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The Acid Test

Hello World, we are back again and we are particularly thrill to see you. I am speaking for myself.

So on a scale of 1-10, how excited are you connected with our viewers again?

Well, I will say ten if it is possible to come up with a number. I will say ten. I will say so.

I am sure and I hope you are enjoying this as we are enjoying you, enjoying presence, your comments and the way you are living out the gospel truth. And so we want to encourage you to do more. We want you to live this out and people see the life of forgiveness, you are radiating forgiveness in the full understanding of what we've been sharing.

So he's going to continue on the series on forgiveness. If you have been following us, you know we've been on forgiveness. We have like five or six topics on that.

And so today we will continue because we know the last has not been said, has not been heard about forgiveness. And we are trusting and praying, even beyond trusting and praying that the God of hope will fill you with joy and peace so that you will overflow, superb abound with hope.

So this Word is going to bring hope to you. Is not just nugget. It's not just some sayings and motivational sayings. It is hope. And you will not just only have hope, you will have so much hope to spread around. So much hope to give around.

So we will just hit it up today.

Thank you so much.

Now, thank you viewers for tuning in today again on this Knock Out series. Precisely we've been going through the implication of Mathew Chapter 6, the Lord's prayer. And then the phrase we are dealing with at the moment is where Jesus told the disciples to pray that you will be forgiven as He forgive those that trespass against you.

And we began to examine that phrase in the light of the New Covenant. And if you've been with us in the previous episodes, you will understand our strategy. And if you

have not actually join us from previous episode, we are encouraging you to go on our Expose 247 Facebook page to get understanding of how far we have come.

But the last thing we talked about was Good Job Bad Job. We began to look at the fact that in the New Covenant, what matters to God is not the work that we do, is what kind of work is it? Is it a good one or is it a bad one? And we saw from the scriptures what it means to do good job or a bad job.

And then forgiveness must be understood in that light that there are so many methodologies or strategies that people are adopting now on how to forgive or why you should forgive and all other. But we cross examine that with the reality of what God's Word says. God is not just keen that you forgive as He is keen on the source, the motivation, the drive of why you are forgiving.

And if you notice, in our modern day context, if you are a Christian, you are there, you will understand that in your Christian walk with the Lord, motivation is everything. I will say that slowly, motivation is everything. Look at Moses, he brought the rod and he dropped it down, it became to serpent. You can see James and Jambres, those magicians in the court of Pharaoh, they also brought their own rod and it became a serpent.

So technically as we are talking about this, there is nothing that you want to come up with in the Kingdom of God that the world system does not have a counterfeit or alternative solution or reality to whatever God is bringing. That is the fact.

That is the reason why as a Christian, the root of your life is as important as the fruit that you emanate. And that is the context in which we have been looking at forgiveness over the past few weeks.

Now, join us quickly as we explore the Word of God, as we go to 2Timothy Chapter 3.

May I just say, I found out from the last transmissions on Good Job Bad Job, we have some job applicants coming around to that place, and is very good before you take up any job at all. That is the best place to go instead of putting your contacts and your CV under all those indeed.co.uk or all those job sites. You need to know this place first. To know what good Job and bad Job is.

And also, even for applicants, even beyond those applicants, if you are already in job or you have all these post work experience or whatsoever, your level of your experience, you need to know what it is, are you really doing a good job or a bad job? So everyone at every point in time, applicant or not, we both need to understand this.

Now thank you for making mention of that.

Do you know one thing that I began to meditate upon after last transmission? I understood that the whole point of our salvation, the whole point of our deliverance from the power of darkness to the kingdom of God's light is so that we can work. I know people says I just want to get save to go to heaven. But if your getting safe is for you to go to heaven, I will think the day you got save you should have died and go to heaven. There was no point living one day more beyond your salvation.

The reason why you are here according to Ephesians Chapter 2, he said we are his workmanship... The place where he says by his grace are ye save through faith and it is not of yourself, it is the gift of God, not of works so that nobody should boast. Immediately he said that, the next verse, he said for we are.... Can you see?

Ephesians 2

8. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

9. Not of works, lest any man should boast

10. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unot good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Don't forget up to verse 6 of Ephesians 2 he was talking about salvation. And immediately he stopped talking about salvation, the next verse says for we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus to start working (unto good works). He said we are created in Christ Jesus to hit the ground running. Not just any work but ultimately is about work. Is not about to just die and go to heaven. Is about work.

So what God is saying is, there is a good work that we are created in Christ Jesus to do. And if you are wondering what is a good work? What is a bad work? Please we invite you to look at our last transmission, you will understand by the grace of God, how you can do a good work, how you can do a bad work.

And this is not just a matter of a kind of theological exercise. This is serious. Because as long as your work is not good, you will be frustrated. You will be confused. The joy of the Lord might be missing in your Christian walk. This is serious. And that is why Hebrews 9:14 also says to us, he says how much more will the blood of Jesus that was shed by the eternal spirit cleanse our conscous from dead works. So that we can serves the living God.

Nobody can serve the living God if they are still dealing with bad works. That is what Hebrews 9:14 is saying. Every man, humanity's deliverance is deliverance from dead works. And we made the distinction between those two types of jobs or two types of work in our last transmission. Our goal today is not to go back into that.

