

Expose 65 K29

When Satan Leads Prayer Points

Good evening viewers, this is Expose 247 and you know this is another opportunity for us to do what loading, and if you are wondering what that is, is just the same charge that was given to Elijah that says, eat up for the journey ahead of you is far, is long. And so if you are wondering, what journey? Yes you are in a journey. We are in a journey here and we don't know how much time we have here, even the day is far spent. So we see the night is drawing closer. This opportunity of hearing God's Word in this medium and outlet, we don't know how much time we have. Even some places we have censorship and everything coming in whom, and you don't know how much of a time you are going to be listening to this.

So you need to avail yourself of opportunity to hear God's Word in outlet like this. And so today we will continue to bring the Word out. We are trusting the Lord today, that the Word of the Lord will come with power and there is going to be transformation. It's not something to just push you high, something to just make you feel high, this is Rhema, or something like that. That is not about it. We are looking for that transformational change that will bring you from where you are, to where you ought to be.

And we've been on the Knock Out season, you know what Knock Out Season is by now. If you don't know, I don't know where to start because it's like we have about how many episodes on Knock Out Season now? Just twenty-nine! Today is the twenty ninth. That is a whole lot. You really need to go back to know what Knock Out Season is about. Knock Out season is just knocking out all these erroneous teachings or whatsoever that want to cheat you or spoil you out of your blessing or out of your inheritances in Christ. Teaching you out of your identity or what is yours, that is what we are dealing with. So we are just fighting your enemy. So we are your friends, we are standing in to fighting those that want to take you out.

And we have been on the Knock Out season on prayer and last week we have something. We are talking about worldliness in the place of prayer. You know, nobody would have actually thought that we can have wordiness in the place of prayer. We started for an hour, we looked at that issues, and there is still much to talk about because I think we did not even end it, we are in Matthew Chapter 4, we are talking about even the devil leading prayer points.

Oh! If you miss that, then you really need to go back to our Expose 247 page and know what... because we are really going to continue from that. I believe today, to continue in that wordiness in the place of prayer, and begin to explore further, the prayer points that the devil was suggesting to Jesus. You know, we are doing things, on prayer now because we really need you to be effective in the place of prayer.

Like on last Saturday we are talking about prayer that hits target. We just don't want to waste time on prayer. We are trying to answer the questions on people who have been praying a lot without any result. So this is why you need to listen to what we are saying, so that you can have results, effectiveness in the place of prayer. And for somebody who has not even started praying, who does not even believing in prayer. We are trying to incite you into praying, to provoke you to prayer and to open your eyes to see the benefits and to see how things can be done.

And so for those that has been praying and for those who have not been praying, this is for you. And so today we want to continue, and so would you like to remind our viewers what happened last week on where we stopped or do you just want to take it up from there?

Now, thank you for that.

Now viewers thank you again for joining us on this Knock Out series on prayer. Now what I want to do is actually let you understand the reason why we are here. Why we are at this particular stage on this Knock Out series. What we are actually looking at is, the way out that Jesus Christ gave regarding the fact of how to deal with unbelief. And then, he said, is by prayer and fasting.

And we began to look at all those things, and we've gone through different aspect over the past few weeks. And then one thing we are looking at is, how Jesus Christ himself dealt with this in his own very life.

And if you've been with us in the past few episode, we've looked at one thing from the scriptures that what Jesus had that was different from the disciples was not a measure of power or the grace at work in his life, we already established from Act Chapter 10 verse 38 how God had to anoint Jesus Christ of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and power that he went about doing good. It means every good Jesus Christ did, every devil he casted out and every sick that Jesus Christ healed was because God the Father had to anoint the son. And in the same way he anointed the disciples to go and heal the sick and raised the dead.

So you cannot simply say the reason why the result of Jesus was different from the disciples was because they didn't have the same anointing he had. We established

what was different about Christ and the disciples was the fact that he didn't operate in the same type of unbelief that they operated in. And this is what makes one Christian different from the other. Because we all received like precious faith. So that is why we are here, we are looking at how Jesus himself was able to deal with that type of unbelief, and we are looking at the life of Jesus.

