Chapter 1
Preamble – the Crises in Church leadership

Every entity gets the type of leadership it deserves. Those who desire to witness biblical leadership patterns in 'churches' that are structured unbiblically, manifested by what they teach, emphasise and practice, are engaged in pipe dreams. From two previous and connected resources, Course 108: The Kingdom Church and Course 109: Kingdom Oriented Church growth, we learnt that there are four types of church in the earth realm today.

In this chapter, we will refresh our minds with three of them for the purpose of laying a foundation for Course 114: Kingdom Leadership.

- The 'Church' of Satan. This is the tare church system Yeshua spoke of in Matthew 13.
- The Church of humans where their god is the 'belly' or ambition of the Preacher.
- The Hybrid Church which combines features of the human with some concepts of the Kingdom.

In the next chapter, we will commence discussion of the fourth type of Church – the Kingdom Church and outline the kind of leadership which Yeshua uses, by His Spirit, to grow and nurture it. Let us examine the three negative types of churches and their leadership types in greater detail than in previous studies.

The Church of Satan or Tare Church

This comprises people who Satan and his demons gather together as members of religious organisations who go into physical structures on prescribed 'holy days'. They are taught how to perform the rituals of religion but lack the one thing which matters most: salvation by Grace through faith in the Blood which Yeshua, Jesus

shed at the Cross. In some places, it is easy to identify that they are not connected to heaven through outright sinful living marked by overt acts of lewdness, sexual promiscuity, and strange rituals which those who are saved can detect by switching on basic discernment. In other places, there is strenuous attempts to mask or cover the basic satanic affiliation through heavy investment in public relations, marketing and even media relations. The Lord Himself gave us an understanding of the 'church' of Satan in a parable which He later explained. Till today, Satan is still planting tare or pseudo-Christians who look or talk the part but at heart are strangers from the covenant because their names are not written in the Book of life.

> *Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: 25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. 26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. 27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? 28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? 29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn (Matthew 13:24-30).*
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> *Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. 37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; 38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. 40 As therefore*

the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. 41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; 42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear (Matthew36-42).

MARKS OF 'CHURCH' OF SATAN

In the modern world, Satan is behind 'churches', 'ministries' or 'congregation' where some of these marks are found. We have expanded on the previous presentations of the subject matter. Because both leaders and their followers are not saved, the most distinguishing mark is that attendees are simply not saved. There will be exaltation of angelic beings to the point that instead of serving as ministering spirits (Hebrews 1:7, 14), the people are encouraged to venerate or worship them, which is clearly contrary to the divine plan. In some places, elaborate schemes are set out to engage in some form of necromancy. This is accomplished by conjuring familiar spirits, demons who wear faces of the departed, to commune between the living and the dead. In some places, there are nocturnal visits to graves and graveyards or watersides and beaches where interactions with Marine spirits are conducted. Where there are occult practices and covenants with lodges. Where those who go to 'church' also participate in witchcraft, wizardry, and interactions in covens at nocturnal hours. Where there is palm reading, astrology, star gazing, worship of the Sun, Moon, and planetary system. Where the excessively projected ministers 'own the church' and are so feared that they can live in such overt sins like immorality, lying, worldliness with no accountability or moral restraint.

The church of Satan will be places where dogmas are taught which are contrary to the Spirit and Letters of Constitution of the Kingdom. These include tendency to be vengeful manifested as

'dangerous prayers' as well as tendency to make enemies. They will be places where liturgies and rituals do not line up with New Covenant realities. These include places where there is human, animal and bird sacrifices. They will do things which normalise Sin and demonise holiness and righteousness. They will be places which play on the human desire to be powerful, acquire wealth and exercise control over destinies of other people who are conditioned to see the leaders as all powerful, and super anointed 'solution providers'. There will be an atmosphere of fear, anxiety, uncertainty which drive people to engage in more rituals and religious activities on prescribed 'holy days' inside 'holy' places.

The leaders who preside over the 'church of Satan' are projected as a special priestly caste which mediates between a holy, distant God and an unholy people. In such places there is over-projection of the image of the leader as a powerful 'solution' provider who will magnetise followers with lying signs and wonders received from Satan, not Elohim. In a real sense, the real mission of such ministries is to trap people away from the true gospel so that they are prepared people for the short, sharp road from 'church' to hell. This is because, those they can deceive are people who have rejected the real truth, deny the Cross and want blessings without being saved. They are telegraphing the ultimate personality who Satan will raise at end of the age: the anti-Christ and False Prophet.

> *And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many (Matthew 24:4).*
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> *And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many (Matthew 24:11).*
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> *Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. 25 Behold, I have told you before (Matthew 24:23-25).*

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved (2 Thessalonians 2:3-10).

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. 12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. 13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, 14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. 15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And

> *that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six (Revelation 13:11-18).*

The 'churches' are not fruit of obedience to Elohim but inspired by Satan. For this reason, the motive of the 'church plant' or 'ministry' is impure. Those who have the gift of discernment or other revelatory gifts may be able to pick out the Satanic root of such ministries. The Bible is not the true guidebook but rather dogmas developed by such leaders to guide conduct of their followers.