More so Jesus said we should be occupied till He comes. There is work to do.

So forgiveness, holiness, righteousness. Can you see that? Integrity, think about all the fruits of the spirit, joy, peace, you know all these things you can talk about. All these attributes, all these fruits you produce as a Christian. They can be a good job or a bad job. The list is endless. Mention those things, they can be good or bad. That is why Jesus said my peace I leave with you not the way the world... There is always a counterfeit of it. It doesn't matter what you want to come up with as a Christian. There is a good one and there is a bad one of it. But again we invite you to watch our last transmission.

Now follow us quickly. Today we have a slightly different focus on this notion of forgiveness. As we go to 2Timothy, the third Chapter. You might want to read from the verse 14.

Now, this is Paul the spiritual Father of Timothy writing to Timothy instruction in the Holy Ghost.

2Timothy 3

14. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them.

15. And that from a child thou has known the Holy Scriptures,

Watch that. You've known the Holy Scriptures from a child.

which are able

The scriptures has a capacity

to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Now look at the next verse,

16. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

All scripture

I like that.

Not some scriptures. The Greek word for that is *graphe*.

Out of time in which Paul was writing to Timothy, there probably was no book of Timothy at that time. It makes sense to assume that there was no Timothy and probably there was no book of revelation. When he says all scriptures, we have to assume he is talking about all the things from Genesis right up to the time that Paul was writing this to Timothy.

So there is no single scripture that is exempted from this qualification of 2Timothy Chapter 3 verse 16. There is no single verse in the Bible that is exempted from whatever Paul will say next in this Chapter 3 verse 16.

All scriptures...

Now, what does it says there?

is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine,

It means all scriptures has purpose. They have a target. They have a goal.

Now listen to this. It doesn't matter what scriptures you read. It doesn't matter what scriptures you are meditating on. It doesn't matter what scriptures somebody interpreted for you or did a Bible study on for you. If that scripture does not actually arrive at the destination of 2Timothy 3:16, that scripture has not fulfil its purpose for why it existed on the pages of the Bible.

All scriptures need to get this qualification we are going to look at now.

What does he says?

is profitable for doctrine.

It's meant to give us doctrine.

And if you are wondering what doctrine is. It means things that guide the way you live your life. That is why Paul said to Timothy watch your life and doctrine closely. Because if you do, you will not only save yourself but them that hear you.

He says watch your life and doctrine, it means the way you live your life and doctrine, they go together. Look for doctrine to know how to live life.

Is that ok?

What is the next thing he says?

for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

Why?

See all these things about profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and instructions in righteousness. Those are things that the Word want to do. The methods, but what is the ultimate destination?

Look at verse 17

17. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Can you see?

He says how do you know a scripture that you are meditating on? How do you know a scripture that you are studying, how do you know a scripture you are reading is actually achieving its purpose? Watch it. Is that scripture furnishing you? Is it completing you? Can you see?

He says

that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished.

Furnished means you become loaded. Furnished means you become complete. It means you are at the point becoming inadequate any more. It means the scriptures are able to bring you to a point in which you know Oh, I have everything that I need for life.

He says what the goal of every single scriptures is supposed to be is to make you furnished, loaded, complete. Why? unto all good works.

So it means any time you look at the Bible, every time you do any study of the scriptures, does it make you complete? Or does it incapacitate you? He said any scriptures that incapacitate you, has not achieve the reason why it existed.

All scriptures is given to ultimately make you complete. That is the word. All scriptures is given ultimately to furnish you, to equip you. And he says if that is happens, it will get you ready for all good works.

Now, if you noticed our last transmission, we said any work that you want to do, anything that you want to do that you think until I do that thing, then I will be complete is a bad work. But any work that you do out of a sense that you are complete is a good work.

So what he says, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Good works cannot be done unless somebody know is thoroughly furnished. That is the point we are talking about.

If you noticed recently, people have been talking about giving and all these kind of things, about the issue of... if giving is a work, if giving is something that we do as Christians, are you doing that out of the sense that all you need for life and godliness has been given to you through your faith in Christ Jesus? Everything that you do, is it coming from a sense of completeness?

And the Bible says that is what the scriptures should meant to achieve in our life, and that is what we see there.

Yes, now that you mention the word that some scriptures, if people do not allow it, can incapacitate them and not make them to be thoroughly furnished. And so the purpose of 2Timothy Chapter 3 verse 17 might not be fulfilled in them because they did not allow them, and they were even incapacitated. And that brought me back to memory lane.

Sometimes you be in some gathering and you hear the way some part of the scriptures were handled, and you find a preacher or speaker taking the power out of that. You know it was meant to infuse you with the energy of the spirit to be able to go for it. You know there is power in it, in which you know something about that verse particularly, but the way some people come there and they handle it, and they take the power off it. Sometimes they take the thing when he ask us to walk in something, and they take it up, we are waiting on God, draw the power off it.