And let us say this before we go further on today's transmission, every time we talked about temptation, because you are wondering what are we talking about in temptation? Because Matthew Chapter 4 like she said, we began to look at the temptation of Christ Jesus and you wonder what are we doing about temptation? Or what are we talking about in referring to temptation if this is about the issue of unbelief?

Now thank you that you ask that question for I know that is what is on your mind. But let me say this every time we talk about temptation, we have this kind of feeling, there is this general concept that we have, that we end up thinking about somebody with a moral failure or somebody falling into some kind of sin.

Well, that is actually true, that is not something that is not true in regard to temptation, but let us say this, it is deeper and broader than somebody just falling into immoral failure. And the reason we said that because now this will make you understand why we are in this particular Mathew 4 in looking at the way out of unbelief.

If you notice, if you check in our previous episodes, we talk about James Chapter 1 where the Apostle James by the Holy Spirit was talking about prayer of asking and receiving. He talked about the fact that if you lack wisdom, ask from God that gives liberally to all men without finding fault. But he says, when you ask don't ask in unbelief. Don't ask doubting, because if you ask doubting you will not be able to receive from the Lord. And James quickly took us to the fact that of temptation. He said blessed is the man, that is verse 12, James Chapter 1 verse 12, that endures temptation.

Now the big question you are asking, what is temptation got to do with the fact that somebody is walking in unbelief? Well, it means in the New Covenant understanding of temptation, it is the drag for you to walk in unbelief.

So temptation is much more deeper and much more broader than just talking about somebody falling into sin of this or that. That is true, but it's on a broader senses. The temptation that attacks and afflicts every Christians on a daily basis is the drag for us to walk in unbelief. And that is why we are looking at that.

So when we say temptation, please think deeper and think broader. Don't just limit and narrow down your mentality about temptation. Temptation is broader and deeper than just falling into some kind of error. It is deeper than that. It is just the struggle on a daily basis for that the enemy has with us, to make us walk in unbelief. And that is why we've been talking about the issue of temptation in the past two three episodes when it comes to the issue of dealing with this kind of unbelief.

And now we have actually come down to the life of Jesus Christ himself. And we began to look at Matthew Chapter 4, how did Jesus or why did Jesus or what strategy did Jesus Christ actually operate in, in making sure that he was not walking or expressing the same type of unbelief that was at work in the life of the disciples?

Now we are here in Matthew Chapter 4, which is where we stopped in our last transmission. So now we know the reason why Christ is here, the Bible says in Matthew Chapter 4 verse 1, then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Now again, you know why he is going to be tempted and you know how Satan will tempt Jesus.

1Peter Chapter 5 tells us that resist ye him, that is the devil, standing firm in the faith. So we know if Satan will tempt any one, the most effective strategy of Satan is to push anybody out of faith. So this is what Satan will do with Jesus to push him out of faith. So listen Jesus wasn't going to fall into sexual immorality in this place.

Like I said, please open your mind, broaden your mind by the scriptures. Temptation is deeper than we think, temptation is bigger than we think. There is nothing about being tempted to fall into sexual immorality about Jesus in this place, or any immorality but yet the Bible says effectively Satan was going to tempt him. So it means that we have to redefine what we call temptation in the New Covenant. That was it simply means.

So Satan was going to tempt Jesus but yet there was no kind of moral failure in this case, but let see what Satan will do,

And now again, he says,

Then was Jesus led up of the spirit that is verse 1, into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

And verse 2 tells us,

and when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, here we see why he had to fast.

Now, please if you missed our previous transmission, where Jesus told them in Mark Chapter 9, he told them in Matthew 17, this kind will not go out but by fasting and prayer.

We've talked about this in the past, that fasting is actually a measure that was actually mentioned by Jesus to deal with this kind of unbelief. And we actually stated, fasting doesn't get you the favor of God. Sorry! fasting doesn't actually make you come into God's goodness or God's favour, No! You can do nothing to actually convince God to bless you. Fasting is not for God, and please before we actually go on, I want you to look at the previous verse in Matthew Chapter 3 verse 17.

Now, viewers all over the world, I want you to understand that when the Bible was written there were no Chapters or verses in the Bible. It is the scrolls, they were just scrolls, they were just the words that was written in the gospel and the epistles. The reason why they were broken then into Chapter and verses is for easy referencing.