Leadership Pattern and outcomes in the Church of Satan

These are some of the leadership patterns and outcomes of same in the 'church' of Satan. Satan inspires, empowers, and uses the people he raises as 'leaders' to provide 'solutions' to needs of many people but with intention to deceive them. This is because the designated leaders who were not saved in the first place or are backslidden and apostatized cannot be instruments of saving sinners. In other words, though they seem powerful, prayerful, and generally observe outward forms of religion, such leaders have no personal relationship with the Lord. Paul the apostle spoke with clarity about such ministers who emphasize dogmas which make their followers have a form of godliness but deny the power of the blood to save from Satan and Sin.

> *This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors,*

> *heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;* ***5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away (2 Timothy 3:1-5).***

Such ministries are specifically planted by Satan to take people further away from the nature of Elohim and live in direct or indirect disobedience to His express word. King Yeshua, Jesus personally explained how Satan would execute this wicked enterprise and why: to corrupt the Church with his evil plantings in Matthew 13. Their products are merely tares which look like the real believers but are spiritually different.

> *Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. 2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. 3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him. 5 For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles. 6 But though I be rude in speech, yet not in knowledge; but we have been throughly made manifest among you in all things. 7 Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely? 8 I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service. 9 And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself. 10 As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia. 11 Wherefore? because I love you not? God knoweth. 12 But what I do,*

> *that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. 13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works (2 Corinthians 11:1-15).*

The leaders often adopt the strategy of the occult. This is one in which people are exposed to degrees of knowledge in such a way that by the time they understand the real secret of the 'minister', 'ministry' or 'church' they are in unbreakable evil covenant where their souls are trapped. Fear is a potent tool in the hands of the leaders for whipping the people into lines. There is strong control over lives of people. Their 'secrets' are recorded as 'testimonials' on video, audio or in their own handwriting when they are desperate so that they are blackmailed to be unable to break loose and leave the 'churches' when they want. Manipulative tactics are often employed to get money out of the people to feed the ego and satisfy the worldly tastes of the leaders. Such leaders often enjoy veneration and worship from their followers. The moral/ethical boundary of the leaders is loose. They engage in immoral actions including abuse of their church members and new clients. They mislead some innocent people who go to such leaders and churches, thinking that they are connected to God.

> *And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea (Mark 9:42).*

Because they are not connected to heaven, there is no fear of God in whose Name they lie and operate outside ethical guidelines

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The end of Ministers of the 'church' of Satan.

Though they may seem 'successful' on earth, a terrible future of eternal damnation awaits such people who may have deceived themselves that they can impress Elohim with quantum of what they achieved. Though they deceive humans on earth, their records are open to Elohim, the Judge of all the earth.

> *Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. 15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. 24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock 26 And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that*

house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it (Matthew 7:13-27).

Paul gives us another insight into why such people will be rejected on the Last Day: they are enemies of the Cross. By denying themselves the opportunity for their old man/self-nature to encounter Yeshua, Jesus, they make the cross of no effect.

> *Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. 18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things (Philippians 3:17-19).*

The Lord will reject leaders of the 'church of Satan' on the Last Day. Those who deceived people to serve Satan and his purpose will spend eternity in the Lake of Fire with him

> *And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: 48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched (Mark 9:43-48),*

What the righteous should do?

In these days when errors of Satanic doctrines are embellished and packaged to beguile and mis-direct the hearts of saints, and when agents of darkness have invaded the gospel, there is need for a remnant who cannot be deceived but will stand faithfully! Be watchful and prayerfully understand the danger posed by the Church of Satan and its deceptive leadership. Course 108: The Kingdom Church; Course 109: Kingdom Oriented Church and Course 114: Kingdom Leadership are instruments the Lord will use to enable us to understand the danger. Know them by their fruits. Any minister who is unable to abide in Yeshua, Jesus (John 15:1-8) and bear fruit of the Spirit will bear works of the Flesh. We can therefore discern them from absence of the right fruit and not be carried away by their quantum of 'prophecies' or miracle working power.

> *Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity (Matthew 7:15-23).*
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> *For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17*

For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts (Galatians 5:14-24).

Avoid getting into verbal or physical spats with them. We are rather to wage spiritual warfare to limit their capacity to deceive the elect and pray out any unwilling captive who are simply victims of their manipulations

Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers (2 Timothy 2:14).

And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient (2 Timothy 2:24).

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.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.13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to

withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; (Ephesians 6:10).

Keep away from those who manifest satanic tendencies yet avoid talking about them until we know better that they are truly connected to powers of darkness. Where there is a high degree of certainty, it is best to not fellowship with such ministers. To keep relationships with them in spite of their connection to powers of darkness is not unity but ecumenism.

Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them (Romans 16:17).

But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils (1 Corinthians 10:20).

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them (Ephesians 5:11).

Contend for the Faith. We need to teach the Truth about the eternal danger of doing church in any way other than the Kingdom pattern.

Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly

> *contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. 4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ (Jude 1:3-4).*

The best response to evil is to get it right and allow Yeshua to grow the Church by His Spirit. Whenever there are leaders and congregations/ministries who/which do it right, the glorious light of the gospel in them dispels the darkness of error/evil in the community.

> *And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not (John 1:5).*

The Church of humans

This describes 'churches' and 'ministries' that have these features: They are more or less social clubs where a weak gospel is preached, long on promises but short on substance. The result is that though people hear the word, it is so stripped of the convicting power of Holy Spirit that it lacks capacity to renew minds and transform hearts.

> *Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away (2 Timothy 3:5).*

It is a place of co-dependency. Consequently, people do not really grow spiritually to hear and know the voice of Elohim but are rather addicted to the voice, face, and personality of their human leaders rather than Yeshua, Jesus. These are ministries and congregations which are led by men and women who are saved but not spiritual. As ambitious men and women they start ministries and plant 'churches' out of their human reasoning, imagination, intellect, and capacity to create something out of nothing. In the process, they

amass followers who are not told the whole truth that can convict them of sin, righteousness, and judgement.

> *For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his (Romans 8:5-9).*

Leadership Pattern and outcomes in the Church of Satan

In such places, these are some of the patterns of operation of the leaders and outcomes of their ministries: The preachers are enemies of the Cross. They are not disciples of Yeshua, Jesus and have no desire to be. Often, they are born again and anointed with gifts of Holy Spirit. Unfortunately, they do not use the gifts to make disciples for Yeshua and present Him as Ultimate Solution Provider for the saints. Rather, instead of decreasing as John the Baptist did in John 3:27-36, they actually project themselves through various means to dominate the psyche of their followers. When people face any challenge of need, the first person they think of is their leader. In this way, they remain in a state of arrested babyhood syndrome. By deploying the latent powers of the soul, they avoid the restraint which Holy Spirit could have exercised on their consciences to direct them away from self-centred ministry.

> *Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: (1 Timothy 1:5).*

*Holding faith, and a good **conscience**; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: (1 Timothy 1:19).*

*Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure **conscience** (1 Timothy 3:9).*

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; (1 Timothy 4:1-2).

Ultimately, they end up being in ministry for the ultimate purpose of amassing wealth using their soulish powers, misuse of the name of God and Charismatic gifts to fleece their followers, manipulate, and control them. Such ministers invest substantially in self-promotion, gift projection and various devices which attracts needy people to themselves. Consequently, they produce believers who loudly proclaim love of God only to deny Yeshua when push comes to shove. In the face of temptations, they succumb easily. In the face of persecutions, rejections, 'delay' in manifestation of promises, they wilt under pressure. A lot of superficial and artificial things are deployed to retain membership of the people rather than Holy Spirit. Most of their followers often end up in negative relationship paradigms with Elohim: in arrested babyhood syndrome, as strangers, or unwilling slaves. One of the greatest deficiency of ministers in the church of humans is that they deny Holy Spirit and the Word the opportunity to turn believers into disciples. One who is not a disciple lacks the capacity to make disciples. They regard and call the brethren 'my members', making claim of ownership which amounts to blasphemy.

The end of such ministers

From the uniform testimony of scriptures, the end of such ministers may differ from those of the Church of Satan. Instead of being condemned to eternal perdition, what majority of those who are engaged in the Church of humans will suffer is absence of eternal rewards. This is because the motives and quality of their leadership and ministries are combustible and will be burnt when tried by the holy Fire of Elohim. In other words, they may squeeze into eternity but with no prizes.

> *According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire (1 Corinthians 3:10-15).*

Out of a desire to draw them back to Himself, The Lord may allow adversity to visit them through any way He allows through which they find out that money does not solve all problems.

> *Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. 3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days (James 5:1-3).*

Out of love, the Lord may cause the wealth to grow wings when they think they have arrived. He may disappoint the carnal plans and

devices of such leaders and they fall flat. For those who allowed worldliness and covetousness to eat away even the elementary degrees of spirituality, they may end up in eternal perdition.

> *From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. 5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? (James 4:1-5).*

> *Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. 18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) 20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: 21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself (Philippians 3:17-21).*

Our duty towards such brethren

Recognise their true spiritual state and need, without been confused by their seeming ‘success’ or ‘prosperity’. Intercede earnestly for them. Wage spiritual warfare to recover their hearts and minds and free those who are captive to their pseudo-gospel.

Love them, beyond their faults as 1 Peter 4:8 says. Reach out to them. Trust the Lord for their recovery which is our core goal.

Assignment

1. Please share 5 things about the Church of Satan
2. Outline 5 marks in leadership of the Church of Satan.
3. What is the end of leaders and ministers in the Church of Satan?
4. Please share 5 things about the Church of humans
5. Outline 5 marks in leadership of the Church of humans.
6. What is the end of leaders and ministers in the Church of humans?
7. What is the difference in approach for relationship with leaders in the Church of Satan and those in the Church of humans?