So am just being brought back to reality now in 2Timtohty that scriptures must not incapacitated us. They are meant to furnish us. So we don't come into a place and leave us in a state of limbo and say what can we do now? We will just be in a waiting mode. We are playing the waiting game. The scriptures should not make us like that and feel like... we are to be thoroughly furnished. And we are not looking for something to come on us and add on us again. Or if I do this, or if I talk like this or if I forgive somebody or if I give my offerings or I if I do it, then that is why I know the Lord has completed and bless me.

So all the scriptures has inherent power, undeniable power, energy in itself to give everything that we need, to bring completeness. So people still come to the place of where they should have completeness, the ground of truth and they are still feeling helpless. The scriptures make them feel completely helpless again after the Holy Spirit has been given again. They feel completely helpless. They are looking up again. They are waiting which shouldn't be.

Thank you for that insight.

If you are there and you are asking the question what is this furnishing we are talking about?

You know the reason we come into forgiveness, what is this furnishing? What is this completeness we are talking about? Am glad you ask.

If you check verse 15, Apostle Paul also said to Timothy, he said right from a child you have known the scriptures which were able to make you wise.

Watch this,

unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

So we want to ask Apostle Paul in verse 15 of 2Timothy 3 and in verse 16, why did the distinction?

You said in verse 15 that the scriptures that Timothy knew made him wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. And the next verse you began to say well, those scriptures were given for reproof, for doctrine, for instruction in righteousness, so that they can be perfect, thoroughly furnished.

Then by simple comparison, it will mean for the very understanding that Timothy will have through his faith in Christ Jesus, the scriptures are supposed to give him insight into how he was made complete in Christ Jesus.

I will repeat that slowly. The scriptures focus is to be on Christ Jesus. That is why in verse 15, he says you have known that scriptures from a child. It has made you to be wise unto salvation. Not just salvation as it were or like that. But through faith in Christ.

The target of the scripture is Christ Jesus. The target, the destination of the scripture is Christ Jesus. Every scriptures that does not end on Christ cannot furnish you. I repeat that slowly. Every scriptures that does not target Christ cannot make you complete. That is the summary of 2Timothy 3:15-17 is all talking about.

You know atimes when people read like Psalms or they read all these Old Testament Prophets and they raise prayer points from things prayer point like that, some of the prayer point can actually incapacitate us.

For example how can somebody read the book of Psalms where David said my God, my God why have you forsaken me? And some people will read that and they will say if you are going through any challenge, read through psalm 125. If you have a bad dream, use Psalm 121. People have a kind of prayer book to say things like that. And

then you might be surprised some of the Psalms you open might say my God why have you forsaken me?

Whereas, the reader unknown to them, Jesus in Luke 24:45, the scriptures says he opened the mind of the disciples to understand the scriptures. And Bible says that all the law and the prophets were talking about Jesus. Bible said He showed them in the book of the prophets, the Psalms all the things that were written concerning him.

Paul told Timothy the scriptures are supposed to make you wise unto salvation through faith. The target of the scripture is faith in Christ.

So when he said my God why have you forsaken me in the book of Psalms? We all know that David was talking about Christ Jesus. It wasn't your forsaken. David was prophesying about the coming of Christ Jesus when he said my God why have you forsaken me on the cross. That was what Jesus said. It was all about Christ.

The target of the scriptures is Christ Jesus. If we see that and we live like that. We will become furnished and complete. You cannot dissect the scriptures from Christ. It all points to Christ. When David was saying you will not suffer the body of your holy one to see decay. Acts 13 said David was not talking about himself, he was talking about Christ Jesus.

Now look at this. Unless we see Christ on the pages of the scriptures, unless we see Christ on the pages of the world, what will happen is any time we read the scriptures with another understanding, we stand the risk of being unfurnished by what we read. We stand the risk of being incapacitated by what we read.

What we see here, the Bible says every time you look at every scriptures.

I like this... All scriptures...

It means there is no verse you are reading in the Bible. I don't care whether is Genesis, Deuteronomy, Leviticus, Numbers, Exodus, it doesn't matter where you read, or how you read, if it is not targeting Christ. If it is not furnishing you and making you feel complete. That scriptures has not done the purpose why it existed in the Bible. That is the fact. I don't care what you read.

He said all scriptures....

That is the word. All scriptures... So that is what we see there.

Yes, I pray may we have the record that Paul had with Timothy, what he was saying in verse 14 that he know as of Timothy that from a child, he has known the scriptures.

And those scriptures that Timothy has known, has made him wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. It was all about Christ Jesus.

I hope we can see that of us today. Because some people have been acquitted with scriptures maybe they are born in a religious place and they know some scriptures but the scripture they are knowing is making them increasingly ignorant. They are not wise unto salvation. People are even still confuse about the state and nature of salvation, and they don't have faith in Christ Jesus. They are having faith in what I do, faith in what I say, faith in other things, the community I belong to, or the denomination I attend, or who is my General Overseer. People have faith in so many things.

So people even have faith in some Oil, Mantle and some instruments of worship, and the order of the way of things, the denomination doctrines, they have faith in those things, and they don't have faith in Christ Jesus. Paul was able to itemize it and know where... he can pinpoint where the faith of Timothy was on it.

