

Why Preachers Fall

By the end of 2024 many will have learned of the fall of big ministries to sexual sin, clergy abuse, and general gross immorality. Ministers named are Robert Morris of Gateway Church, Rick Joyner of Morning Star, Jordan Green of Pursuit Church, NC; Mike Bickle of IHOP, Dr. Michael Brown of Fire School, and Joni Lamb of Day Star, who, for the sake of the billion dollar “ministry,” covered up the alleged molestation of her five-year-old Granddaughter by a high-up insider.

Podcasters have analyzed how the perpetrators seduce their victims with grooming, control, intimidation, prophetic manipulation and gas lighting. I don't think spiritual causes have been adequately addressed, however. The books of Titus and Jude do. Titus says a preacher must love what is good, and must be disciplined and holy. Titus and Jude warn of the severe consequences that come from unholiness.

Reading Titus in the NIV was a revelation for me. Before, it had seemed a sleepy little book. Now I have become engrossed in its powerful content. **What Titus reveals is that truth and godliness are linked, my primary point.** When truth is lost the minister begins a descent into the world, primed for a fall. The second cause is the pursuit of ministry for dishonest gain, the Sin of Balaam, and the third and overarching cause is the Sin of Cain, the original the hiss in the garden with its temptation to ascend to the heights to be like God.

In contrast, Jesus said, Humble yourselves.

“whoever leads must be servant of all. The first must be last.” And do not not lead as the Gentiles do who “lord it over.”

The first three verses of Titus are instructive:

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ for the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness – a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time, and at his appointed season he brought his word to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior. Titus 1:1-3 NIV

God uses preachers to bring his Word to light. He has an appointed time for them. He entrusts them with the truth because our eternal life in heaven is at stake. Paul says “You must preach what is in accord with sound doctrine” (Titus 2.1). In another place he says that this doctrine of Christ was given to him and it must never be perverted. (Galatians 1.6-9). And, Paul said that the mystery of the church, which was hidden from the foundation of the world, was revealed to him (Romans 12.5; Eph. 4.4). In other words, preachers must not stray from these foundations.

Truth that leads to Godliness and knowledge of the truth is Paul's gospel. And this knowledge brings light. Paul says that even if “we or angel from heaven preaches another gospel than the one we preached to you, let him be accursed” (Gal.1.6-8). So, the inference is that in the ministries mentioned, truth was abandoned. Some of their teachings that stray from Paul's gospel are Dominion

theology, Kingdom Now theologies, and Israel replacement theologies. **These doctrines are not found in the Bible.**

I have written four preceding papers on Dominion /Kingdom Now / and Replacement theology which cover in detail these false doctrines along with ample proof texts by their defenders.

[The Demonic Doctrine of Replacement Theology in Lynn Hiles'](#)

["The Revelation of Jesus Christ from a Modern Prophet"](#)

Other teachers who discuss the errors in Dominion Theology are Jan Markell, Mondo Gonzolis, Dave Hunt, Hal Lindsay, Dr. David, Jeremiah, Holly Privic, and the great Sir Robert Anderson, 19th century Bible scholar. So, only brief definitions will be included here. Bear in mind, such ministries aren't in one accord necessarily. Ideas may overlap and they may even deny or plead ignorance to the terms used here.

Kingdom Now, as defined in my paper entitled ***Dominionism I***, is a belief that it is the job of the church to establish the ***Kingdom of Heaven*** on earth. When the church conquers media, politics, religion, and culture there will be a global return to godliness. Until the church reigns supreme over worldly institutions, Jesus cannot return to earth to rule and reign. ***However, the Bible plainly says that the only global reign to come is the rule of the Antichrist.***

This Wikki definition is excellent as well.

“When Christians have caused the earth to reach a certain state of perfection, the return of Christ will occur . . . this doctrine rejects the doctrine of the rapture which states that Christ will return to remove the church from the earth. Rather than being “rescued” by Christ, the role of the church is to usher in Christ.”

