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The scheme of the enemy is particularly clever, you would have to admit. In healing his mortal wound,¹ he has found that removing the threat of Christ and what Christ accomplished on the cross, removing that threat is his way to reboot. The enemy understands this, and he is willing to give a place to the church—he is. In the modern period we see witless characters, ostensibly church leaders or leaders of groups that pretend to speak for the people of God collectively, arguing that we need "a seat at the political table." Let us understand that that is to concede the power that is designed to defeat the enemy—to concede it and to bow down to the enemy.

It is to do what Jesus absolutely rejected when it was offered to Him.² There, the enemy said to Him, "If you will fall down and worship me, I will give you the kingdoms of the world."³ What was he talking about? He was clearly speaking about the systems of the *kosmos*,⁴ and the enemy revealed the scheme to Him; how he was in charge around here. He said, "Because they are mine to give."⁵ Of course they were his to give, because those kingdoms are the *kosmos*, the systems by which he has entrapped the souls of men in their frantic desire to provide for themselves and to protect themselves. That is what these systems do. In His humanity, when Christ appeared in the flesh of Jesus of Nazareth, Satan thought that He was just another man or, even if He was the Son of God, like Adam was the son of God, it would work against Him the same way as it worked against Adam.⁶ That is what he was offering.

All Scripture quotations are from the NKJV Bible, unless otherwise noted.

¹ See Revelation 13:3-4: "And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, 'Who *is* like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?'"

² Mathew 4:10-11: "Then Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve." Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him." See also Luke 4:8.

³ See Mathew 4:8-9: "Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, 'All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." See also Luke 4:5-7.

⁴ See *kosmos*, Strong's Greek 2889 - <u>https://biblehub.com/greek/2889.htm</u>

⁵ See Luke 4:6: "And the devil said to Him, 'All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for *this* has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.""

⁶ See Genesis 3:1-22.

To heal the mortal wound, Satan's repeated scheme is to offer a seat at the political table. I wish I could tell you how many people I have personally known, including national figures in the evangelical church with whom I have had conversation, who have told me, even at the beginning of this movement into politics by the evangelical church through its leaders—I wish I could tell you how many of these leaders I have either personally spoken to or know from what they have said on television and in public media—how many times I have heard the phrase, "a seat at the political table." Look, I do not know how to make it plainer. If there is a way to make it plainer, it escapes me. The enemy fears the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God,⁷ but he has no fear of a compromised gospel. A compromised gospel is a political gospel. I have derisively referred to the present evangelical church as creating and publishing a Republican Jesus. Let us understand, a Republican Jesus is no threat to Satan. How many times have I said in recent years that when the Trump administration is finished, the greatest casualty of it will be the irreparable harm to the evangelical gospel?

I do not really care about the political outcomes of any administration. I care solely about the preservation of and the integrity of the truth, because it is what God keeps advancing in the earth. No foolish leadership, no amount of deception and the conniving of leadership will ever blunt the gospel. It will keep on in its pure and pristine form, and ultimately those in whom this gospel has become incarnate, the form of which will be a mature church, will crush the head of the serpent.⁸ But for now, with a harlot church, a compromised gospel, and false prophets leading the church—people who have said, "God has said." How many of these idiots have said God told them the outcome of the last election, and they were dead wrong? And yet, the people allow them to reboot their ministries.

Listen, when you are deceived again—not if, but when you are deceived again—you will have no one to blame but yourself. And eventually, you will not know the difference between the true gospel and the one you are imbibing as a deceived person. This is where we are. I have watched

⁷ See Ephesians 6:17: "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;"
⁸ See 1 John 3:8b: "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil."

these apologists. They seem to pop up every day. I watched one recently on this show from this fellow, Baker, who had been discredited a long time ago. One of the brand name prophets from North Carolina was talking about how the church is under attack. He, right away, conflated the church and White evangelical Christians, and the political happenings in the nation. He immediately conflated them, oblivious to the fact that the Kingdom of God is comprised of spirit beings, not people defined by their skin colors. But in the soberest of tones, this marquee prophet kept insisting that the culture of the church is under attack. No. What he means is White Republican evangelical culture is under attack, but they have conflated the two.