He know from a child and what he had learned all through was able to make him wise unto salvation and we see some today. Some people are not wise unto salvation through the faith in Christ Jesus.

And again I am glad that we are in this part of the scriptures. And he was talking again about the scriptures, giving for doctrine. Because some people are allergic to doctrine. When they hear doctrines, they feel is not for us or something. They don't know that there are doctrines in the New Testament too. To know the scriptures is for doctrine. So for those people who are allergic to it, you need to walk on it.

Well, do you know one thing? As you said that, something came to my heart. You see even in our generation at the moment. Companies, they have what they call ethos and the employee manual. If there is no employee manual in a company or in an organization. When something happens. You wouldn't know what to say, how to react, how do we respond in this kind of case scenario? How do we do this in this kind of situation? It will be chaos and confusion.

We need to know how to live life, what to say, how to say, how to respond to life, how to respond to circumstances in life. Doctrine is important. But Bible says that is what the scriptures is supposed to do. But don't forget, they are not doctrine in themselves. Verse 15 says the end destination is Christ Jesus.

I like that word when he says for correction. You know if you check the Greek word for this correction there, it talks about restoring back to the original order. Bringing something back to the way it was. This actually resonate with the things we've done

before in our previous transmission, where we talked about Adam and Eve and all that. And we talked about the fact that God had a divine order.

If you noticed one thing, before Adam was given the assignment of what to do to replenish the earth. God told them you may eat of every tree. He said you may freely eat. I have given you every herb bearing fruit. Every seed, everything that comes from the ground as your meat.

And if you notice, it means then if Adam was going to carry out God's order about replenishing the earth. It means there was no motivation for Adam to do that, so that he can have fruits to eat on his table. That couldn't be because he was already filled. He already had the supply. He had the garden. He had all he needed in the garden.

God didn't say Adam when you till the ground, when you replenish the ground, then we supply you all you needed. That wasn't the order in the garden. Supply first before the work. That is a good work.

That is why he says that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly unto good works. This man is already loaded. This man is already forgiven before he can forgive somebody else. This man is already supplied before he can give his offerings. This man is already blessed before you ask him to be a blessing to others.

When somebody tells you that the more you bless people the more God can bless you, if they quote any scriptures to say that to you, they have incapacitated you. I repeat that slowly, when somebody tells you that the more you can bless people, the more you can give to people the more God will bless you. They have simply incapacitated you. It doesn't matter if they use the scriptures to make that point.

The Bible says how can you know if a scriptures is achieving his purpose, is it furnishing you? is it making you complete? or is it making you feel incomplete? That is the acid test if a scriptures has been properly explained,

You know somebody ask, how do you know whether somebody has done a good Bible study on a particular scriptures? If you are wondering, or you are wondering what is the acid test? How can you know if somebody has given the right interpretation to the scriptures? The Bible says no scriptures is of private interpretation. How do you know?

Well, am glad you asked. Here is the acid test... all scriptures... is given by the inspiration of God and ultimately they are meant to make you know that you are complete. If they don't, that interpretation given by anyone has failed the test. This is how you can know.

Yes, before we leave off that page. Is it not interesting to find out in verse 17 he said that the man of God. He call the young Timothy man of God. Because in this generation, in some part of the world, they actually reserve the right to some people maybe age in ministry or they look elderly or something, or just even natural age. And they are having issues *popping* off wisdom, they call them man of God.

We have instances in the scriptures where he says but O man of God, flee from these. Talking to the young Timothy, we know how young Timothy was compared to Paul.

So we see that the man of God is not like a special tag in this generation that the word has been abused and some people thought it is for them. Every child of God is a man of God. And what made it....do you want to comment on that?

Yeah, the fact is. This all still come down to the purpose of the scriptures. That is what we are talking about, that the purpose of the scriptures is to bring completeness to you. If it doesn't do that, it means that scriptures has not been allowed to do what it can do. All scriptures is given for that.

Now, you are talking about the man of God thing. Ultimately what makes Timothy a man of God, was not Timothy's years or the credit he has with God. Or people think with God, you have to have some level of credit before God or some special kind of covenant or you have years of service that you have accumulated before God.

Of course you can admit the fact that Timothy, even if you think he has such a thing, you can see lots of things that Paul said concerning Timothy. For example there is a place where he said to Timothy for God has not given us the spirit of fear and timidity but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Of course, that was Paul trying to remind Timothy that stop being timid. In fact, there was point he told him, let no man despise your youth. So we know there was a lot things in Timothy life that was not right, the youthful nature that he has a tendency of being run over by somebody else. That is why Paul said, you've got to make sure that nobody take advantage of your youthfulness.

So the fact still remains that Timothy was not a perfect type. And Paul still say thou man of God. And the reason why Paul could say that to Timothy is simply because Paul was looking at Timothy in Christ Jesus.

He said you've been made wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. If that is the case, I can call you a man of God, because you are already complete in him who is the head of principalities and powers.