Kingdom Now / Dominion Theology also promote the return of the ***office*** (not to be confused with *function*) **of apostles and prophets** whose presumed “spiritual superiority” empowers them to accomplish the task. These “great men” act with authority and they dominate, the root of Dominionism. [Dominion Theology Part1.pdf](#)

An underlying biblical truth which is **completely missed** by Dominionists is that the ***Kingdom of Heaven has nothing to do with the church or the church's ability to usher in anything.*** The kingdom of Heaven is a promise made to the Jewish people many times in their sacred writings, the Tanakh. It is the promise that their Messiah will return to rule and reign from Jerusalem.

Jesus' disciples hoped that the promise would be fulfilled in their lifetime but learn that it will be in a future time because of the Jews' rejection of Jesus as Messiah. They ask him “what shall be the sign of your coming?” or in other words, when will the **promise of the kingdom** be fulfilled (Matt 24.3b)? He answers that it will occur immediately after the Great Tribulation (Matthew 25.29). Remember at this time **the disciples had NO knowledge of the Church. It was the mystery hidden from the foundation of the world. Therefore, we must infer that the church has no part in the restoration of the kingdom.**

Dominionism also argues that when man gets saved, God gives him back the dominion that was lost in the garden.

Actually, we didn't lose the dominion that God gave man to rule over all the beasts, the fish in the sea and the birds of the air. (Genesis 1:28). Common sense will tell us that we have always been able to fish and hunt. Psalm 8 poetically states:

What is man, that thou are mindful of him, and the son of man, that thou visits him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: all sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; the fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

More importantly, God does not allow man to have dominion over other men. In fact, controlling others is the sin of witchcraft. But when preachers exalt themselves, or allow pastor worship, or insist that their doctrines can't be questioned, or control and dominate their flock by their numerous rules of submission, of covering, of cancellation, of now you are in, now you are out, something is gravely amiss.

When the **bigshot** name is lord of all, over all his followers, his students and worker bees, it is easy to see how sexual sin arises. Just a little low hanging fruit from the big tree he gets to eat from. As the poor victims tell their stories in the Roys Report, * you can appreciate their conflict because they have been taught not to "touch God's anointed." Even when they leave these ministries and try to pick up their lives, they still seem to hang on to the doctrines that captured them in the first place.

They have been taught that the prophet or apostle's word is the last word. His prophecies trump all other prophecies. He is the "man of God" who hears from God. Typically, he will brook no disobedience. He cannot be wrong.

But conversely, because he has lifted himself up, he begins to lose his fear of God. The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. If the preacher has lost his Fear of the Lord, he loses understanding. Maybe the Bible closes down, or perhaps becomes a playground for picking and choosing and bending and twisting. The plain words of admonition go unheeded, and then unnoticed. The preacher becomes a target for deception.

The second reason for the fall of the Preacher is ***dishonest gain***. It hardly needs definition. Some well-known ministries have billions on their books. Their leaders are the benefactors with mansions, jets, and every personal whim met.

"But what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul" (Mark 6).

I hardly think examples are needed here. Paul says "***they teach things they ought not to teach—and that for dishonest gain***. Therefore, rebuke them sharply" (Titus 1.10-16) "To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and

conscience are corrupted. They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing good.” ***Notice the slide which begins with dishonest gain and ends in corruption.***

Jude says that certain men have slipped in among you (undetected) who change the grace of God into a license for immorality.”

He says, “Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam’s error; they have been destroyed in Korah’s rebellion” (Jude v.11).

The final end is the ***Sin of Cain*** who had pride in his own works. Likewise, big ministers believe that they can change the world and its institutions for Christ, that they can usher in the Kingdom of God, because their own works trump the final work of the cross, the shed blood.

But the Bible is clear. **Only the Ancient of Days holds the Keys of the Kingdom.** Daniel says that after the last evil is destroyed, Jesus will be led into God’s presence and will be handed the KINGDOM.

. . . And there appeared before me was one like the Son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached The Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. And there was given him dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed” Daniel 7.13-14.

In great glory the Ancient of Days will deliver the kingdom to the Son of Man, Jesus. And ***then*** it shall be delivered to the Saints of the Most High (Daniel 7.27). God’s plan is the final one. Man cannot imitate nor supplant it without danger to his soul.

*The Roys Report: Interviews, articles, and podcasts which investigate ministries with ethical issues.

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