Now, listen, in one single thought. Look at Matthew Chapter 3, look at verse 17. Look at that. In verse 17, this is the previous chapter, the previous verse before Matthew Chapter 4 verse 1 starts. See what he says, am reading Matthew 3:17.

Now, the reason why we are reading that to give us the background, the background of the move of Jesus into this fasting situation.

Look at Matthew 3:17

And lo a voice.

Now it means this was when he went to be baptized in river Jordan. He said "**lo a voice from heaven saying this is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased.**"

What does that mean? He already had the approval of the Father. Can you see?

He was hundred percent accepted by the Father. It means, Christ the Father said, well, am going to approve you. The Father already approved Christ Jesus. It will mean then, his fasting add nothing about him trying to gain the approval of the Father.

Again I repeat that, in Matthew 3:17, before Jesus was led by the spirit to be tempted of the devil. The Bible said to us in Matthew 3:17 which was the verse, which was the precursor before Matthew Chapter 4 verse 1 that already the Father approved him, he already gain the Father favour. The Father said am approving you, you are my

beloved son. So it means the fasting of Jesus then has nothing to do with trying to gain the Father's approval.

Today people think about am going to fast and make sure that God shows up in my situation. It's gone nothing to do with that. God already showed up, the Father already showed up on behalf of the son in Matthew 3:17. So it means the son was being led to be tempted of the devil, not because he was going to gain anything he already had in Matthew 3:17.

So let us say that categorically. So it means the fasting was going to achieve a different purpose completely from trying to gain the Father's acceptance and favor. And so should you as well, don't get it wrong, don't try to use fasting in the wrong way. We encourage you to listen to our previous transmission which talks about New Covenant fasting. Please avail yourself of that opportunity on our page.

But anyway, we are going to carry on from Matthew Chapter 4 from verse 2.

So he said, **when he had fasted forty days and forty night, he was afterward hungred.**

It means at this point, he had a legitimate appetite. Can you see that? It will mean that after the forty days fasting and prayer. Have you notice that in the midst of the forty days, day one, day two, day three, there was nothing about the fact that he actually was hungry. He said after those days, he said afterward, it means after the forty days and forty night, he actually had a legitimate appetite. And now see what Satan does. And that is what we are talking about. Satan doesn't actually show up in this regard when you don't have a legitimate appetite. He doesn't show up. He is going to wait. That is why the devil waited until the forty days and forty night elapse. It was afterward. He waited when he notice that Christ Jesus had a legitimate hunger before the enemy showed up.

Now if you actually listen in our previous transmission, we simply said what Satan capitalize is to drag us into unbelief are legitimate desires, are legitimate appetite, they are legitimate. They are not that we are being frivolous. I mean after forty days and forty night, if you are hungry you are not being frivolous about hunger. It's not that somebody was hungry... for example most of us when we claim we are hungry, most times our hunger that we claim we do have is out of habits. I mean for example, some of us has said well, you know what I cannot just do but eat at 8am, or somebody says I cannot but just watch TV or I cannot just but stay on my phone whatever. All these things that we call desire and appetite, in most cases they are all borne out of habit, they are not legitimate.

But listen, Jesus after forty days and forty night, trust me! That hunger was really legitimate. And the devil waited until there was a legitimate desire before he showed up, a legitimate need before he shows up. So let's conclude on this, this drag into unbelief, is when the enemy uses things that are legitimate, legitimate needs, legitimate desires, our desire to see, our desire to feel things, our desire to hear things. These are in themselves, legitimate and here comes the opportunity of the enemy to drag us into unbelief. It is a drag. It is a drag that is going on that you can see there.

So here comes Satan afterward when Christ was... Bible says afterward he hunger afterward and then the tempter came. I mean, he doesn't show up until you actually getting to that place of need. He doesn't show up until that point.

And verse 3 says,

and when the tempter came to him, he said, can you see that? if thou be the son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

So we actually said this that Satan at this point suggested to Jesus what to pray and then what you will notice there, you are wondering we thought if we talk about temptation it shouldn't be happening in the place of actually praying to the Father. We normally think that when we say temptation, it should be at when you are in a place that is compromising. It should be in a place where there are lots of sinful deal and desire all over the place. Or you are in a place where the things you are seeing, they seem to be ungodly.