In fact, there was a point he told Timothy, he said thou man of God flee all these things, pursue... think about this. How can you tell him to flee those things when you are already calling him a man of God? Is that not wrong from what Paul was trying to do? Paul should have said flee those things then I will call you a man of God. Come back, flee those things, I will give you ten years to look at how far you flee those things. Then I can then determine if you are a man of God. But he said thou O man of God flee those things. First is your completeness, then the good work. Can you see?

First is your furnishing then the good work. He said that the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnish unto all good works.

So it means every scriptures must be tested with this particular principle. If anybody does any scriptural interpretation and it does not pass this test, it is a wrong hermeneutic. If it doesn't make you complete in Christ Jesus. So there is no point being confused about scriptural interpretation. This is your acid test. He said all scriptures must be tested by this.

I can't resist not emphasizing that even for young Timothy, he was not telling him that you have become wise, you are a man of God through your length of service, or years of tutelage, it was through faith. So that is the only denominator. If you have faith through Christ Jesus, so you are a man or woman of God wherever you are. And that is the only qualification through faith in Christ Jesus.

So if you have length of years, you have track records of ministerial excellence and whatsoever and you does not have faith in Christ Jesus. You are not wise unto salvation. You are not even a man of God, no matter what, whether people agree or not.

And you see, all these things we are talking about we can then line all these up with all the previous episodes we've been doing so far. We are simply trying to say that you are already forgiven. You already had God's favour on your life. You have God's blessing upon your life. You have God's acceptance upon your life. You are a man of God already. You are furnished already. You are complete already. Can you see?

Nothing you do or you don't do will not complete you. It is your faith in Christ Jesus that complete you. But from then on, go and express your nature. That is doing good works. You have nothing to achieve that will add on to your credit with God. You can never do that. That is not going to happen.

That is why today, some of the teachings and preaching coming from a lot of places of worship are actually doing damage. Some of them make you feel incomplete unless you act like this, unless you give this, unless you do that. That is not the purpose of

the scriptures. If anybody picks up any scriptures may be from expression, I think the danger is from the Old Testament. That is the reality. When they pick from the Old Testament and they pick all these things, they don't even understand that the law and the prophets were prophesying till John.

In fact, there was a place in 2Peter he says all these prophet were not even serving themselves. He said they were serving us because they were prophesying about the glory and suffering of Christ that is to come. That is the place where he talk about the fact that you take heed as to a light shining... he said all these prophet were not serving themselves. He say they were not prophesying about themselves.

Look at Isaiah when he say the spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor when Isaiah was saying that in Isaiah 61. He was not serving himself. Isaiah wasn't talking about himself. He was talking about Christ Jesus. All the Psalms... you know what amazes me, the Psalms that people read today as warring... people say well, my God why have you left me? Why are my enemies all over me? These are prophecies of Christ... all scriptures was supposed to target Christ. That is it. That is the point.

I could simply say all the Old Testament prophesied about Christ. The New Testament explain Christ. Think about it. It's all about Christ. And the more we see it that way, the more we will come out with that sense of completion.

And you see, there is one thing there I want us to point out.

See where he says in verse 16, if you have your Bible you might want to look at that.

16.

2Timothy 3

16. ...and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

Look at that, correction! When you hear correction, what comes to your mind? When you hear reprove, what comes to your mind? I can probably guess. What you probably think about is, a way of trying to say Oh, you've done something wrong, you are wrong. Now, that is wrong. That is not good. What you've done is bad. Am going to deal with you because you've done something wrong.

Well, think about it.

Look at the next verse 17

17. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished...

He says ultimately, that correction in verse 16 is something that is restoring you back to default mode. And what is the default mode? That you were complete.

That is the reason why there are some words in the Bible like redemption, restoration, Can you see? When you hear redemption, it means taking back to divine order. The scriptures is meant to bring correction to you and say that is not who you are. That is not what you are. That is not the design that Christ brought. That is not. That is what the scriptures supposed to do. Bringing you back.

When the scriptures correct you, it correct you by bringing you back to the point of saying you are furnished. You are complete unto all good works. That is how God correct.

If you are wondering how that happens. Please check our previous episodes, we've dealt with Hebrews Chapter 12, talking about how God chastises. We've dealt with all that. And Bible say is not the way our earthly father does it. So we've seen that before.

So in that context is what we've seen about forgiveness. That when you forgive as a believer, it is a good work for you because you are already forgiven. You are furnished. You are complete unto all good works already. That is what we see there. And that is what the scriptures are supposed to achieve for us.

Now, practically we are going to make a switch as we begin to look at Hebrews Chapter 8 from verse 9. We are going to bring this whole notion of forgiveness, accord it a grand style.

Look at this, Hebrews Chapter 8 from verse 9 to verse 13. And let's see what the scriptures has to say.

Somebody asked us a question one time saying, what should I do when people offended you?

So far we've laid the foundation and the foundation is, you were forgiven in Christ Jesus by the sacrifice of Christ. So it means we've dealt with the issue of motivation for the past few weeks. Let's get out to the practicalities of forgiveness in the New Covenant.

Now, you can read Hebrews Chapter 8 from verse 9 please?

What does it says there?

Hebrews 8

9. Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt:

The Lord is contrasting the Old Covenant and the New Covenant.

