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Temptation 101

Hello world this is Expose 247 and we are back again doing what we love, in fact doing what we are commission to do. And is good that you are part of this great company that publish it, by living the Word, by sharing it and enforcing the kingdom other way you are.

And so today we are going to start off from where we stopped last transmission. Last transmission we start the Acid test. And if you think that was corrosive enough, here you know what to expect because 2Timothy 3:16 -17 was telling us that scriptures is giving for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness. So we need to subject all our theology, subject all our exegesis to that acid test, to the good standard. (2Timothy 3:16, 17).

So today we are going to start off again on the Lord's prayer, and we believe we are moving on in Mathew Chapter 6. So let's hit the ground running.

Viewers thank you again for joining us today on this Knock Out Series. As she has said, we've been going through the implication of the Lord's prayer that Jesus actually gave in Mathew Chapter 6. You can also find out in the gospel, the book of Luke as well.

Now, we've been interpreting by the grace of God those phrases in the Lord's prayer in the light of the New Covenant. Because let me say this, the New covenant is the game changer for every Christians. And the Bible says that we are ministers of the New Covenant. That is what we are called to do. We are supposed to enjoy benefits, live out the implication of the New Covenant in our lives.

And I think many Christians, this could be a bit of a challenge because the Bible that you have in your hands is a combination of both the Old and the New Covenant. And you have the responsibility to make a distinction, to make a separation for that which was supposed to learn from in the Old Covenant, and that which was supposed to manifest in the New Covenant.

So it is in that light we've been looking at the implication of the Lord's prayer. Today we have come to the phrase where it says,

Can you read that phrase please?

Matthew 6

13. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen

You know one thing about Matthew 6:13? It starts with shifting the responsibility on God. That is how it started. It says God, you know it is your fault, or we would hold you responsible, if I fall into temptation. So am asking you not to lead me into temptation. And he says deliver us from evil.

So that is the phrase we are going to actually zero in on today.

Now, to start with. There are some pointers that we need to investigate again in the light of the New Covenant.

He says

Don't lead us into temptation.

That pre-supposes that God is the one that does the leading into temptation. So the prayer was if I will not get into temptation Oh God, is because am asking that you don't put me there.

Again don't forget that we have said in the past, that the Lord's prayer in Matthew Chapter 6 is definitely a pre-New Covenant prayer. If you are wondering why? Please check our previous episode. We've established in the gospel specifically in the book of John where Jesus said, hitherto, up till now, you've not pray in my name. Whatever you asked the Father in my name, He said I will do it, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son.

So up till that time in John, Jesus said nobody has prayed in my name. He said in that day, and we said that day is the day of the New Covenant. And we know the New Covenant did not start until the blood of Jesus was shed. So there is no argument that this scriptures in Matthew 6, this prayers in Matthew 6 were pre-New Covenant prayer.

So in this new pre-New Covenant prayers, Jesus told them that the responsibility of whether you go or do not go into temptation is whether God is there to make sure He doesn't lead you into it or not. Is this true? Am glad you ask.

Let's find out the provision regarding temptation in the New Covenant and how it applies to you as a believer under the same situation.

Follow us quickly, let's look at some things that are being pointed out in the New Covenant.

Let's go to the book of James Chapter 1.

Don't forget Matthew 6:13 seems to be implicating God in this thing of temptation. Let's see what the scriptures says in James Chapter 1. And let's see whether we have the right in the New Covenant to hold God responsible for our temptation situations.

Now go straight to James Chapter 1 verse 13.

What does it says?

James 1

13. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

Let no man

That man includes you, includes me, includes your pastor, includes the person that is struggling, the person that is not struggling. Every man....

He says **let no man say...**

Now, the reason why he says let no man say is because some people have been saying something. They've been saying... that is why James says am bringing this apostolic revelation, let's people stop talking like this.

Say what?

when he is tempted,

When

That word is serious now. He says when. He didn't say if he is tempted. It will mean that for you as a Christian or for you as a believer, temptation is a matter of when for you, not a matter of if.

It means everyone, every man will go through this temptation. You couldn't even pray it away. You can't fast it away. There is not a level of lifestyle you could live in God that could immune you completely to it.

He says **when he is tempted.** Can you see?

When he is tempted what should the man not says?

I am tempted of God.

The reason why James brings this re-ordering into the body of Christ, a kind of restructuring, a kind of correction in the Holy Ghost is because up till then, it was probably common for people to say well, you know one thing? am in that temptation

situation because God did not stop me from going into it or because God led me into it.

So James is saying am bringing a correction in the New Covenant. Am bringing a re-ordering in the New Covenant. People should stop talking this way, that whenever you get into this situation of temptation, stop saying that God was the one that was responsible for that condition.

Now, if you think about this. This sounds to be a counter-scripture, a counter-verse against Matthew 6:13 that seems to put the responsibility on what God doorstep.

Now the reason we've come straight to James 1:13 first is we have to establish a counter-verse. When I say counter-verse, it means a verse of the scripture that seem to be contradictory to what is in Matthew 6:13.

I know some Christians think that the Bible has some contradictions.

Are you not implying that?

Thank you for saying that. It seems like a contradiction right? That is what you think. Every time you think the scriptures are contradicting themselves, it will mean that you are not subjecting the scripture to the acid test that we discussed in our last transmission.

So when it appears contradictory or when people claim they can see contradiction in the scripture, it is because people are not using the acid test in their interpretation.

So really anytime you see contradictions in the scripture, is because somebody or when you seem to think there is an appearance of contradictions in the scriptures, it means somebody is misinterpreting either one of the scripture or both of them. That is what we see. That is why we have come today to bring light, illumination, revelation, insight into the Word of God.

So you will think on the surface that James 1:13 was going against Matthew 6:13. There is no contradiction. Just wait there, as we bring illumination to this.

So now he says,

What does he says there?

for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

You know James is to me like a solicitor in the law court, making a case. James says if you don't believe me when I say God is not the one responsible for temptation.

Well, if you are asking us the question what in the word is temptation? Please hold on, we are going to get there very soon. We are going to get to what is it later on.

But what we need to establish is, we need to establish the reason why Matthew 6:13 exists. From there we will go on to what is this temptation.

Now, James made a case that if you don't believe me, when I say that God is not the one responsible for your temptation. James says I will make a case for that statement. What is the case? The fact is there is no evil with God that he can use to tempt you. Somebody has to have something that he can use on you.

For example, if a police man is trying to figure out who was responsible for killing someone with the gunshot. They will have to establish that the person that was a suspect has a gun to start with. He has the means.

So you are talking about the means first before the motive.