We think that is when we are going to be tempt into unbelief. But here is Jesus in the place of consecration and the enemy is raising a prayer point that Jesus should pray and you wonder how come you can be tempted in the place of prayer?

Yes, it is very possible. Yes, it does happen every day. It happens every time in most cases to Christians in the place of prayer. That in the place of prayer, we are being drag and tempted into unbelief. And that is what we see there.

It is not very surprising for us to know that sometimes we actually pray, when we go to places of worship to pray to overcome the temptation outside. That is the thing. That is always... That is like the manual, the things is you come to this place so that when you go out, you will be able to, you know, you are already out, the lions are out, things are going to devour, you have occasions and opportunity, you know that that is what the environment is for, so to come to the place of refuge because that place, come to the place of refuge, come to the place to be strengthen, come to the place and they just feel like this is the place above temptation, that it's temptation free sort of kind of thing.

But we are seeing that even the mountain where he is praying, other places of worship where he is praying, that is where the tempter came. So we need to open our eyes to see that the temptation is just in everywhere, in the places. You cannot just demarcate in your mind that, this is the place of temptation, this is the place of holy place, this is the place of ...everywhere the devil can come. So temptation can be anywhere. Even no matter, it's not even about the place, is about what? The activities they are doing... how can I be in the temple, how can I be in the place of prayer and yet that place of prayer, place of strength and yet having temptations? Yes that is it.

So it is redefining temptation for us now in the New Testament because we really need to know what it is, so that we can watch out for it. Because for some, that means if you really don't know some people will not be able to take their stand in place of worship. They can be so strong, and they can attack temptation outside because they are not aware.

So be aware now that temptation can be in the place of prayer and even in the place of worship.

Thank you for that. Thank you for raising that issue so that people then will understand in the New Testament, in the New Covenant, if you are waiting for temptation to show up when you are in a place that is compromising, or you are in a compromising circumstances or you are in a place where you think well, things are not godly and you think Oh yeah, I need to watch out for temptation in this place, well, it means you are looking in the wrong direction. Right in the place of prayer, right in the place of ... he was even asking Christ Jesus to exercise his authority as a child of God. And yet the very words of Satan, the Bible says he was actually trying to tempt Jesus.

But of course these things will not be confusing for you if you look at temptation in the broader light according to the scriptures as we have said before that actually is about the enemy trying to drag us out of faith into unbelief. That is what temptation really is.

If I may add this, you know, when people come to the place of prayer, you see people leading the prayer and telling now that you are going out, watch out now, the devil is all out, the temptation is all out now, that as you are going out, the devil is all out, stationed, the temptation are now stationed to.. You know nobody is actually telling them to look inward, where you are at the moment to take charge, be on the guard. Even prayer points that are suggested to you, can be prayer point that are meant to drag you into unbelief. They are temptations in themselves.

So they have the consciousness and the conditioning to prepare for outside. They are not really prepared, and they have lost ground even in the place of prayer. So today, we are bringing your eyes to open to it that temptations abound everywhere, to be able to be on a guard. Even to understand the kinds of temptation and see that it's beyond the moral feeling, the suggestive... even in the place of prayer, spiritual suggestion you know that kind of a thing, because he was suggesting something spiritual, how can somebody suggesting prayer points for you, be a bad thing? So it really can go bad.

Well, it mean then that some of the prayer points that are being raised in the place of worship, some of the prayer points that we listen to, some of the prayers that we pray by themselves, the very words that we say could be loaded with temptations.

Because what Satan did here was to tell Jesus what to say, can you see? He said why don't you do something about this? It means that he was trying to drag him. And then you see, as you were talking, something actually came to mind, and I remember when the Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians brethren, you know when they were supposed to discipline the brother who actually was sleeping with his father's wife. And then after Apostle Paul told them in 1Corinthians, in the first book of Corinthians, and then in the 2Corinthians Chapter 2 from verse 9 to 11, he told them well, if you don't receive that brother, if you don't take him back into the body of Christ. He said, what is going to happen is, Satan can take advantage of us, he said we are not ignorant of the schemes of the devil.