Go on please,

Because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not saith the Lord.

I like that. God said the reason why I knew that covenant will not work is because they couldn't continue. God said they have a problem. If they couldn't continue in that covenant, it means am going to end up destroying them anyway. They don't have what it takes. Can you see that? They couldn't continue in that covenant.

Should we start from verse 6?

Yes you can,

6. But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

He broker at it like a broker. He broke at the New Covenant.

7. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

8. For finding fault with them, he saith, behold, the days come saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

9. Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt: because they continued not in my covenant,

They couldn't fulfill the terms. So we couldn't fulfill the terms of that covenant. That's what was wrong with us.

Go on please,

and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

10. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts, and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.

11. And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying Know the Lord, for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

Now watch verse 12. That is where we are going to.

What does it says in verse 12?

12. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

Now mark that word... I will be

How many wills are there in verse 12? How many will, will did God talk about himself? Two

You know this is where we get the practicalities of forgiveness in the New Covenant. We've done motivation. Let's get to the practicalities.

Now, we've said something that the Bible says concerning Christ Jesus in book of Isaiah. He says **"all we like sheep have gone astray, but God has laid upon Christ Jesus the iniquities of us all."** This is the reason why God can forgive our sins, because we've said in the previous episodes, forgiveness is interchange with the word debt in the Bible. Forgiveness can never happen unless somebody pays the debt. It's simple.

If you commit anything, or you break something and I tell you, don't worry I will take care of it. I have forgiven you. It means I said that because I knew I was going to fix it. God fixed the issue of our debt of sin by making his Son become the sacrifice for sins. So there was payment.

We've said that before. God has laid upon him the iniquity of us all. This is the reason why we can claim forgiveness now. That is why Colossians 1:13 tells us in whom we have redemption through his blood even the forgiveness of sin. So we could only claim forgiveness because somebody paid. This is simple.

But look at the point. You would have thought, if that was the case, it means God should look at you and I and just feel like He wants to forgive us every time. God should just feel that He was going to forgive us because of what Jesus did because Jesus paid the price. But look at what this verse 12 of Hebrews 8 says. We are getting something about the nature of our Father.

Look at verse 12.

God says I will...

Am saying Father I thought because of what you saw in Christ Jesus you should feel like you want to forgive me all the time? Well, that is true.

But he says I will be merciful unto their unrighteousness. God said I will remember their sins no more. God says I've made a commitment, an everlasting commitment. I am committed.

Every time you use the word will, it means is something you are committed to do. It doesn't matter the circumstances. It doesn't matter the situation. It doesn't matter feelings. It doesn't matter your thought. It doesn't matter your opinion. Will is an act of commitment to doing what you said you will do.

The Lord says the reason why He is not counting your sins against you any more is that, when He looks at the sacrifice of Jesus, God said I made a commitment except their sins, I will remember no more.

What does that tell you and I? Even though Christ paid the price for sin, but the Lord said every time I look at that sacrifice of sin, I make a commitment. It means there is a commitment, an act of God's will that goes with the reality of what Christ did. This is how you and I can approach the practicalities of forgiveness.

Even though you as a Christian, Romans 5 says concerning you that the love of God is shed abroad in your heart. What is in your spirit is forgiveness, the nature of God is in you. Christ is in you, the hope of glory. You have the life of God in your spirit man. You have the nature of God in your spirit man. Forgiveness is in your spirit man. Gentleness is in your spirit man. Longsuffering is in your spirit man. Joy is in your spirit man. Meekness is in your spirit man.

Even though that is the reality, the scriptures says an act of your will, a commitment to doing based on the reality of who you are is what actually releases that power. Even though the Father knows that his Son was sacrifice, even though He knew that redemption was achieved through the blood of Jesus. But the Lord said because of what I see that my Son did, I committed myself not to remember your sins any more.

And I think this is where the rubber hit the road for some of us. That is what we call faith. You know we've talked about faith a lot of times in the past. This is exactly how faith looks like. This is exactly how faith sounds like. This is exactly the picture of faith. The picture of faith is when you are committed to acting consistently to what you know is the reality. It's as simple as that.

The Father said I will remember your sins no more. He was only committed to acting based on the reality that Jesus already paid the price for sins. It means it wasn't

enough that Christ paid the price, the Father had to be committed to acting consistently with the reality of the price that Jesus paid.

If He wasn't committed to acting based on the reality of the sacrifice of Jesus, there will be a disconnect. In the New Covenant, you and I must put our money where your mouth is. Your commitment, your will must be put to where you know the reality of what has been done in you is. You must put your will where the reality is. The Father put his will where the reality is. And that is the acid test.

And that is why if somebody offends you, if somebody says anything or if anybody does something that really offends you and you know they actually done something that pains you or something that actually in a way get you off balance or whatever it is.

The question is, are you going to put your will where the reality is? That is the question. Where will your will go? You can simply say well, I will forgive you. I will not hold it against you because I know that the life that is in me is the nature of God. Love is what is in me. Life is what is in me. The nature of Christ is what is in me. I am forgiven already and if I am forgiven, then I will forgive you. Can you see? That is you putting your will where the reality is. That is what the Father did and we cannot but act the same way.