James says sorry, God does not have the means to even do the temptation. So you can be too sure He is not the one responsible. He doesn't have the means.

He says **God cannot be tempted with evil neither can he tempt any man.**

He said see, when it comes to God. It doesn't even dwell with evil.

So the other part that says he cannot tempt, he doesn't have the motive too.

Neither can he tempt any man...

So there is no motive again. That is it.

He doesn't have it and He doesn't do it. Can you see?

So James says you can be too sure.

And this brings to light the scriptures that says **God is light and in him, there is no darkness at all.** He says common! let's check him out. He says check out the nature of our Father, in him there is no darkness at all.

Now, he could have said in him there is no darkness. That would have been good. Because you enter a room and you could say there is no darkness in the room. But the scriptures says is not just enough to say in him there is no darkness, there is no speck at all. You can't even find it.

So here is James saying in James 1:13, that God doesn't even have that nature that can be used to tempt men. It's not there at all.

So we can be too sure that God doesn't tempt anyone. So what does Christ Jesus mean then in Matthew 6:13 when He says we should pray that God should not lead us into temptation? Am glad you ask. It means we have to interpret Matthew 6:13 in the light of the New Covenant.

Now, again am not sure how many times we have to emphasize and re-emphasize this notion, because I know we've said it before, but I think we have to keep saying that until the reality of that hit us in our generation today. Because I know some people are there, they think the difference between the Old and the New Covenant is the Bible that says that up till Malachi, Old Testament and from Matthew, New Testament. Well, that is far from the truth.

The reality is, the death and the resurrection was the dividing line of civilization. It wasn't even the birth of Jesus. I know it's high time, at time of the year, not too long people will start celebrating Christmas. It is a great thing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. But let me say this, the dividing line of Civilization wasn't just the birth of Jesus, it was the death of Jesus, the shedding of the blood. We must look at Matthew 6:13 in that light.

What Jesus was saying in Matthew 6:13? You see in the Old Covenant, we always see a situation where we are the one that acts to actually get the benefits of God's mercy because we have acted. But in the New Covenant, God acted in his Son Jesus and we get the benefits of God's action.

If you notice in that Matthew 6:13, he also said **lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil.**

See, of course for those before the cross, they have to keep begging God for deliverance us from evil. They have to. They don't have a choice in the Old Covenant because they have to make God do something. They have to propel God. They have to push God to say God please deliver us, set us free and all that in the Old Testament.

But in the New Covenant, what does it say?

Colossians Chapter 2 verse 13, 14 he said having spoilt principalities and powers... For you in the New Covenant, evil was destroyed. Having spoilt principalities and powers. He made a public show of them openly by triumphing over principalities and powers on the cross.

It means for you in the New Covenant, we don't beg God to deliver us from evil in the New Covenant. What we look back towards is to thank God at the cross He spoilt principalities and powers. Thank God at the cross He destroyed the works of the devil.

Thank God at the cross He made a public show of principalities and powers. We don't beg God to deliver us from evil in the New Covenant. We look back to what happened at the cross and said thank God we are delivered.

Colossians 1 says "having translated us from the dominion of darkness." He moved our address from the dominion of darkness and He put us into the kingdom of his dear Son. You cannot pray to God to do what He did.

Some things that some Christians do in our generation, in our time thinking they are praying fervent prayers. You know people say yeah, I think I will pray fervent prayers, hot prayers and I will ask God to deliver me, my family, in my situation. God deliver me. When you pray that prayer to God saying Father deliver me... now please don't get it twisted, what we are trying to say.

We are not saying there is no deliverance for you spirit, soul and body as a Christian after you become born again. Please don't misunderstand what we are saying.

What we are saying is, your deliverance in your life... as a Christian is wrong for you to focus and say God deliver me. Is that ok? Is one thing to ask God to deliver you, is a whole different thing for you to say Father I want to walk in the deliverance you purchased for me on the cross. Those are two different things.

So what we say is, we can see Matthew 6:13 context was a prayer praying to God for what will happen when Christ died on the cross. Can you see? That is why that prayer of Matthew 6:13 was a prayer preparing the way for Jesus to go to the cross to destroy the works of the devil. That is why you cannot pray such a prayer today in our generation. So we are going back to the notion of temptation.

So James 1:13 has established for us that God is not in the business of tempting anyone any more. Because He doesn't have what it takes to do that. So that is what we see.

Now, the question you want to ask which is what we have not even clarify, what is temptation? What is the temptation that Matthew 6:13 was referring to? Let's see the insight that the scriptures will give us in that regard.

We are going to come back to James 1:14. But we need a definition in the scripture for what we are dealing with because if you are wondering, what is the implication of this transmission we are having today? Why is it important that you should know about this?

If you follow us quickly, you will understand how grave this matter is, that we are dealing with.

Quickly look at the book of Luke Chapter 8. We are going to find definition for this temptation. **“Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.”**

Look at Luke Chapter 8 and let’s see what the Holy Ghost has to say to us.

This is a parable of the sower sowing the seed. And some seed fell on the rocky places and they grew up quickly, sporadically, rapidly. It grew up so quickly. But when the Sun came up, it scotch them and they die of.

Now Jesus in this Luke 8:13 is then going to give an interpretation to the disciples when they went to ask him in the closet. They asked him what is the meaning of that parable of the seed that fell on the rocky places?

Now this Luke 8:13 is Jesus interpretation to them or clarifying the implication of that parable.

So let’s listen to that.

Luke 8

13. They on the rock are they, which when they hear, receive the Word with joy, and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

They on the rock are they, which when they hear, receive the Word with joy, and these have no root,

Now, so they received the Word with Joy but it didn’t go deep down into their system.

Go on please,

which for a while believe,

Watch that!

They believe the Word for a while.

and in time of temptation fall away.

If you read Mark Chapter 4 verse 17. Please hold this Luke 8:13 in your memory

This is Mark’s account of the same event.

Mark 4

17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word’s sake, immediately they are offended.

When affliction

Which is what was interpreted as temptation in Luke 8. Also call persecution.

Ariseth for the Word's sake

Can you see that? Whatever that affliction was, whatever that persecution was, whatever that temptation was, as indicated in Luke 8:13, "it arose because of the Word."

Luke 8:13 says they believe the Word for a while. And temptation arose because of the Word. What is the insight the Holy Ghost is bringing to you in this place? If you are wondering what in the world is temptation?

Temptation will be anything that arises as a contra-indication or as an opposite of, or as an alternative to the Word that you have believed.

I will take that slowly. It means temptation is just the opposite or temptation is the alternative reality to the Word that you actually believed.

Now, you can fill in the gap. That is why am saying.