Most of us quote that verse, we always says, oh we are not ignorant of the schemes of the devil, less he take advantage of us. We forgotten the background of why 2Corinthians 2:11 was quoted, the context! It was not talking to somebody who was in the party. He was not even talking to somebody who was having the late night out, he wasn't talking to somebody about to steal money, because these are the things we think oh yeah, I don't want the enemy to take advantage and I don't want to be tempted. That is what we think. Like we said again, our definition of temptation is so lopsided.

Here was Paul telling the elders in the body of Christ and saying well, if you don't take hold of that brother and forgive him and take him back home, Satan will take advantage of us, so we are not ignorant of the schemes of the devil.

So here he was saying well in the way you go about your spiritual authority exercising about somebody who fell into sin, he said if you are not careful the enemy can take advantage of that situation.

So what we are simply saying is temptation in the New Covenant is deeper and broader than we have actually narrow it down. And if we see that way, if we understand the way it is, we will be able to deal with the enemy in that regard.

Yes I think we should just carry on.

Thank you.

And again we see from verse 3, he says when the tempter came to him, he said if you be the son of God, can you see that? He says command this stone to become bread.

If you notice, look at what Jesus said. Let's look at the response of Christ and see how Jesus actually maneuver himself by the grace of God out of that unbelief. It was a drag into unbelief.

See what he says in verse 4.

4. But he answered and said, It is written,

Now can you see?

man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Now, please look at verse 3 and verse 4. Two things are at work in these two verses. And if you've been with us in the past episodes and previous transmission. You will notice that we said something majorly, that you as a Christian, Ephesians Chapter 2 qualified you and tell you that by grace you are saved through faith. You have faith if you are a Christian, unless you are not a Christian. If anybody does not have the spirit of Christ, they don't belong to him. You belong to Christ because you have the spirit of Christ, you have faith.

However, what we are talking about is, even though we have faith, in most cases in the places of prayer, we respond by feeling, we respond by hearing, we respond by what we touch and all those things to the things that the enemy has to say and nullify our faith, there is unbelief there.

If you see what Christ did in verse 3 and verse 4. In verse 4 we saw Jesus exercising something to the enemy, that I have the Word. I have the Word in my spirit. I have the Word in my life, I know what the Word says in this situation. So of course, Christ have the Word, but if you notice in verse 3, he did something first in verse 3. This is not responding to the situation because the enemy hammered on his legitimate appetite. After forty days he was hungry. but Jesus heard what the enemy said because the enemy knew that if he was hungry then this is the best opportunity to make him

respond to what the enemy will say based on his appetite, but Jesus responded by speaking the Word.

Now this is how he was able to do that. It means that Christ has gotten to a place where he wasn't responding to how he was feeling. He wasn't responding to the hunger, because if he responded to the hunger, he will have taken the advice of the enemy to have a quick bread, he wasn't responding and why was Christ not responding? because forty days prior to this time, he had learn to speak to his senses, he had learn to speak to his bowels, he had learn to speak to his appetite, forty day prior to that time.

That is why we have said, that one thing it is to teach people how to exercise and speak the Word, it is a whole different thing to train ourselves in righteousness not to respond to how we feel. Those two things have to go together. One does not make up for the other one, that is where we get it all mixed up today, where we teach about faith and faith and faith and no one is simply actually targeting how to deal with this unbelief. You cannot use one to nullify the other.

It was good that Christ spoke the Word, he had the Word, he had faith in the Word. That was good. Nothing wrong with that! But at the same time, forty days prior to that time, he trained himself to speak to his appetite, you cannot just respond to what you feel, or how you think or what you see or what you hear. And these two combination are actually a great combination, when we don't respond in unbelief and yet we still have the Word.

Those are the very two combination to actually achieve a targeted result in the place of prayer every time. And that is how it works.

Thank you for bring that out and is linking our past episodes where we are talking about the discipline, you know what fasting... I think is the New Covenant fasting... What it does? It is about the discipline, and having a reign on all your elements, you know, and that is what Apostle Paul was saying I pummel it, am in charge here.

So that is what we said Jesus did prior to that time, at forty days, he already had all this appetite, even though they are speaking, they are raging, at that time, you know forty days, naturally the hormones and everything is working, is over dry. But he said, no! I have put you in subjection, am in charge here. And that is what we are talking about, about the Christian walk we cannot really separate this out.

