

Series: The Unstoppable Church

Title: Posers Beware

Text: (Acts 5:1-11)

The Church was in a state of revival.

Satan didn't like it.

Satan opposed it in (Acts 4)

You know you are doing something for God if the devil is fighting you.

Satan is not all knowing.

Satan opposed the church from w/o.

Satan's plan blew up in his face.

(Acts 2:41) 3000 souls, freed from dead religion.

(Acts 4:4) 5000 souls, freed from dead religion.

Satan's Kingdom is losing ground.

Satan's Army is literally Hemorrhaging Souls.

He has to do something about it!

He Persecutes the FBCJ: (Acts 4:1-3)

Why does God Allow this?

There are benefits to persecution!

Persecution Benefits the Kingdom of God:

Separates the Spiritually Dead from Spiritually Living

Separates the Fake from the Genuine.

Separates the Dishonest from the Devout.

Separates the Posers from Possessors.

Separates the Players from the Prayers!

Separates the Hypocrites from the Holy.

Not all Hypocrites are Lost!

Everybody at the Bar is a Hypocrite too.

They say they love their families, but they are wasting their kids college money & endangering their source of income.

Dad's lets bring home the whole paycheck!

Don't Rob your families!

(Phil 2:15) *That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world, Holding forth the word of life;*

Persecution Benefits the Kingdom of God: also ...

Persecution Benefits the Church:

Separates the Casual from the Committed.

Separates the Hearers from Doers.

Separates the Backsliders from the Obedient!

Separates the Show offs from the Servants.

Satan realized that Persecution from with out only spreads the Gospel & Expands the Kingdom of God.

Satan realized, If he could not Conquer them from without, he would have to Corrupt them from within.

Remember: the church was in Revival.

Heaven was kissing earth.

The Holy Spirit was fanning the Revival flames.

What makes Revival Happen? (2 Chron 7:14)

Satan knew, that sin in the camp would crush revival!

(Acts 4:36-37) Barnabas-The Ideal Church Member

(4:36) Barnabas~The Encourager! The Lifter Upper
Barnabas was a Joy PUTTER INNER rather than a
JOY SUCKER OUTER!

Which one are you?

Are you a battery or Drain?

Are you the Confetti or the Vacuum Sweeper?

A Meteor shower or an Extinction Level Event?

There is always one in Every Office.

So if you can't think of one at your office,
It Is Probably YOU! Just saying!

(Acts 4:37) Barnabas Was Committed!

Barnabas Gave it all!

Barnabas was all in!

Some people don't give b/c they are ignorant!

Some people don't give b/c they are lacking faith!

Some people don't give b/c they are Rebellious!

Some people give a little b/c they are growing in faith.

Some people give a little b/c they think \$ has value.

Money is just a tool.

Money can buy you a House, but not a Home.

Money can buy you Junk but not Joy!

Money can fulfill your Lust but not give you Love!

Some People Tithe & give Extra, God is providing them a Legacy!

Barnabas wasn't looking to make a show of it, He just wanted to be a part of it!

(Acts 5:1-2) A Proud person is always a pretender.

The Root is Pride - The Fruit is Pretense.

The sin was not in selling the property.

They could have kept it. (Vs 4a)

The sin was not keeping back a portion. (Vs 4b)

They could have given a portion & been fine.

The sin was making a Show of Devotion that they did not have & God Kills them for it!

They were more concerned about what people thought than what God thought!

(Matt 6:2,5,16) "*They have their reward*"

Illus: A Family from Arkansas, came in like they had been longtime member of the church and introduced their devout parents to everyone like they were founding member of the church.

They were pretending a devotion they did not have for the Praise of Men!

Are you pretending devotion?

Just a moment ago you sang the words.

"Now I give to Jesus everything,"

"Now I gladly own Him as my King."

Remember that?

Have you ever sang...

*“All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live*

*All to Jesus I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me Jesus take me now”*

Do you remember singing that?

Did you mean it?
Now who is a hypocrite? - *Posers Beware*

Words are Cheap!

Maybe that is why everybody loves the new music.
Old Songs speak of total commitment, Dying to Self
Much of new is about private affection.

Maybe thats why some of you DON'T sing?

How about we start living these songs instead of just singing them?

Words are Cheap!

(James 1:22) *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

Daddy always said

“Who Do You Think Your FOOLIN?”

God sees, God Knows, God Doesn't Forget!

(James 2:18) *Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, & I have works, shew me thy faith without thy works, & I will shew thee my faith by my works.*
How about you put your money where you mouth is?
Really you are putting your life where your mouth is!
Thats the Difference between the Juice & the Sauce!

“Well, I believe in God”: **Congrats, So does Satan!**
(James 2:19) *Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe & tremble*

Satan's belief/ knowledge of God hasn't changed his situation.

What Good has it done you?
What Difference has it made?
What Difference will it make when Persecution hits?

Ananias & Sapphira expressed a Devotion they did not have & God killed them for it. - Posers Beware!
(Vs 3-4) They lied to the Holy Ghost.

It was all a show, to feed their flesh.
The Holy Spirit gave Peter Holy Spirit Discernment.

Remember: the church was in Revival.

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Ananias was a saved man being used of Satan.