So Luke 8:13, Mark 4:17 are both saying one thing. They say when they heard the Word, they believed the Word. But something happened that decided or that thing imposed upon their life in such a way that they stopped believing on what they believed.

So anything that will drag you into any situation where you have to deny the reality of the Word of God, where you have to stop believing that which you believed hitherto, that situation, that circumstances is a temptation. So that is a very broad definition. You can fill in the gap with your own personal experience.

Today by the grace of God, we can decide to give specific examples. Think about it, what did you believe about the Word of God? What did you believe about what God says concerning your life? What did you believe about the integrity of the scriptures and how God addresses you as a new creation in Christ Jesus? Anything that makes you think otherwise, anything that makes you acts otherwise is a temptation.

So temptations are anything that arises to go against the Word of God that you believe in your life.

Now, let's come to practical cases. Let's come to practical situation. I want to give specific cases, practical cases so you can think about this. For example if the Word of God says that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost (1Corinthians 6). It means if you then indulge your body in anything that does not glorify the name of God,

immorality, ungodliness, drunkenness, it means engaging your body with such a thing means you don't believe or you don't believe the way you should believe that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. Can you see that?

If somebody decides to steal somebody else money, if somebody decides to take what doesn't belong to them. In spite of the fact that the Lord God said in Philippians 4:17 that I am the one that will supply your needs according to my riches in glory. It means you don't believe that the Lord is ultimately your supply. So you have to find other inventions that doesn't glorify God. Every time you get involved in a situation that make you to stop believing what the Word of God says, that is temptation.

See! with this definition, it can fit into any category of personality, any gender, any class, any strata in the society, any situation. You can bring it down, that is not the point. The fact is, as long as anything makes you deny the reality of what you know is the Word of God for your life. That is a temptation situation. That is what we see in the Word.

Yes, are we going back to James 1?

We are going back to James....

Yes, am really interested in James 1:14 as we go further because we see James not leaving us to say Oh, God does not have evil in him. He doesn't have the means. And He doesn't have the motive. Again, but he does not leave it blank.

People feel like they have seen some things. Where does this one come from? So if we can find out today, we found out that He is not the tempter. Because Matthew Chapter 6 appears like please, begging the tempter don't lead me into temptation.

But we see from the apostolic revelation that Brother James had, which he is sharing with the body of Christ, that God does not even have evil in him. He does not have the means. He does not have the motive. But he is not stopping there as we are going to find out. He is not leaving it blank to know. So he is giving us some insight...

We can go fully back to James now.

Now, I think we've given a picture that temptation is that which arises for the sake of Word of God to make you un-believe God's Word. I used the word unbelief because you can believe God's Word and un-believe what you believed. And you know, before we go to James there is a way God's Word need to be believed.

This is the reason why I said that. Because Jesus did say that the seed that fell on the rocky places, the problem was, it did not have root. It means the seed did not go down the way it should go down. It means there is a way we have to believe.

So believing the Word of God is not just all about it. There is a way the Word of God needs to be believed. It means having the seed germinating is not enough, it should go down.

So it means we have so many believers who believe the Word of God but not to the depth in which the Word should be believed. And he says if that happens in our lives, what will happen is, we are going to have situations and circumstances all encumbering all around us, trying to make sure we deny that reality of God's Word. And that is what we see there.

So it's not just believing, it's believing the way we need to believe it. So the scriptures says "**let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.**" The Bible study of 30 minutes in a week will not help as much. Or just trying to go up hearsays or what people say, what my pastor said. Some people now, they cannot say any single phrase, going to say Pastor said, Daddy said, Mummy said, that person said. Well, you need to go past that. If you are saying Daddy said, Mummy said, Pastor said, G.O said, if that is all you know about the Word of God, you are still at the point where the seed is still on the surface... It's not really gone deep down.

Colossians says "**let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.**" It didn't say dwell in you. It says there is a way it should dwell **richly**. It needs to go deep down.

It appears that the parable there, the problem with that is not even the rock in not having much root. So is our level now, bringing it back to us, shining light in this. That is about the root. Do you have much root in you? Some people just have a very little and so their believing is just surface level. Do you have ... what is the root of your belief? What is the depth of your belief? How far has it gone? is it dwelling richly or not?

Is hardly to find people that says they don't believe at all. Am talking about Christians now. We are not talking people on the other side. There is a level of agreement of belief, even coming to the faith, is about belief.

But now the problem that separates one from the other is the depth of the belief. Does it have much root? That Word of God, does it have much root? And even the one that you are parroting and confessing, what is the depth?

Do you believe it the way you should believe it? Do you believe the Word the way you ought to believe the Word? That is the question. Like the popular saying unbelieving believers.

So there are so many unbelieving believers. They are believers, but they are unbelieving believers. It means there is no much root in them. There is no substance to their belief. And it's a matter of time, watch it!

He says circumstances will arise for the Word sake. The Word is saying circumstances will smell the Word. It will smell the shallowness. It will come and say Oh yes, there is an opportunity for us to confuse this one. Circumstances will say arise for the word sake. That is what we see there.

That is why I believe in our generation, there will be lots and lots of controversies not just between believers and unbelievers but between believers and unbelieving believers. I repeat that again. I believe we are in a time in our generation when there will be a lots of controversies not just between believers and unbelievers, No! But between believers and unbelieving believers. There is a going to be a lot of tensions going on there.

And those things are going to happen because they are supposed to expose people that have the root of the Word and those whose germination of the seed of life in their life is just on the surface.

So temptation is always going to happen to expose those things. So we then see what the definition is, as long as it comes to attack the reality, to see how you will respond to the reality of Christ's redemption in your life. That is temptation.

Before you go, I just want to stop you by. In this Mark Chapter 4 verse 17, have you looked at it and said because immediately they are offended. So much of anger is spread all around even among believing and unbelieving believers, if am going to use that word, even in the Christendom... you see anger and offences all about.

So can we trace the root of offence to the people not having much depth to their believing system? Because he said and because of this, because they don't have much root, and this persecution came because of the Word, but we have something coming at the Word, they got offended. So if we can get depth into our believing system. If our believing system can have depth and have much root. We might be able to tackle the offense...

You see there is one thing you just talk about now. We are in a time in which people who believe that they know something. If anybody try to say or do anything against

that which they know... you see the way they come out, and the way they get offended, the way they become angry, the way they express it and you wonder that Christians say things that they should not say.

Now, when you see things like this happening, it means those people might claim they have the head knowledge of God's Word, but there is no dept. The depth of the Word of God humbles you. In fact, there is a place the Bible says that love builds up but knowledge puff off.

