

Who's Hand

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I. Introduction.

A. What makes the difference in a man is the power that gets a hold of him.

II. Herod drew from a power that focused on self and rejected God.

A. God is in opposition to sharing his glory with another.

B. Pride fouls up man.

C. If we do not give God the glory we are on the road to eternal disaster.

III. The divine force of the Spirit of God is in total opposition to self. This was happening at the church of Antioch.

A. The Word of God was growing there and multiplying.

B. The Spirit was sending people from the church.

1. The Spirit was speaking to them.

2. The Spirit was speaking as they were ministering to the Lord. Every single part of them was praising God.

3. The Spirit was speaking by someone who was gifted as a prophet.

4. The Spirit brings divine unanimity.

C. The church is only exercising a fraction of its gifts today.

Applications questions:

1. How has God challenged you in your pride in the past?

2. Why did the church at Antioch experience such growth?

3. What stands out to you about the experience the church had with the Spirit? How should the modern church adapt in light of this today?