How did he let himself be used of Satan?
His Pride gave Satan a place to operate.
(Eph 4:27) *Neither give place to the devil.*

(Acts 5:3) “*why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie*”

Satan whispers to him.

“Tell them you are giving it all”

Satan played them so their sin would stop revival.

You are never more like the devil than when you lie.

(Jn 8:44) “*he is a liar, and the father of it.*”

You are nevermore like Jesus when you tell the truth

(Gal 4:16) *Am I therefore become your enemy,
because I tell you the truth?*

(Acts 5:4) “*thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God*
Illus: It is serious to lie to a judge. Perjury.
Its terribly serious to lie unto God!

You can't fool God.

You can't lie to God, He sees all & hears all.

What made this so terrible, It is Premeditated.

The Holy Spirit was bearing witness to them the whole time saying no, no, No, No NO, NO!!!!

They were stonewalling the Holy Spirit!

That still small voice, telling you not to Drink alcohol.

That still small voice telling you not Lie.

That still small voice telling you not Lust.

That still small voice telling you not to Curse.

That still small voice telling you not Skip Church.

They Ignored The Holy Spirit.

They argued with The Holy Spirit,

They sided with His Enemy.

Who's the hypocrite NOW!

When you side with God's enemy.

Who's the hypocrite NOW!

When you Identify yourself with God's Enemy.

Who's the hypocrite NOW!

When you wont Give your wife your phone password.

Who's the hypocrite NOW!

When you delete your internet history!

Don't Temp God!

Don't you Stonewall the Holy Spirit & Act Righteous.

You are being a Tool of the Devil to Stop Revival!

(Acts 5:5-6) **The Holy Spirit, Struck Ananias Dead:**

What if God stuck all liars dead?

There would not be a wait time at Mike's for Lunch.

(Acts 5:7-10) **She was 3 hours late to Church!**

She wanted to make a Grand Entrance.

Is that why you come to church?

Do you come to be seen? Seen of God?

Seen of your parent? Seen of the Preacher?

So Everyone WILL JUST GET OFF MY CASE!

Congratulations, you just lied to God.

(Acts 5:8) God Gave her a chance to Come Clean!

God gave her 1 more opportunity to repent.

God could have struck her down w/Ananias.

God sees, God Knows, & God Doesn't Forget!

God Struck her dead for Knowingly, Willingly, Deliberately, Colluding with someone who stands against God!

I thank God for all of our men and women who have served to protect our freedoms of speech.

I will gladly give my life so that people with opposing views to mine, have the freedom to express their beliefs.

There is a difference between in fighting for the freedom of speech, and Me marching in the streets in support of their views.

I am thankful that those who oppose God have the Freedom to express their views, but I don't have to support their view to be a good citizen.

Church of Satan has exercised their freedom to start children's clubs in the Fairfax Co. public schools. But why am I a bigot b/c I don't want to help them?

Why would I Knowingly, Willingly, Deliberately, Collude with someone who stands against God?

Abortion is the Law of the Land:

I am thankful the supporters of it have the freedom to march and voice their opinion.

But I am not going to March in support of it!

Why would I Knowingly, Willingly, Deliberately, Collude with someone who stands against God!

Posers Beware! - You will Answer - Rom 14:11-12

God sees, God Knows, & God Doesn't Forget!

LGBTQ is the Law of the Land:

I am thankful the supporters of it have the freedom to march and voice their opinion.

But I am not going to March in support of it!

Why would I Knowingly, Willingly, Deliberately, Collude with someone who stands against God!

Posers Beware! - You will Answer

God sees, God Knows, & God Doesn't Forget!

Why would I do that as a Christian?

Why would you Knowingly, Willingly, Deliberately, Collude with someone who stands against God? God sees, God Knows, & God Doesn't Forget!

When you Like/Repost Sinful Things on Social

Media:

You Are Knowingly, Willingly, Deliberately,
Colluding with someone who stands against God!
Posers Beware! - You will Answer - Rom 14:11-12
God sees, God Knows, & God Doesn't Forget!

This is the 1st recorded case of Church Discipline

Look at the result! (Acts 5:11) *And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.*

Well That's Not Right!

Really? then I guess the Apostle had it wrong!

(1 Tim 5:20) *Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.*

(Prov 27:5) *Open rebuke is better than secret love.*

(2 Tim 4:2) *Preach the word; ... **reprove, rebuke, exhort** with all longsuffering and doctrine.*

(Titus 1:13-14) *Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; Not giving heed to ... the commandments of men, that turn from the truth.*

(Rev 3:19) *As many as I love, **I rebuke and chasten:** be zealous therefore, and repent.*

Today!

God is giving you another opportunity to Repent!

God loves you!

You know you are Posing as a Child of God.

You know you are faking it!

God is giving you another opportunity to Repent!

God took your sins to the Cross!

God Died in Your Place!

No One has ever loved you like that.

God is giving you another opportunity to Repent!

Believe the Gospel,

Receive Jesus as Your Savior.

Christian/ Child of God

Who's side are you on?

Have you Knowingly, Willingly, Deliberately,
Colluded with those who stands against God?

Have you chosen to Pose as a Non-believer so you
can win their favor, friendship, acceptance?

God is giving you another opportunity to Repent!