Now the reason why he says that, you wonder is the scripture then against knowledge of God's Word? Is not against it, but he is simply saying that knowledge should lead you to love. That is why he says some people ever learning but not coming to the knowledge of the truth. It means he says if your learning, if your trying to gain knowledge, epignosis into God's Word, it should lead you unto the truth. It should end up exposing to you the dimensions of God's love.

But he says some people they don't allow that to happen, they don't allow that knowledge to lead them to the truth. So what happens is, every time somebody comes against them, anything arises against the knowledge that they have, you will see how they become puff up. You will see how they become prideful. You will see how they become offended. Because that knowledge that they have has not actually built up love and truth in their lives. And that is what we see actually happening. That is why he was saying that immediately they got offended because there was no anchor to hold them against the tide of whatever is coming against them.

Now, this could happen individually or corporately. There was a time somebody was saying something on our page, I've prayed. I've fasted. I've believed God that He will actually show up in my situation specifically financially. This person believes that he's actually giving, paid his tithe, giving offerings. He is done everything and then he's prayed. He is done all these things and he is not seeing God show up in his situation. But he then said something, he said well, if God does not show up, there was no point serving or there is no use serving God anyway. Can you see that?

Can you see that situation? Nobody talks about that being a temptation. Anytime we think about temptation we are thinking somebody committing atrocity, somebody committing sinful acts. That is what we think.

But that person by that statement is trying to say even though I was told or they taught me that Christ is my life or even they taught me that Christ gave me all I need for life and godliness. I am in situations at the moment that denies that reality. And I think am going to go with that denial. Can you see?

Every time anything arise for the sake of the Word of God in your life, and you choose to go with that thing which is the alternative or the opposite or the denial of God's Word. The Bible says in that case that is what the Bible calls temptation. That is what we see there.

Now that you mention that particular instance, the brother or sister was talking about paying tithe and everything, we really don't want to come and give a word about this ... we have somebody that was asking question about it, we want you to go back to our previous episodes on giving and all the likes.

And just to say one word on that instances, that even the man or woman should not have expected that because he paid tithe, he will be blessed because of tithe. We just want to leave it at that. You can listen to some of those messages about it.

So I think we've sort out what the definition of temptation is. So we can go back to James Chapter 1 verse 14 now.

James 1

14. But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

16. Do not err, my beloved brethren.

17. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

So what he's done by the Holy Ghost is contrasting James 1:17 with James Chapter 1 verse 13-16.

He says,

Every man is tempted when is he drawn by his own lust and entice.

It means again if we know what the definition of temptation is, it will mean that he says the reason you are in that situation at the moment is because there is something about your desires that the circumstance is hooking unto. There is a connection going on there and is got nothing to do with God. And James 1:13 says is got nothing to do with God. It's all about you.

All that God will give you is in verse 17.

Look at verse 17 he says, if is a good gift, if is a perfect gift, you can be guaranteed that came from God. Can you see that?

So he is simply saying God gives the gift. Every good and perfect gift comes from above. That is all God will do. But even though God give the gift, your experience is saying no, you don't have that gift. He says no, you don't have it. And James says you've come to a situation where you are in a drag going on at the moment. Can you see? God gave the good gift. Your experience says no, because there are desires at the moment in your life, and they are pointing to the opposite direction of the good gift that God gave in verse 17.

So it will mean to me, think about it. This temptation thing seems to be as long as that thing is denying the good gift that the Father gave in verse 17 of James 1. So the question is what is denying that good gift? He says that is what is tempting us. And he says is connecting to our desires. And that is what we see there.

Now, we might be short of time today to give lots and lots of practical examples of situations where believers find themselves, where there is something about what you are going through at the moment that is just trying to bring you to its side to say, let's deny the good gift that you have from the Father. Let's deny it.

Now the fact is, which one will you go for, is it the good gift that the Father gave or the denial of that good gift? He says every believer stands in the middle. And he says there seem to be a tendency that we can be drawn to the opposite or the alternative to the good gift that the Father gave. And this is where the whole point of contention is regarding this.

All the days of our lives as believers, we would have to stand in this battle. Is that ok? We will have to stand this. And he says something, every time we allow us to be drawn into that temptation, it gives birth to sin.

Now, is it not then a matter of none coincidence that Romans Chapter 14 now tell us that everything that is not of faith is sin? This is the reason. Because where is all about faith means if I act and think otherwise contrary to what the Word of God says, he says that's me being tempted and that leads to sin. The root of sin is lack of belief or unbelieving what God said we should believe. That is the foundation of sin.

You can put sin into that wrapper. That is where it belongs.

So we see there, he says we need to go with the good gift of the Father, even if you don't feel it. If it doesn't sound like it, if doesn't look like it. If it doesn't come in the package that you think it should come in. You have to take your ground in the Holy

Ghost and say like the Psalmist says in Psalm 27, **“I believe to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.”** He says stand with God’s Word today not with your feelings. Not with the circumstances, not with the situations. This is what determines whether we’ll yield to temptation or we’ll yield to the Word of God. That is what we see there.

So he says...

Look at verse 15.

15. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

That is what we see there when it comes to the procedure of the steps of temptation...

And then is encouraging to see verse 16 that was saying, do not err by conclusion don’t think about it was God... Matthew was like that it was God leading to temptation. He actually put the responsibility back. Verse 16 was saying do not err my beloved. It’s on you. It’s not the Lord.

But you see what verse 17 says, it tell us what God does.

So he was trying to tell you am bringing the person into view. You are now, take charge. Do not err my beloved brother. Because some people have taken the responsibility and feel like am in ... I have nothing to do about it, how it happens, where I end up initially, whether I end up in the ditch following the carnal desire, the raging lusts and whatsoever it is. Am thinking that it is something else.

Most of the people will not be able to stand because actually they know that they need to even be on the guard. Apostle James was saying do not err. It is on you now. Do not err. Don’t make a mistake about it.

But you see, like I was saying that it will be hard for us to go through all possible examples. As we are talking I have this impression to talk about the case of Apostle Peter when he was in a situation where he was having the feast with some of the Gentiles. And When Paul came in right there, and Paul did say something to Peter.

I think I want us to look at that.

Look at Galatians Chapter 2 verse 11.

I just want us to see how these things drive home on our daily experience. Every day, every time, every situation we are in conditions that we have the opportunity to either go with James 1:17 or go with James 1:13-16.

Galatians 2

11. But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face...

That is Apostle Paul saying I withstood Peter to his face,

because he was to be blamed.

If you noticed that, he didn't say God was to be blamed. He didn't say God was responsible. He didn't say this is the work of God. He said the blame there is Peter. That is why James 1:16 says don't err my beloved. Don't make a mistake about it...

