

The Charismatic Sanhedrin and Bishop so and so...

This is kind of a joke, and kind of not. Now a day everyone wants a title of Bishop, Prophet, and Apostle. As I have traveled around the world and have been in places like China, where the Gospel is not tax deductible, I have met real Apostles and they didn't have a business card or call themselves anything but their name. I have stood in the presence of a man from China that had a house network of over a million people and he wasn't even fifty years old. He bore on his body the marks of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was tortured for the One who really matters to him, Jesus. This man goes by the name of "brother _____." The most predominate attribute of a real Apostle is humility. Religion blinds, controls, manipulates and uses Jesus' name for personal gain. In Jesus' day the Sanhedrin was extorting people for money, they would forgive sin for personal gifts. The Catholic Church wasn't the originator of indulgences the Pharisees were. A lot of what we call prophetic is really pathetic. There is a lot of "thus saith the soul of man". Many people have been hurt in church. I want to propose that much of what we call church, Jesus calls Apostate; and says ***repent or I will spit you out of my mouth!*** I don't want to be the cause of Jesus' indigestion, how about you?

When there is a lack of spiritual discernment an un-natural religious protocol is developed that tries to naturally replace what is suppose to be spiritually discerned. I will give you a brief example. Here is two men connecting and trying to get to know one another. One is Pastor Suspicious and the other is Brother "Rub you the wrong way":

PS: *So who is your Pastor, brother?*
BR: *Well the Lord is my shepherd.*
PS: *Who is his overseer?*
BR: *Jesus is my Apostle.*
PS: *Ok, who is your spiritual covering?*
BR: *The shadow of his wings.*
PS: *Who is your spiritual Father?*
BR: *Well God is Spirit and Jesus told me he was my Father in Matthew 6.*
PS: *Where do you live?*
BR: *Well we have no remaining city but we seek one to come.*
PS: *Where do you fellowship?*
BR: *Our fellowship is in a mystery.*

For you to get this you will have to be a faithful bible reader or all that just went right over your head. I want to share another memory that came to me while I was writing. When I was in China I don't remember getting asked any of those questions. Perhaps a Faith in Christ, that you are willing to suffer for, gives you clear spiritual sight. Perhaps if the log gets ripped out of our eye we will be able to see. One day I was praying and Jesus spoke to me; here is what he said " maybe if you rip the log out of your eye you would be able to see me." This really brought me into a time of confession, which then led to repentance. Unless we confess what is wrong, he won't help us think right.

When something is missing spiritually we try to make it up naturally. The reason we do this is because then we don't have to humble ourselves and confess, repent and change. I will give you an example of when something is missing people add stuff to it, and make it worse. The Pharisees couldn't keep the Law so they added at least 500 rules to the law. They did this because they were so used to being taken into exile they made more rules to prevent further bondage. I will give you a modern day one. Many times people get licensed in ministry before they get ordained. You can't find that in the Bible. Let me show you what people are really

saying. "If you don't screw up within the time from now until your ordination, then we will ordain you." If you screw up most likely you will get disowned. That happens when teachers ordain people and not Fathers. David was anointed King, he was clearly ordained but he still screwed up, yet he didn't lose his status as King. Many times people try to make others earn what God has given them freely, that is called religion! Religion always wants to stone whom Jesus is about to save.

What God is going to use to deal with the Charismatic Sanhedrin is Fathers. Fathers serve and protect the family. Fathers receive and release, release and receive. Fathers correct, not control. Religion tries to make people cookie cutters after a leader, while Fathers see what God has put in sons and call it forth. When Ezekiel, a servant, was standing in the valley of dry bone with Jesus, a Son. They saw two different things. Ezekiel saw dry bones, Jesus saw an army. Then Jesus helped Ezekiel see, then he prophesied and the word became flesh and a valley of dead separate bones became an exceedingly great army. Something dead and divided became alive and unified under the right leadership.

So the disciples are trying to cast the devil out of someone and they couldn't, so the demonized man was brought to Jesus and he was set free. Then Jesus rebukes them hardcore. Imagine if your Pastor rebuked you for not being naturally supernatural. We rebuke people for being late to church or when they are absent from church, yet Jesus rebukes people for not being the church. We try to make church more appealing because of the deficiency of God's presence. God is more than appealing, he's beautiful but when his presence isn't manifesting we do natural things to make something spiritual happen and it never works. Many people get

deeply frustrated because of the insanity of doing the same thing in different ways and expecting different results. When we make church an outreach, it's only because the church hasn't equipped people to reach out. Something spiritually is missing and we try to solve a spiritual problem naturally. Many times we can respond to something spiritual in the natural. Like when the day of Pentecost came, some people thought the people were drunk. Something spiritual was happening and they responded naturally and were wrong. The Peter said, "These men are not drunk like you suppose". Truth always address the accusations of ignorant people who feel "led" to comment on everything else that happens except there own life.

Jesus was in a crowd of people, people where touching him, but one laid hold of the hem of his garment and virtue was released and she was healed. The Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" He asked a spiritual question that the undiscerning followers of his answered in the natural. They stated the obvious, and ignored what was really happening. Sometimes the last thing you have to breakthrough before you touch Jesus personally is a religious hierarchy of people who surround Jesus and have no idea of what he is doing. Sometimes this story is a picture of my life and yours. This is a picture of religion; it is surrounded by God, but doesn't really know what he is doing. Religion could have legally stoned a woman who Jesus was going to heal through her faith. Real Biblical faith will always risk the stones from a religious hierarchy. There are two kinds of religious people, the ignorant one like the Apostles at this time, and the malicious ones who want to stone those who Jesus' wants to save.

