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CONTEXT

**Holistic gospel work will provoke
opposition from false powers**

**Sadducees:
Anatomy of Compromise**

Their tragedy was in the fact that they idealized the position of the Roman in the world and suffered the moral fate of the Romans by becoming like them. They saw only two roads open before them - become like the Romans or be destroyed by the Romans. They chose the former.

Howard Thurman

America's dominant narrative today is statism, the theory that the state ought to rule and the state can solve our problems....It is a belief that solutions to our biggest problems are found in the state and the Christian's responsibility from the Left or the Right is to get involved and acquire political power. Statism is the idol of making a human, an office, a seat of power, a constitution the world's true ruler.

Scot McKnight

Statism exalts humans and human plans and voting and laws and government. Statism centers its faith in the future on who rules in D.C. Statism makes government a god. Statism is a secular eschatology and soteriology...Don't make the mistake of accusing others of the statism narrative: it's as much the story of Conservatives and Republicans as Progressives and Democrats, or Social Democrats, as well as of the hold-out Independents.

Scot McKnight

Political Power > Spiritual Power

Paranoia > Metanoia

Comfort > Critique

**True power comes from a deep
life of prayer together**

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3. Request for signs and wonders to give credibility to the message.