Paul said there is something Peter is making mistake about.

Go on please,

What does he says there?

12. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles, but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.

Can you see?

He said Peter was afraid of some of the circumcision, some of the Jews. Because these Jews they want to separate themselves from Gentiles. You can call that racial discrimination. Peter was scared of those people and because of them, he withdrew from eating with the Gentiles for the fear of what the Jews will say about what he was doing because the Jews wouldn't have wanted him to eat with Gentiles.

Something as separating, discrimination. Can you see? You can see, he says because of fear, he was afraid.

Now, what does he says next?

13. And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him,

That means that thing that Peter did affected other people's conscience and reactions, affected their responses, they also tried to follow what he did.

in so much that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.

That is dis-communication. What is the next thing?

14. But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel,

That is it!

So if I want to ask you a question, what is the root of all the discrimination we have today in our generation? When you see a Christian who claim to believe the Word of God engaging in discrimination, either gender discrimination, either racial discrimination, either class discrimination... what did Apostle Paul says? They did not act in accordance to the truth. The circumstance or the experience has made them denied the reality of the gospel.

You see that is why I said, the examples are endless.

Now the question I want to ask is what is the reality of the gospel? Because the gospel says, if anybody is in Christ he is a new creation. It doesn't matter whether is black, white, rich, poor, yellow, green, tall, short. He says if anybody is in Christ, he is a new creation. In fact, that place in 2Corinthians 5 then says "now we know no man after the flesh."

But if somebody like Peter was acting not in accordance with the truth of the gospel, he has gone with his feelings, he has gone with his circumstance, there goes temptation. **Temptation is just anything that arises for the Word sake. That goes against what God's Word says in your life and you yield to it.**

So the question we are asking is, are we living in accordance with the truth of the gospel?

See, **not the truth of the gospel but living in accordance with the truth of the gospel, the implication of the gospel, the reality of the gospel.** Every day as you wake up in the morning, you have lots of opportunities every day to either live out the implication of the gospel or go with what you feel or what popular opinion is.

We've just concluded forgiveness. Can you see? The same thing God was saying, if anybody offends you, do you go with the implication of the gospel? What is the implication of the gospel? Christ in you the hope of glory. The nature of God dwells in you. The life of God dwells in you. Do you act in accordance with that reality or do you go with your feelings? There goes temptation. Can you see?

Anything that arises for the sake of the Word to counter the Word is temptation.

So we see, in something as popular or as little as discrimination, Apostle Paul said the reason why Peter along with people around him fell for this temptation was because they were not living or acting in accordance with the truth of the gospel. So the gospel is waiting for people to live out its truth. That is what the gospel is waiting for.

Am glad you brought us to Galatians Chapter 2 for this incidence, because naturally most people when they talk about temptation, people's sermons or messages on

temptation there is a particular direction people are looking at. Some people need to look at sins of commission, like ok... am I being tempted with money? Tempted to respond in a way to things? Am I being tempted with the opposite sex? That is the popular notions when you hear temptation. People thinking the money and all those kind of sins of commission.

But it is so enlightening...

It's part of it anyway, we are not disregarding that.

Because even James has established that as long as we are being drawn through our cravens that is the pathway of temptation for it.

But again is enlightening to see that even not walking uprightly according to the full truth of the gospel... You know, not walking to the full... not having the Word of God having its full effect in our responses to circumstance, in our understanding and living that truth, you are being tempted about it.

Because we saw Peter now, in all of his best, we see that before then, we have this testimony of him, he tried his best. He's not somebody flippantly want to just break the truth of the gospel like that. He preached the same. We know what he stood for. And we know what is costing him. We have followed his life but yet he's being tempted here by not walking uprightly with the truth.

So if you are going to accept little of the Word, if you are going to just not allow the Word to have the full depth, taking root in us. Just like allowing it to be like the one falling on the rocky places, because they did not allow it. We have open ourselves to temptation. That is it.

Not believing as we ought to believe is a temptation. Because we saw Peter here not walking in the truth of God's Word as regard what discrimination is. That Christ has broken that wall of partition separating classes and races.

It happened at the cross.

But not walking fully in the reality of that. Maybe he was making an attempt of some people walk about it, but not walking fully is the path of temptation. So temptation is broader than you think.

So we need to look at ourselves and cover every aspect. Everybody is being tempted. That is why he says let no man says when he is tempted. Saying there is a when to it... as long as you are still...

Even in monastery and you are able to do so many things, castration and do so many of these things. There is still a temptation for you. The temptation of not believing as you ought to believe or accepting the whole truth, walking not just walking anyhow. Not making baby steps around this truth. Walking uprightly around this truth. So that is the big temptation.

So the bigger temptation is, which we understand is not accepting the truth of God's Word because if you just take that as the only temptation, all the sins of commission, temptation of commission and omission will be covered. Because everything goes back to the truth of God's Word.

Like I said the other time. Somebody who is committing adultery is doing that because he is not living out in accordance with the truth of God's Word that says you are a new creation, you cannot take that which belongs to Christ and join to an harlot.

As long as people live out the implication of God's Word, it will save us all these petty, petty details of going into lots and lots one by one because it all comes down to the foundation. Because Mark 4:17 tells us that temptation will always arise because of the Word sake. It will always come to counter the Word.

All these one that is telling people that ok we should not have respect of persons. If we know the gospel truth that was telling we should not have respect of persons, so we will not class people and say somebody is rich, somebody is this. And we have 1Timothy that was telling the truth that Oh man of God you flee this.

There is one that is telling the rich people they should trust in the living God so that they don't fall into this. Those are the gospel truth. So the more we embrace it. The more we allow it takes its root and the more we believe as we ought to believe then we walk fully, walk uprightly in this truth. That is why James 1:12 says blessed is the man that endures temptation for when he is tried

I like that. You can read that.

See what it says

James 1

12. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation

That stands his ground against temptation. Can you see that?

for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him

Can you see the implication of that? He says you have to put up with it. You have to withstand it. Can you see?

Blessed is the man that endureth.

I like the word endure. The word endure you can get from stamina. It says when people do not stand temptation don't necessarily think they are bad people. It's because people don't have the stamina.

Blessed is the man that endures...

You know endurance steps?

To endure something even in the world of athletics, for you to be able to endure, maybe 10000meters race, or enduring marathon or a sprint, whatever it is. Do you know that when you are trying to endure your endurance is based on, do you have what it takes to withstand? Do you have what it takes to stand your ground? It doesn't matter whether you have good opinions or you have good plans, is a matter of you taking your stand, capacity to take your stand.

That is why he says in James 1:12, **“blessed is the man that endures temptation for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to them that love him.”**That is what the scriptures says.