Religious ministry comes from the soul and it involves control. While Spiritual ministry originates from God's Spirit and produces liberty to those who are receiving ministry from the minister. God is amazing at dealing with our religion and vaccinating us from a form of godliness with no power. A form of godliness is like a structure with no substance in it. Faith is substance, what is missing from a form of godliness is a Biblical faith that pleases God through his power at work in our lives through obedience. Religion even allows you to have sharp spiritual senses but dulled affections for Jesus. This is seen in Revelation 2, where Jesus is addressing Ephesus. They knew who the false apostles were, but they had left their first love. Jesus commanded them to repent or change what they were thinking and return to their first love. Here we see discerning spiritual senses, but a work that is lacking and affections that grew dull overtime because they lost their focus on the primary thing that God called them to. They had their eyes on what was false and stopped doing what was true. Beloved we must guard our affections for Jesus above all other things.

Recently I hosted my first prophetic conference at my local church, which was a blessing. God confronted my religion! So after the service food was prepared for the speakers and worship team. Some people wandered back into the room where the speakers were eating. They made themselves right at home without being invited, so internally I felt a little uncomfortable. I didn't know that this feeling was God actually letting me know that he was about to teach me something very deeply about who he is. So I was friendly to the uninvited guests, they were polite and didn't try to dominate the conversation. It was all going very smoothly but still I felt

uncomfortable deep inside where only the Lord could see. So I asked Jesus about the situation. I said, "Lord what is it? Do these people simply not respect my authority?" He said, "no Adam these are the kind of people I attract, and you prayed to be like me." He then reminded me of the people that he himself would eat with and showed me how religious and blind my heart was. I am weeping even now as I am writing, thinking of Jesus' love for the people that everyone isn't inviting for dinner after church on Sunday. Yet those are the people who Jesus ate with and he was giving me the privilege of eating with people that if he were there he would have ate with. His loving-kindness addressed my religion; the affect was that my heart was softened further to love like he does.

The functions, manifestations, fruit and culture of a Religious Spirit...

- Religion ignores the people that Jesus came for.
- Religion will fill your heard and leave your heart hard and empty.
- Religion will give out tracts out of obligation, and not love people out of privilege.
- When a religious spirit governs church, the services are predictable.
- A religious spirit castrates creativity and robs destiny.
- A religious spirit uses knowledge as leverage; knowledge truly does puff up while revelation causes you to lay down.
- Religious leaders are cater to the people and are not led by the Holy Spirit.
- Religious leaders like Saul fear the people they are supposed to lead, and use fear to control the people.

- Religious leaders often try to prove who or what is right and hardly every do what is right.
- The religious spirit has a false sense of justice. Read the story where Jesus stood in the gap for the woman caught in adultery.
- A religious spirit uses authority to control instead of release.
- A religious system always creates a high archy, while God's Kingdom always brings a low archy.
- Religious leaders try to see how you fit in their vision, instead of how they can fit in your vision by empowering you with what they have received.
- Religious spirits creature an atmosphere that's hard to approach God in and even harder to receive from him in.
- Religion will burn you out while God will burn you up!
- A religious spirit will use the Word "submit" to create a counterfeit safety for the complacent people to drown in.
- A religious spirit cares more about teaching than lifestyle.
- A religious person fears the mistakes of those who failed at what they are called to do.
- A religious person lives from the outside in, instead of the inside out.
- A religious person prioritizes actions over ambitions.
- A religious person is always carrying the cross, but is reluctant to get on it.
- A religious man is appointed by man and disappointed by man, while love never fails.
- A religious spirit judges falsely.
- A religious spirit does not like the timing of God. "Why heal on the Sabbath Jesus?"
- A religious spirit doesn't ask questions it makes accusations.
- A religious spirit is satisfied with living the experiences of others, whether it is a Bible story or an Impartation prayer...
- A religious spirit is satisfied with purity of doctrine, but not power to validate the Gospel.
- Where there is a strong hold of religion there is a culture of division.

- Religion abides in the realm of theory but not experience...
- Religion leads to abortion and can never birth the purposes of God...
- Religion is sterile...
- Religion knows the book but not the Author...
- Religion says yes to the rules and NO to the voice that would have empowered them keep the rules.
- Religion is fueled by the fear of man, the people they fear they try to control, and use fear to do it.
- Religion blinds, binds, controls, and kills.
- Religion always leads to extortion...
- Religion's language is Hypocrisy...
- A religious spirit creates systems of false order where there is no room for God. In the Father's house there is room for you, religion is like a cold dark empty room.
- Religion tries to bring a false unity; this false unity only tries to kill Jesus at the end of the day...
- When there is not a spirit of unity there is room for division...
- When there is a lack of Truth there is room for deception...
- Religion's belief system is deception, because it doesn't practice what it preaches.
- The last thing someone must breakthrough before they touch Jesus is a religious hierarchy that surrounds Jesus but has no idea what he is doing...
- Religion seeks to be recognized...
- Religion robs what is God's...
- Religion values rules over Presence...
- Religion values dead things...
- Man made boundaries don't create safety, just ask the Pharisees...
- The religious don't hear clear! Having eyes they don't see having ears they don't hear. (John 4:1-2, John 12:40)

- The religious lack experience, but never lack in accusations. It's usually the one lacking the experience that makes the accusations. This principal is seen in the story of Hannah and Eli and the accusation of her being drunk. This same principal is seen in Acts 2 when Peter said "these men are not drunk like you suppose"
- Religion always sheds innocent blood, while the political spirit washes its hand on the innocent blood.
- Religion has a form of Godliness but denies the power thereof.
- Religion places more value on the outward life than the inward life. A modern day example. If one thing is done wrong in a church service people go nuts, but what about all the people' lives who go wrong every day, but no one says a thing about that?

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