Here is my point—and this is the reason that I am so determined to convey this point—this is the sound of a compromised church. This is the sound of prophets who are prophesying falsehoods, and the people are loving it so. They do not understand that what is lost in the process is that which truly can oppose the beast as it is coming forward. Anytime you are part of the governing systems of this world, you are useless to the Kingdom of God. In fact, you are already opposed to the Kingdom of God. The problem is that these fellows are the present-day practitioners of what Constantine did, and those church fathers, how they accepted the power of the state and supplanted the power of the Spirit. It is similar to what Charlemagne did, and those church fathers accepted; and it led the church into what then came to be the Crusades—war made through politics, ostensibly for the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

No, Satan is more intelligent than that. Any kingdom divided against itself cannot stand,⁹ and Satan will not permit anything to divide his kingdom. That is why he rules over it to begin with. So whatever you think the activities of a politicized church are, in terms of advancing the Kingdom, it does not. The promise to end abortion; the promise to overturn Supreme Court rulings with respect to homosexuality; the promise to restore prayer in public school; if all those promises were kept, inasmuch as they came from a political system, it would have no effect in advancing the Kingdom of God.

⁹ See Mathew 12:25-26: "But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: 'Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?"

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This is how deeply deceived the present leadership is. Understand, Satan gives up nothing that advances the Kingdom of God, and once you are in bed with political leadership, that is the ancient scheme. It is a scheme of building a tower,¹⁰ which is a political act. It is about civilization. It is about how a people are ruled. Once you are in that, you cannot also change it. If you are in the kingdom of darkness, it has a ruler, and it will insist on ruling you. Did it not promise Jesus rule over those systems? Did Satan not say to Jesus, "If you will fall down and worship me, I will give you the kingdoms of the world, because they are mine to give?"

What is the difference if politicians over a secular state offer the church whatever foreign policy initiatives the state may undertake in regards to Israel? What is the difference? What is the difference if the secular rulers promise the church overturning Roe versus Wade? What is the difference if they restore prayer to the public schools? None of it is going to happen, so it is an empty promise anyway. It is typical of Satan to offer empty promises, because he is a liar.¹¹ But even if he granted them, you are still worshipping that, because that is where your power comes from. And eventually, it will not threaten the kingdom that you have gone to for empowerment, supposedly to do the things of God.

I am astonished at the darkness of the thinking of the present leadership of the church. It does not understand that it is incapable of opposing the beast. Anything you do by the permission of the beast poses no threat whatsoever to it. It never has; it never will. All it does is, it produces a prostitute; it produces a harlot out of what used to be conflated with the bride.¹²

I want to go on. The mortal wound was healed, and what happened? The last part of verse 3 says,

And all the world marveled and followed the beast. So they worshiped the dragon [Who is the dragon? That ancient serpent called the devil and Satan. They worshipped Satan.] who

¹⁰ See Genesis 11:1-9.

¹¹ See John 8:44: "You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it."

¹² See Revelation 17:3-5.

gave authority to the beast; [If you get anything by way of power from the beast, you end up worshipping Satan.] and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" (Revelation 13:3b-4 NKJV, comments added in brackets)

In other words, they stand and look, and they say, "It is too much. It is too big for us. We cannot overcome the beast. It is too controlling. It is too everything else." The evangelical church does not know how deeply departed from the truth they came to be when they became an extension of the Republican Party. The moral high ground that it once claimed to have has been entirely lost. Now the secular regards that which thought itself to be holy, as common; and we have the leaders to thank for that. When the highest levels of church leadership behave in the same disgustingly immoral way that the political leaders do, there is no distinction between them. Now fit the names into that puzzle that I have just shown you. That is why the mortal wound was healed. That is why the result was that the people thought these systems, this way of doing things, are invincible.