Now one thing you see there is. Temptation needs to be endured. Now, the reason why you endure something is because you have to live with it. Am not sure whether you...

You don't talk to someone to endure something when they can put that thing away indefinitely. If you have what it takes to put something away from you, you don't want even see it. You don't want to feel it. You don't want to talk about it. You have control. You have the power to say well, just put that thing away, I don't even want to see it. I don't want to experience it.

You don't tell somebody to endure what they can push far away from them.

But the reason why you tell people to endure something is to tell them that thing has come to stay. Just learn to make sure that it doesn't overpower you. Deal with it. That is why the word endurance comes in.

Now, the scriptures tell us when it comes to temptation, he says you and I, every day that we are still in this body, we will have circumstances, we'll have events, situation all of that trying to deny the reality of what Christ did to us at Calvary. He says you have to live with it. You have to deal with it. You will not allow anything to bring you

to a point where you begin to deny what the Word of God says concerning your life. He said you have to continually, consistently endure it and deal with it.

He says **“the man that will endure temptation...”**

It means do you have the capacity to stand your ground and not yield to the thing that is asking you to deny what the Word of God says concerning you? Concerning your health, concerning your body, concerning you family, concerning your life, concerning your work. Concerning everything concerning you.

The question is are you going to yield to the contrary opinion that life circumstances is bringing to you. This is where the endurance comes in. And like I said before, so many people have good intentions, but good intentions don't work with temptations. There has to be a capacity. That is why he says that the Word must go down to its root in other place. That is Mark 4:17.

If it doesn't go down to the root, it doesn't matter whether you have good intentions, you just don't have the capacity to stand your ground in the midst of the opposing circumstance. That is what we see there.

Yes, in that verse 12 again, we can see the motivation for endurance. He says there is a crown of life, who does not want that? And you see, there are some people if you are going to use the literary examples again about the Olympics and the athletics going for that, because there is a crown of life for it. So people are motivated to endure because there is a trophy. And so there is a crown of life here. There are things for overcomes on this side.

It's good that we got to this point, because some people feel well, since am saved, Christ has saved me. Am saved and then we know where we came from. So what is the point? And that is where some people get confused and feel like why some people are even against the reality, the gospel truth about what our salvation is about. The thing is because we thought... they don't have the full understanding something like the crown of life, there is something for the overcomers. They don't know that even the works that we've done in the body shall be tested by fire. So we have this crown of life. We have rewards for this. And there is overcome in this place. You have the overcoming life over there where you can rule over cities.

So there are motivations for endurance. And that is why we are bringing that to the fore knowledge of our audience to know that if you do endure this. If you believe as you ought to believe, then you have the full experience of overcoming life, even here. You are overcoming by the Word of God. Because you are going to use the full gospel truth to overcome, to live it out, to marks out the overcoming life, marks out

the reality of the scriptures while in this body. Because this body, the way you do with it, if you overcome. If you use the full gospel truth as it ought to be used, then you will see that work will endure because it will be tested.

So if is something that has much root and much depth will be able to withstand the testing. And then you can have the full reward in which crown of life, all these kinds are part of it.

Thank you for mentioning the issue of crown of life. I know people don't like talking about this because we all think about this all ends all, But the scriptures says in 1Corinthians 15, "if all our hope is in this world, we are of all men most miserable." And I presume you don't want to be a Christian. If you don't want to be the most miserable of all men, you have to agree that your hope is not limited to this world. You have the hope beyond the veil, according to the book of Hebrews. The hope that goes past beyond the veil, the anchor for the soul. We do have that.

Now, having said that. What we need to emphasize is. What will happen to Christians not just in time but in eternity is all dependent on your capacity to fit in to the role that God has for you for eternity. Do you have the endurance or the stamina to fit into the role that God has for you in eternity? God said we will know whether you will have that capacity from how far you are able to endure temptation now.

When things hit you, when life hit you, when somebody said something to you, somebody offended you, somebody did what they should not do. Did you allow the gospel to act out in you, in the way you respond? Acting out the implication of the gospel. Is that ok?

You look at your financial situation, you look at your condition, how did you respond? How did you live out the implication of the gospel in your finances? How did you talk? How did you reason when you look at the poor person beside you? How do you see them? When you look at the rich man beside you, how do you see them? You see all these things have implication for whether you are acting out the gospel in the way you see life every day.

And the Bible says if you are able to endure temptation, which means every opposing circumstances that arise against God's Word, which side do you fall into? Do you side what God's Word say or you want to go on to the side of the things that want to undermine the Word of God in your life? He said the side that you actually go to, determines whether you are enduring temptation or you are just falling into it. Can you see that?

And Bible says how far you do the endurance tells yourselves and God that you are ready to take on the role that God has carved out for you for eternity. That is what we see there.

Yes, I will just enjoy you to join the company of the wise ones like Moses, because he was able to ditch all the Egyptians' trappings because of what he had seen. And it talks about Jesus, because Jesus was not suffering in vain. Hebrews make us to know that when he saw the joy that was set before him, he was able to endure the cross. And we see Apostle Paul, despite all the accolades and everything he has, he pummeled his body because of that.

So you might live like that in that knowledge of that wisdom that you know that it does not end here. So you can know... you see some people living now, marking out the reality of the full gospel here or the reality here because they know that it does not end here. That is why they know they cannot do anything how even in the ministry. They cannot do anything with their life. They cannot do anything with money or anything and position. Because they know that beyond the stewardship, there is something much more beyond here. And they are waiting for the full reward. Waiting for the crown of life. We enjoin you to be wise as you make decisions, as you live out in this side of eternity.

Now, let me say this so that people don't get some misunderstanding on what we are talking about. We are not simply saying God is going to wait in eternity and select and say because you have not lived as holy as I wanted you to live or you have not lived out the implication of the gospel, am going to deal with you. You will not actually come into your Father's joy and all that.

Well, that is not what he says... Because it is just like... Think about it.

It's just common sense that if somebody who has a size 13 is begging you to give them a shoe of size 16, but their size is size 13. What is the point? They can't even put it on anyway. That is the way it is. It means how we endure temptation in this time, builds up our capacity, our stamina to stand in the calling of God for eternity. That is what we are talking about. That is why the Bible says in Acts Chapter 20.

He says **“I commend you to unto God and unto the Word of his grace which is able to build up and grant you inheritance.”**

The Word that can't build you up can't grant you inheritance. Anything that doesn't build you up cannot grant you inheritance. Because the inheritance will be too big for you to step into. You need to be built up to walk in the inheritance. That is what we see in the book of Acts.