So that is why our motivation now is different. Can you see? That is why we dealt with the issue of motivation over the past few weeks. Your motivation now is not because you want to do it so that God can do something to you. No! But the motivation is, am going to forgive. I am going to do it because I choose to will or I choose to act. I am committed to the reality of what is on ground. That is why am going to do it. And that is all we see there.

That is what we see right there in the scriptures.

Here we see verse 12 of Hebrews 8, giving us an insight that the Lord made a commitment, irrevocable commitment to will, to act in accordance to reality.

I will show us quickly as get more insight in the scriptures.

So every time you are acting, every time you are saying you forgive people that offends you, you are just putting your will into reality of ...

So it means in the scriptures and this is something that has gotten so many Christians stocked today. This is where the problem is. In most cases, we have so many theoretical Christians. Christians who believe in the theory but are not willing to put their will where the reality is.

You see if you have faith, if you believe, your actions must be consistent with what you believe is the reality.

So every time you said I am not going to forgive somebody, every time you are bitter in your mind and you owe somebody in your heart and you don't let them go. What you are probably indirectly saying is, you probably don't believe the reality that the nature that is in you is the nature of God's love. If you believe that you have the nature of God's love in you, then act that way, talk that way, think that way, forgive that way and that is what we see right in the scriptures.

Let's go quickly to Hebrews Chapter 10 and drink more from the Word in this reality.

Hebrews 10

16. This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them

17. And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

18. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

Well, I should understand that. He says again just trying to repeat what Hebrews 8 says.

He says

I choose again not to remember their sins and their inequities no more.

Now, the question is, am wondering what are you choosing to do? What are you making choices to do on a daily basis?

Everything the Word of God says concerning your life, are you making choices consistent with that. That's why in 1Corinthians 2. He said now we have received the spirit which is not of the world, but the spirit which is of the Father so that we can know the things that are freely given us of God.

He says if you know the things that are freely given, what do you do with it? Do you theorizes it? He said No, of which things we speak not with words that human wisdom teaches, but with the words that the Holy Ghost teaches comparing spiritual with spiritual.

He says if we know the things that are freely given us of God, those are things we talk about, those are things that we act upon, those are the things that we speak about.

So what we are talking about today is that the volumes of the things you know that has been done in you in Christ Jesus, that is why this issue of being furnished unto all

good works. If you know that you are complete in him. If you know that you are furnished unto all good works. Can you talk and think and live and react like that? Can you forgive like that? Can you let people go like that? Can you release people like that? Can you act towards people like that?

Some people, the way they handle money can actually tell if they believe they were furnished or not. Some of us, if anything happened with money, the way we react to people, it shows us in reality that we don't feel complete. Can you see that? Even the way we handle relationship, will show somebody who is already complete, who has the remission of sins. Are you complete or are you trying to use those things to complete yourself?

What we are saying today is, if you believe it, act like that. The Father himself, He believe that Jesus sacrifice was enough and Bible said God made a decision saying I will not. I choose not to remember their sins any more. Your will must be brought into this. If it will unlock and release the power of God.

And this is a good thing now. Every time you put your will into the reality that is what it unlocks, the power of God. The power doesn't get unlock just because it is a reality. The power get unlock because your will kiss the reality. And it unlocks the power that is in it.

And you see that principle is an irrevocable principle.

Something just came to my heart as we are talking and I think this is consistent with what we are disoing about today. Here in Acts Chapter 2, talking about when the Holy Ghost came down.

Now if you look at it, you can read Acts 2.

Now look at this, this is the principle of the spirit.

Look at verse 1

Acts 2

- 1. When the day of the Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one according in one place**
- 2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.**
- 3. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.**

Now, look at all that. Look at all the things that happened to them. Look at things that happening upon their life right now. Something is taking place now. This is supernatural move of God taking place right in the upper room.

Now, look at the next verse,

4. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost,

Look at that...This is supernatural move of God.

Now, watch the next phrase

And began to speak with other tongues.

Now, please take note. They began to speak.

Now I didn't see any place where it says and they were filled with the Holy Ghost and the Holy Ghost moved their mouth and began to pour out of their mouth.

They began to speak.

Mark that word. They began

Now, the word began means, they started to... as the spirit gave them utterance but they began to speak.

They began... it means there was no speaking before until the speaking began.

It means that there was a move of the spirit, there was a rushing mighty wind. Things were happening. He sat upon their head, but the speaking had to begin from with the they. They began to speak in other tongues.

Now, what does that means?

It means the Holy Ghost could not find expression until men open their mouth to give expression as the spirit gave utterance.

All the Spirit can do is utterance, but men had to begin to speak it.

Now, you might be thinking this is about Holy Ghost baptism. No! Am just trying to show you a principle of the Word of God, that there is no nothing, it doesn't matter how much fire is sitting upon somebody else. It doesn't matter the rushing of the mighty wind from heaven. It doesn't matter the sacrifice of Jesus. It doesn't matter how much of God's nature you have in your spirit man. It doesn't matter how much God's love was shed abroad in your heart, unless your will, unless your actions comes in consistency with the reality of what is done. The power is not unlock in your life.

