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Luke 4:5 Then the Devil took him up and revealed to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

Luke 4:6 The Devil told him, "I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them—because they are mine to give to anyone I please.

Luke 4:7 I will give it all to you if you will bow down and worship me."

Luke 4:8 Jesus replied, "The Scriptures say, You must worship the Lord your God; serve only him."



Herods power

- King Herod's power over the Herodians and the land he possessed didn't come from God. Earthly power comes from Satan. *Eph. 6:12* For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. The Bible is clear that Apostolic power, the power in the Holy Ghost, is not the same as ruling or lording over man. *Acts 10:25* And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.
- The Catholic Church, through the doctrine of Herod, Caesar, Constantine, etc. developed the idea that man has the power to select those that speak for God. But if you research history, you will find that as Israel desired to be ruled by Kings, all of them did not honor the God of heaven and earth.
- The idea that man can vote in a ruler that will be devoted to God alone is absurd. God only gives his apostolic authority to men that He deems worthy and not men selected by men. When Paul was blinded, God told him who could restore his sight. Paul could not decide it, but it was God's decision because Ananias was God's chosen vessel. *Acts 9:14* And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: And the fact that he wasn't a governor, ruler, or earthly power had nothing to do with the spiritual power he possessed.

Power of man

- Satan has the power to make people famous and to cause men to be worshiped based on superficial things. God never does this. God's chosen ones are those that submit to him and deny themselves. *Matt. 16:24* Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
- The desire to be revered by men is a satanic lust for power and influence. Herod was so bent on becoming the messiah, that he tried to kill the true messiah.
- Obama is so bent on becoming "the one" that he decorated his set for his presidential nomination to mirror the throne of Zeus of Pergamum that Jesus called the "seat of Satan". *Rev. 2:13* I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. This seat was excavated by Adolph Hitler and placed in a museum in Germany because he desired to be the chosen one or messiah as well. But Obama believes he is the one and this is why he desires to be in power.

Political Preachers

- The leaven of Herod is being perpetrated by many of our modern day so called "prophets" with political agendas. These preachers hide their desire for earthly fame and relevance in the idea that they are called of God to influence the political arenas of today. So they chose a political party to side with and push people into voting for a certain ticket. Republicans and Democrats are the same, they are both liberals. They both fall into the category that Liberalism is the primary Ideology behind both parties. They are both one in the same. Just take a look through history and see what they stood for. By the time you're done, you'll realize that they've exchanged their stance on the same issue multiple times.
- Political parties all have beliefs and issues that are not Christ approved. So, in essence, the prophets that encourage politics among believers, are compromising the cause of Christ for the sake of political agendas. They desire TV and Radio to show their stance against certain issues, but in exchange for this, they must accept other antichrist agendas of the party they stand for.
1Kings 22:6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king. And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him? And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.
- The devil is using many of our modern day, ambitious church leaders, in such a hypocritical way, that they fight for things that they don't even practice themselves.
Matt. 7:5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye. Many stand against abortion, but are

closet perverts themselves. Many stand for the sanctity of marriage, but are divorced or unforgiving towards their own spouses. Many stand for freedom of speech, but want to silence those that speak unedited truth. This hypocrisy is apart of the political process because all politics are from the people and not God.

- Jesus could have easily decided to accept the devils offer for the kingdoms of this world and then used the kingdoms against him to over throw him right? Well, Jesus didn't have to do that because he knew that in the end, He is gonna win and every kingdom will bow down to his Kingdom. *Rev. 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.* We must use this same rationalization when we are offered the platforms of men. When men offer us opportunity to expand our borders and enlarge our territory, we must be mindful of the cost. If the message will change, then what's the use in it being amplified?

Summary - When preachers say that they are sent by God to speak to the nations, then they are being ambitious. God doesn't call you to create a platform of your own to speak to the nations. God just wants us all to SPEAK. He will amplify our voice and carry the message where it needs to go. Paul was speaking to local churches and the message is carrying on this day. Jesus chose 12 men to disciple and people are yet being disciplined today. John wrote to himself on a island, exiled from all people, and those writings are ushering in the end of our age today. When Satan comes to you, and offers you an opportunity to "speak to the world" or to "have the kingdoms of the world under your voice" in exchange for you accepting his agenda or compromising Gods agenda, what will you do? Will you continue to carry the leaven of God's Kingdom, or will you, for the sake of a greater platform, accept the leaven of Herod?



Jer. 5:30 "Something horrible and shocking is going on in the land of Judah:

Jer. 5:31 The prophets prophesy lies. The priests exercise power by their own authority. And my people love to have it, this way. But they will not be able to help you when the time of judgment comes!