No wonder Paul was talking to those brethren and was telling them when they were fighting and were taken to an heathen Judge and rulers to mediate between them. He was telling them, don't you know the way you are doing, you are not exercising walking in the uprightness of the scriptures, the way about the relationship between the two of you, when you have offenses and misunderstanding, if you are not trying to exercise that, walking uprightly in that gospel truth, You will lose the capacity to judge angels. To say don't you know you will judge angels? telling them, bringing to that consciousness, you need to experiment here. You need to practice here. You need to practice that dominion. This place we rehearse using all the full...

People say life is not a dress rehearsal. But actually life is meant to be a dress rehearsal.

With that our dominion here. We have the full capacity. People says life is not a dress rehearsal. For you as a believer, life is a dress rehearsal. You are rehearsing your role in eternity in the kingdom of God that is to come.

We are using all of the scriptures to overcome here and fight every temptation in whichever phase or form that is coming. So we overcome with the scriptures everything that comes at us in every phase of life and every position and wherever we found ourselves so that we are enduring, using all the arsenal of the scriptures so that we can come into our full reward as an overcomer.

Now, let me say this, if you at one point in time, you try to endure but you fall out in your endurance, which mean you fell into the temptation. You just acted in denial of the truth of the gospel in the situation. There is no point for you to stand in condemnation. There is a good news. The good news is God is not waiting on you to actually meet the qualification so that He can bless you. Jesus met the qualification on your behalf. He is only asking you to take advantage of the things that happened on the cross. That is why the Psalmist said in Psalms 103, **“blessed the Lord my soul, don't forget his benefits.”**

We are just talking about the benefit of the cross saying why don't you take advantage of the capacity and the stamina that God's Word provide against temptation? That is what we are talking about.

We are not asking you to walk in so that you can impress God to bless you. We are asking you to walk in it because is available for you now in Christ Jesus. That is the focus.

As we begin to round off, let's look at Luke 22 as we talk about this enduring this temptation.

So we then see how we can clarify Matthew 6:13 in that light of the New Covenant. You can read from verse 35.

Luke 22

35. And he said unto them, when I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said nothing.

36. Then said he unto them, but now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise, his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.

Let's go to war. Can you see? This is about military now. Jesus said let's just get the sword.

37. For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, and he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.

38. And they said Lord, behold here are two swords. And he said unto them it is enough.

So he said if you have a garment, sell it. Let's get a sword. It is time to go on to war.

You don't eat cake with sword. The reason why they are getting those swords is because He wants them to deal with a situation. They have to fight in a situation whatever. This is not a joke. Can you see that?

Now, read on, what does verse 39 says?

39. And he came out, and went as he was wont to the mount of Olives, and his disciples also followed him.

40. And when he was at the place, he said unto them, pray that ye enter not into temptation.

Did he say to them in this case pray that God does not lead you to temptation? But He says you've got to take advantage of God's arsenal. Pray! Use every tool that the Holy Ghost has made available. Pray! Use every tool that is available to you so that you don't enter into temptation.

And look at verse 41,

41. And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed.

42. Saying Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me, nevertheless not my will, but thine be done.

43. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

Mark the word strengthening him. Don't forget Jesus and his disciples were all in the same boat previously.

What is the boat? He told them to sell their garment and buy a sword. And they said here are two swords. And he said it's enough. And Jesus said it has been written concerning me that I will be numbered among transgressors. It means we are all in the same boat, all of us now. And He warned them, you guys need to pray that you don't enter into temptation. You know what he did? He actually pray himself so that He too will not enter into temptation.

Jesus told them take advantage of the tools of the spirit. I am going to take advantage as well. So he went ahead and took advantage. Bible says...

What happened to him?

Angels came and strengthen him.

“Blessed is the man that endures temptation.” Deep rooted in the word. strengthen... Can you see? Praying the Word of God into our spirit. Strength! Can you see that?

Anytime anybody enters into temptation, God can no more be blame in this equation because there are tools available for us to make use of. Can you see?

Now look at verse 46,

44. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

45. And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow.

Now, something is deeply rooted now in Christ Jesus in his flesh.

46. And said unto them, why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

Second warning. He said you know we are both in that situation few verses. I have gone ahead now. I have changed camp. I have been strengthened by the Spirit of grace. Can you now see the reason?

Can you see one of the focus and the purpose of prayer in the life of a believer? That prayer is not merely a tool that people think we can use to convince God to bless us or we can use prayer as a means to say well, if I pray long enough then I can destroy my enemies. This as it were is not the fundament of prayer. The fundament part of prayer is not that it does anything to God, it does everything to you.

Jesus said I will numbered among the transgressors but He moved camp because He went to pray and He was strengthen. But these guys were still sleeping for sorrow. And he said well, you will enter into temptation. You guys will respond in a way that is contrary to God's Word very soon, not because God led you into temptation but because you did not take advantage of the tools that were available in the arsenal of God. So that is what he says. Pray so that you will not enter into temptation.

47. And while He yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him.

48. But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?

49. When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord shall we smite with the sword?

See! don't forget He asked them to get the sword.

Now, Jesus had left on the issue of the sword because he knew now He is been strengthen by the Holy Ghost and He was going to respond to the circumstance according to what the Word of the God says.

And if you ask me the question what is the Word of God says in this situation? The Word of the God said that it was the desire of the Father to put him to death. He had to drink this cup. He had to go to the cross. This is what the Word of God said in this situation. The sword was supposed to counter what God's Word said by dealing with those people that came with Judas.

So the sword was supposed to go contrary to the mind of God in this situation. So Jesus already prayed himself out of that temptation. Don't forget they were all a party to the temptation including Jesus when He asked them to get the sword. He prayed himself out and strengthen in the Holy Ghost to endure the temptation. But these guys were still where Jesus left them.

Can you see?

50. And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.

One of them used the sword. He said Jesus you told us to get the sword.

And then what happened?

51. And Jesus answered and said, suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.

Now, it looks like a contradiction. Because who asked them to get the sword? Jesus. Who didn't want them to use the sword when they cut off the ear of that servant? The same Jesus. What happened to Jesus? Can you see what we are talking about?

The difference between them and Jesus was, Jesus asked for the sword but Jesus told them all of us will enter into temptation now, but we need to be strengthen in the Holy Ghost. And He went ahead and pray and He got strengthen by the angels but the disciples were still left off were He left them.

When I say left them, not physically speaking, but psychologically speaking, mentally speaking, spiritually speaking they were still with the sword mentality because the sword was a way of reacting in the flesh to the circumstance of Jesus being betrayed by Judas.