If you believe that by the stripes of Jesus you were healed, I want you to begin to walk, to begin to talk, to begin to act, to begin to think consistently with that. Don't get ready for burial. Is that ok?

It means it shows that you are putting your actions and your will where the reality is. That is what we see in the scriptures. Forgiveness must be understood in the same light. In the New covenant, we forgive because we know that, that's just the nature that we have now. We have a forgiving nature. Our actions, our will must be consistent with the reality of what was done in us.

God will not make us do it. God will not push us to do it. The Holy Ghost will not propel you to do it. He will only give you ability like he said, he gave them utterance. He will give you the ability, but you will do the forgiving. The willingly, you make it consistently with the reality of what the Holy Ghost has done in us. This is the combination that unlocks the power of God in our lives for daily living. That was what we see there.

I don't think there could be anything that could be more practical than this. I think the lady or the woman that was asking question on this forgiveness, how do I forgive my fellow brother or sister? I think this particular episode must have answer that question. To tell you that you don't theorize it, you have to practicalise it, putting your will in that reality. And again for you to put your will, you must accept the reality first. There is a remission of sins. There is somebody who brokered the deal for the New Covenant for you and this is what the Father did.

The Father God has to put his own will into it. And so that is how everybody, that is the way the contract is drafted. He has to put his own will into the reality of what He has done. And that is you have to do the same in this new covenant. That is how it works. Just like your broker telling you how is done, I have done this deal but this is how it is. This is what you are to do. This is your own responsibility.

So today we know what our responsibility is, and we know what the reality is. And so we just have to give it the willingness. Go and will it. Act it. Think like it. Talk like it. Forgive like somebody who has received forgiveness. Forgive like somebody who has God's nature, who has God's life, who has God's grace.

So is so easy when you know you've already received, is easy to part with what you already have, than for you to think you have to work it out, so that you can have it, or make a brick out of the mold, just like you feel like all this covenant of giving was like a Pharaoh making bricks with straw. So come up with forgiveness when you

don't have. And so people actually feel it is so hard, because there was no reality in view. And you want to will without the reality.

So we can see the necessary burden of forgiveness for them because they really don't know, they don't have that reality, is not in their consciousness. And so there is nothing to draw from. So there is nothing to put their will into. There was no reality for them. And so today, by the help of Holy Ghost there is a flooding of the scriptures for you to see that there is reality, there is someone that brokered the deal that even God himself had to will, had to make a conscious effort not to remember, even though the reality was that there was a remission of sins but God had to make a conscious decision, a conscious commitment. I will not remember their sins anymore.

Try to force the thing out, I will not remember. As you want to see anything, you want to bring like a flash back of all those things. You have to make a conscious effort and weight yourself into it. Stir yourself into the direction of I will not do this. Today we are called into the same, because we share the same nature, the DNA with the Father to put our will into this good work. It's still a continuation of the good work. Thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Because if you do any acts of forgiveness or anything that looks like forgiveness that does not come and stem out of this understanding and this reality, it is a bad work no matter how you feel it is. It is acceptable or not. You are not really doing a good forgiveness, it is a bad forgiveness.

So you need... and I hope you've been blessed by this transmission and I want to see forgiveness increased in lips and bounds in your life. We want to see you overflowing with forgiveness, and you are so liberal in forgiving people. If we remember how we started, we are talking about Mathew 6 that was linking the forgiveness with everything. Everything is just interlinks together, connecting together.

So we want us to be liberal about forgiveness. So it is not like you are rationing forgiveness and say oh...do I this and this?

And with this I pray that this episode is going to help us further more as we...

You want to say something?

As we round off, I just want to say that this is not just predominantly about forgiveness, this is all encompassing. Can you see? Even giving your money to people, or you are giving your money in your place of worship. This is all encompassing. Everything you are giving as an act of will consistent with the reality that you are blessed with all that you need for life and godliness. And if you are a

blessed person, if you are loaded. If you have all the resources you need to become who God has created you to be, is just natural that you act consistently with that.

So your giving anything at all, whether you are giving forgiveness, whether you are giving your resources, you are giving your time or you are giving your money, no matter what you do as a Christian, is all stemming from the fact that you know the reality of what was done for you and in you.

And then is just natural to say well, I will act. I will give because I have the nature of my Father in me. I am blessed. I will give because I am blessed. This is not just about forgiveness, is all encompassing as we can see there.

Like I said in other previous episodes that I was telling that this is like a cheat sheet, if you really know how to work this in every area. You will save yourself of extra unnecessary hours and time of going to seminars to do, how do I apply it in marriage? How do I apply in finance? How do I apply forgiveness? and go all round and round of seminars, and unending cycle of lectures and training. If you know this, it is applicable. It is a cheat sheet. You can apply it everywhere and save yourself all the drama.

I believe you are being blessed by this. Should you have any questions, anything that need clarification, you know where to put this, on our page. And then we want to know how you are working this out, how you are putting that will in that reality. So we want to see this and blessed by that also.

So till we see you in the next transmission, we want to say as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,

God bless you.

Bye!!!