u>UNPROFITABLE SERVANTS</u>: we have done that which was <u>our duty to</u> <u>do</u>" (LUKE 17:7-10).

Jesus laid the foundation for us to build upon, and we are to be <u>just like him</u> in <u>everything</u>. He said that "...<u>whosoever will be great among you, let him be your MINISTER</u>; and <u>whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your SERVANT</u>: even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to <u>give his life</u> a ransom for many" (MATTHEW 20:26-28 & LUKE 22:26-27).

God is talking to you "preachers" and "would-be preachers," and to you "teachers" and "would-be teachers," and he is saying, remember Diotrephes, who the apostle John said, "...loveth to have the PRE-EMINENCE [TO BE FOND OF BEING FIRST] among them, receiveth us not...prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them [EXCOMMUNICATE] out of the church" (3 JOHN 1:9-10).

Jesus wants you to "COME UNTO HIM" and he will give you rest. You know your conduct is contrary to his

Word. Jesus said, "Take my <u>YOKE UPON YOU</u>, and <u>LEARN OF ME</u>" (MATTHEW 11:29). When you learn about Jesus, you'll discover that he is "<u>MEEK</u> and <u>LOWLY</u> in heart," not "<u>puffed up</u>" and "flamboyant."

The <u>Holy Spirit</u> is not in the world to "...*SPEAK OF HIMSELF*; but whatsoever he shall <u>HEAR</u>, that shall he <u>SPEAK</u>..." (JOHN 16:13). <u>NEITHER</u> is Jesus, "For I have not <u>SPOKEN OF MYSELF</u>; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak" (JOHN 12:49).

When men speak of themselves, <u>false doctrines</u> arise, such as the doctrine concerning the <u>Virgin</u> <u>Mary</u>. Jesus spoke against it:

"And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, BLESSED IS THE WOMB that bare thee, AND THE PAPS which thou hast sucked. But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that HEAR THE WORD OF GOD, and KEEP IT" (LUKE 11:27-28).



The antichrist indeed "...shall come in his own name" (JOHN 5:43) but he has thousands of forerunners who can be found listed in any Christian book store.

BUT. What about YOU?

Are you <u>determined</u> to continue following these men and women of damnation who emphasis the "POSITIVE," "smooth gospel (ISA 30:10)," or will you come to God with a <u>broken</u>, and <u>contrite</u> heart (PSALMS 34:18 & ISAIAH 66:2), and <u>humble</u> yourself as a little child (MATTHEW 18:4) and say, "God be <u>merciful</u> unto me <u>a sinner</u>" (LUKE 18:13). He who humbles himself <u>shall</u> <u>be</u> exalted (LUKE 14:11).

"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. (PSALM 118:8)