And then Jesus already moved by being strengthen by the Holy Ghost but they were still going to respond or react to this situation in the flesh. And you can see they fell for it. That is what we see there.

This is a very sober truth for me and am sure that our viewers too are in this particular boat on this position. Because apart from even Jesus even moving on. I feel somehow because actually He asked them to get the sword, and also is not even about the sword alone. He even gave them the biblical injunction to support that. He says "I will be numbered among the transgressors." So He found that part to support that venture.

And again the opportunity avail himself. They saw people coming around. This is there Lord and master who had allowed them before. He told them before they should not get sword. You don't need sword, I provided everything you need. Now, you will need sword. And He assure them is it enough? Do you want us to do more? They were following him. It is enough. Two is enough, telling them, preparing them that there is something ahead.

So they got the sword, he asked them to... they failed in that. It's a big fatality for them not praying to endure, to have the strength to deal with the situation, so that they can respond according to what God's Word says.

But my point is, why would He even strengthen that again with the Word and says “I will be numbered among the transgressors” and he moved away? And again He was strengthen and was able to find out the Word that said, No I need to go to the cross again. But this people had not left the Word.

Because they didn’t receive the strength to endure the circumstances.

The onus is on even people maybe in the religious places, they have people that they listen to, that kind of a thing. People that listen to... they are telling you, I am supporting you with one part of revelation this week, even when they have moved on. You might not be able to make that transition because Peter and the rest were not able to make that transition with Jesus when He moved away from “I will be numbered among the transgressors” to say it is the purpose for me to die on the cross. That is the thing.

You see this thing we are talking about is so serious. Because people find scriptures for every part of the journey. So for people that uses the sword, they have a scriptures to hang on that they will be numbered among the transgressors.

But if you mark the word, he said numbered. Past tenses!

Jesus said what actually happened now in which am about to react in the flesh by getting sword to deal with Judas and those who are coming with Judas is just the confirmation of the scriptures that said **“I will be numbered among the transgressors.”** But you know what? He took himself out among the transgressors. That is why He told them, pray that you will not enter into temptation. You need strength now. Pray for that.

And you see, the fact is, this brings a whole new concept to this. Because if you notice when Peter was speaking to Jesus, when Jesus said **“thou are Peter upon this rock I will build my church and the gate of hell shall not prevail.”** The Bible says immediately Jesus spoke that about Peter. Peter took him to himself and said you will not die. And Jesus said get behind me Satan. Because this is not the mind of God in this situation. The mind of God in the situation is for me to go to the cross and become a propitiation for the sins of the world.

So as long as what they are going to do here, to cut the ears of the servant was going to go against the mind of God at that time, it will mean that Jesus is saying this is temptation.

The reason why we are in this verse, if you wondering why are we reading this whole Luke 22? is because we are trying to show the whole thing about temptation, that

temptation is bigger, broader, deeper than what we think. As long as we speak, we think, we act and is just contrary to what the Word of God says right there, that is temptation right there.

And is not just enough to know what the temptation is. We also need the strength to endure. See! A lot of people have the head knowledge to know this is temptation, but they just cannot but act in the flesh because the strength is not there in that situation.

Yes, I think this is a word of caution for anyone that is just looking into the scriptures to find something to justify himself or to explain what he is doing or to find reasons to support him in some things that is not actually the mind of God. Because Peter and the likes were numbered among the transgressors. We have seen people living out their lives like that, they begin to copy all the errors of Solomon. They don't copy the feat of Abraham. They had the number of wives. They want to do all these kind of thing. Some even want commit suicide and they say go and do likewise like Judas. So people go to scriptures to pick in a way of, am going to... because part of the scriptures was saying that "I will be numbered among the transgressors." For all the scriptures they look for those ones. They look for those ones.

I will numbered at that point before I go to the cross. I will be numbered among those people that has sword like that. But some people will just held on to it like Asperger syndrome. Apologies for those suffering from that kind of condition. Am using that word spiritually, that they just on one point, they got this, they don't even have the understanding of it. That he was numbered at that minute, and he was not numbered the next minute. But they were just going to stay with that word.

Some find out where Judas went to commit suicide, go and do likewise. People want to commit all the errors of Abraham, they want to commit all the errors of David or the likes of them because they don't really understand how to separate this. They say oh, if David is the beloved of the Lord and he is doing this, so I can do everything that he did. They really don't know how to break down the scripture to really understand this. "Rightly diving the word of word of truth."

Now, I leave you with a caution as we close today. 1Timothy 4:16, that is the word of caution to every believer, every man of God, every teacher, apostle, prophet, pastor, anybody who is leading a group in the body of Christ, in the place of worship. This is the word of caution.

The scriptures says "**watch your life and doctrine closely.**" It means you need to investigate in the light of the New Covenant, in the mind of God, the things that become the bedrock for how people live their lives, where you minister or for yourself

and for them. He said watch it closely. Watch it. Do a close scrutiny of the things that you entrust your belief into.

He said if you do, watch them closely, you will not only save yourself, but you will save those people that listening to you. It means you could actually crash people around you. You could shipwreck people's lives by the type of doctrine they are listening to. You could literally shipwreck people, not just their life in the moment but their life in eternity.

You could shipwreck it completely on the premise of the doctrine that are not being closely monitor. That is what he is talking about. That when people just pick verse in the Bible and just... Some people can go to Mark something or Malachi this, they just build their doctrine, their belief system on that. And those things are undermining the finished work of Calvary, stealing from people the benefits of redemption. That is it. Stealing from people the benefit of what Christ paid for, and incapacitating them to be able to endure temptation in this world and the world to come. That is what we see there. And that is why is a serious thing.

Yes, is not for those who are administering the Word of God, even for people that are listening. You know people can crash your life and destiny by who you listen to that same way. So you really need to watch out.

So for time, we have to come to the end of the supposedly Lord's prayer in Mathew Chapter 6. And we can categorically say that we are coming to the end of Knock Out season on prayer.

So we are going to come into a new season and a new teaching series next time for the next transmission. So I want you to be expectant, we are moving away from Knock Out series pausing for a while.

So we want you to join us for our next transmission. Have you missed any of these transmission, please Knock Out season is about how many episodes?

So we really have or you have missed any or you want to refresh your memory on those things or you want to share it. Please go back to more than sixty episodes on Knock Out season. And for anyone who has missed and want to join the new one, so this is best time to join the new series that we are going to start the next transmission. So watch out for it. Is going to be serious.

So we want to say, we want to invite you to the new season. We want to invite you to refresh your memory on those things and you live this gospel truth and walk uprightly so that you will not fall into temptation.

So till we see you next transmissions. We want to say as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord. So walk in him.

God bless you.

Bye!!!