It is not the political leadership that opposes the church that you should be worried about; it is the one that throws its arms open to welcome a prostitute into his embrace. That is the one you have to worry about. That is what has happened, and it is never going to go back to an unsullied state. These leaders will continue to embarrass themselves; they will continue to lose what shred of credibility they have; they will continue to be folded into secondary things. You will see now ministries for feeding the poor; you will see a social gospel fully embraced as these leaders attempt to reinvent themselves. You will see former prophets, high-flying individuals, in order to keep the show going, they will start distributing food so that they can look good to the people. It is where they go to rehabilitate shattered images created by false assumptions. You will see it everywhere, because their hope is to maintain some level of distinction, and they will find things that the world agrees are good things to do. But as to advancing the Kingdom of God, it is not going to happen—not through them.

God already has selected and has been nurturing a leadership and a people. Many of the people are yet among the followers of these disgraced leaders—some of whose disgrace is well known; others are like a slow rot creeping through what they are doing. But we will begin to see, first a trickle,

and then a flood of God's people coming out of these things and into the thing that God has prepared for such a time as this. That is what we are going to see.

As the story unpacks, it says,

And all the world marveled and followed the beast. So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies... (Revelation 13:3b-5a).

Here is how the uptick goes in this present time, in the vacuum of credible leadership in the evangelical church. By the way, a few days ago I was having a conversation with a fellow who is very much in touch with many of these leaders who are scratching their heads, scrambling, trying to reboot, and I was just having a conversation with him about where they are. They are still trying to decide what went wrong. The main incentive for deciding what went wrong is, "How do we fix it?" or, "How do we at least appear to address it, so we can keep going?" In this time, when there are no voices speaking credibly for the Body of Christ, at least not on a public stage, I ask you this: Who has credibility in either the Roman church, the Evangelical church, or any church group for that matter? Who has credibility to a nation? Who has credibility in the world? Nobody does.

This is what is going to happen next. This beast was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies. Do you notice that? It is speaking great things and blasphemies, so half-truths and blasphemous things. The perfect cover of blasphemy is also to be speaking great things. Behold, a time of deception has come. In the vacuum that is resulting, blasphemies and great things will be spoken interchangeably. And guess what? This bunch is not going to get it.

What is a blasphemy that is being spoken now? Anything labeled "QAnon" is pure blasphemy. But what are the great things that are appealing to people? —Nationalism, patriotism, "Make America Great Again," keeping what you got, protecting homes and neighborhoods, and the rest of it—great things and blasphemies mixed up as one. But it is just the beginning; nothing like what it is going to become, because this is a church in free fall. I mean, even the local guys are caught up in defying Covid rules as their marching orders and the banner under which they are fighting. Great things and blasphemies are being said all in one breath. It makes it such that this sound that comes from the beast blends nicely with the current condition of a church that has gone deaf.

And he [this beast] was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months (Revelation 13:5, comments added in brackets).

So, it will continue for a time. Forty-two months relates to the time of Jesus' ministry—from the time of His baptism by John until His ascension, His ministry spanned forty-two months. He Himself lived for thirty-three and a half years. So, there is a connection here; it is a divine mimic, so to speak.

Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven (Revelation 13:6).

The target is to speak blasphemies against God in the fashion of blaspheming His name, His tabernacle which is His dwelling place (that would be the Body of Christ), and those who dwell in heaven. Let me now conclude with this. Verse 8 says,

All who dwell on the earth will worship him (Revelation 13:8a).

There are those who dwell in heaven, who are the tabernacle of God, against whom the enemy is making war; and there are those who dwell on the earth who will worship the beast. I want to distinguish those two in the next broadcast.

I am Sam Soleyn, and I will see you then. Bye-bye.