

Snakes in the Temple

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Snakes in the Temple: Unmasking Idolatry in Today's Church was first published in 2004 through Sovereign World in the UK and re-released in September 2015 for world-wide distribution through Destiny Image USA.

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

From the back cover—

We hear about the power of God in breakthrough and harvest in other parts of the world—but why not in our nation?

Despite our best attempts at church growth, we struggle on with a *spiritually impotent* and *culturally irrelevant* church.

In *Snakes in the Temple*, David Orton provides a blueprint for breakthrough.

He boldly confronts modern idolatry in the church as the roadblock to spiritual breakthrough and kingdom advance in the nations. He exposes idolatry's ancient roots and how it impacts every single believer—from church leadership to everyday Christians.

Open your eyes and discover:

- Idolatry is the hidden stronghold that withholds the power of God and prevents the church from realizing global and cultural transformation.
- Satan's secret strategies that infiltrate leadership structures of the church and resist breakthrough.
- How the Holy Spirit breaks strongholds of idolatry and creates new cultures based on Heaven's blueprint.
- God's breakthrough solution to recovering His presence and reaping the global harvest.

If you're desperate for God and for change, learn how this hidden idolatry is unmasked and start fulfilling the destiny God has planned for you today!

David Orton explains how you will benefit from reading this book:

"The reader will benefit from a 'root and branch' exposé of the contemporary church's hidden idolatry.

The book shows that the enemy of our souls – Satan – finds footholds in the corporate life of the church through the inner life of both people and leaders—this is the root. These idolatrous attitudes, values, and mindsets then play out in how the church does ministry and leadership, how she structures herself—this is the branch.

Through this the reader will not only discover the root causes of the Western church's spiritual malaise, but also find solutions that are not merely cosmetic or exclusively structural—it's not just a matter of re-jigging how we do church. These solutions are within the grasp of every believer through their own heart response to God. This will then play out with some spiritual authenticity in a complete re-formation of the people of God from the inside out, effecting mindsets and then structures, ultimately leading to the regeneration and renewal of whole cultures and nations."

You can read more about the insights that shaped *Snakes in the Temple* at [Frank Viola's blog](#)

LIVES SET FREE

Lives changed and impacted by the message of *Snakes in the Temple*:

"Thanks for your book. It helped set me free. "

"A huge thanks for your book 'Snakes in the Temple'! Finding your book was a divine appointment ... a spiritual lifesaver from the same dynamics you describe in chapter 8."

"Thanks for your obedience to God, and for sharing a message which calls us to re-evaluate our core values and daily practices... Centring our hearts on God, and readjusting our starting point—away from ourselves and back onto God, where it so rightly belongs!"

"Just want to mention having now read, re-read, and re-read again your book ... Thankyou for writing it. There is so much depth to it and truth. May it be so helpful to all people who have opportunity to read it."

"I could not put it down...Thank you, you have assured me I am not mad ...Thank you once again. We pray that this book will set a lot of people free, and that God will have His way in this wonderful nation..."

"I have read many, many, many Christian books over the years... and yours sits just as Marc Dupont said—a must read...Apart from the Bible itself - I guess that there have been only 2 - 3 other Christian books that have been milestone points of reference on my Christian journey - and yours without doubt sits right there with them - you have truly been blessed to be a blessing - (*as we can empathise only too well with the journey that you and Jenny have been on*) - but you two have had the courage to write your thoughts and God given inspiration for others like me, to reflect on, and hopefully be encouraged to face the challenge that you have so clearly laid out..."

"Your book “Snakes in the Temple” was a deeply life changing journey for me personally, a Church going Christian for 25 years, Cell group leader, Deacon, Pastor, Elder, done it all, devoted my life to serving the local church...a big Pentecostal church... had become a powerfully performance orientated, dysfunctional led church...(and I was part of that leadership) ... Your book was placed in my hands ... and to say it was life changing is an understatement. There was a strong sense of the prophetic in your book and the examples you used could have easily been taken directly from our own experiences while in church and after we left...there is so much I could say but simply, thanks for helping me in a most difficult time..."

ENDORSEMENT BY DON NORI SR, FOUNDER OF *DESTINY IMAGE*

"Every generation is responsible for the coming of the Lord to their generation. Therefore, it is without question that each generation needs the adumbrative call to resist the temptations to be confined to a system that falls tragically short of His glory and causes the very purveyors of the gospel to become those who actually resist the will of God. David's book is a masterful work to that end for those who will not only read it but also allow its warning to guide them, no matter how strong the pull to mediocrity becomes in the years to come. The launch is much easier than the journey. Keep this book under your pillow and read it often. It can save your spiritual life."

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