Because we are talking today when you are talking in Matthew Chapter 4, he was talking about the devil using what is legitimate, he is not going to cause something that is strange to you, or something exotic or out of this world. It's something that is

needed. So in places of prayer, it might be even legitimate request you know, points of need. We even saw it in that episode in that Corinthians brethren that they were addressing, just like administration, you know there was a scandal, somebody want to deal with it.

And to bring everything in subjection and bring people in rule and bring order, that kind of thing. But you see that, if those brethren have not restrain themselves, if they have not learn to restrain and control even the way... the choice of words and how they administer. The enemy even though they wanted to do justice, they wanted to bring order, they wanted to bring structure. But if you don't know, some people because, that was a scandal they really want to bring control in, which is good, which somebody should do. But if nobody has be reigning, has been no emotions. They just give in to emotions. They allow the works of the flesh, just speaking out of them all in the name of administration, correcting.

So they will fail if they don't have the forty days prior experience of reigning. It might not be actually the numbers of forty days like that. We are just using that training in righteousness. That have you trained your emotions? Have you trained that you are going to speak as God will want you to speak? Not just you are just going to speak because you feel you can say something about that.

So even in the administration of justice, even in carrying out duties in the place of worship. So even in those legitimate need, yes there is a need for prayer now. This is an apparent need, we need to do something about this now. Have you been trained now? Do you have that control? That we just not give in like that, without having the restraint of the spirit, even going about the legitimate need.

So you really need to link these things. You know they are all link together. You have to do the New Covenant fasting and what fasting is about to achieve in what we are saying today.

See! There is something you did talk about and I think before we go on with this, this is a very important matter we actually dealing with today. For those who wish to have effectiveness in the place of prayer, for those who wish to actually walk in dominion in the place of prayer, this is an aspect we are looking at that you cannot brush aside. There is something you talk about before we go back to Matthew 4:1 that actually drop something in my spirit.

Galatians Chapter 6, you are talking about the issue of even when we are going about legitimate things, you see, our desire to listen, our desire to feel, our desire to see. These things are legitimate. And these are the very things the enemy can use and we

have to train ourselves in righteousness. Even though we have faith, we cannot afford to be dragged into unbelief. And if you look at Galatians Chapter 6 there is something you talk about that actually spark my spirit.

Galatians 6:1

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Spiritual people who have faith, who have the Word, spiritual people!

restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Can you see that? That is what you are saying. That is when you talking about. It is as if you are quoting exactly this verse when you are talking

He said you that are spiritual, you that have the Word. Am asking you to restore somebody who has fallen into an error, restore the person. He said, do it, in the spirit through which you do it.

Go on please,

restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

That is what am talking about. That why I said, that spark my spirit. These are spiritual people, can you see that? Not those who are carnal. Not those who are immature. He said even if you are spiritual, you can be dragged into unbelief. You can be dragged!

That is it. That is why I did say the other time when we started, that this is a matter that concerns everyone, even the most, who call themselves the most giants in the land, he said you that you are spiritual.

I hope you know that not so many Christians are spiritual, sorry to say that but that is the reality. I didn't say that from what I think, if you go and read 1Corntiahins 3, he tells, in fact he told the Corinthians brethren, now Corinthians Christians, the Apostle Paul said I cannot speak to you as spiritual but as unto carnal. Can you see that? They were Christians.

Even Galatians 6 was separating there you that were spiritual meaning is not from every one. They that are spiritual, if they who have the Word can still be subject to being tempted, it means that everybody need to listen to what we are talking about today.

Yes there is something in that verse¹ that says, restore such in the spirit of meekness, so if they have not trained themselves in meekness, if they don't have the fruit of meekness, they are just going to do anything. They are going to be tempted in training. Which means, you are not responding. You've got to a point where you train your sense not to respond. Somebody says anything, you feel but you just don't respond to it.

So there is... any response outside of meekness here is a temptation. But nobody thinks about the fact that that means you are being tempted by the devil. People think no! no! until you get to a compromising condition outside there in the world, before you can talk about temptation. But here this, he said right in the church! This was meant to be in the church.

So I think today episode is about temptation redefine. Yeah that is it. So we will be able to watch out, even in the place of... it's still the analogy, it is a scandal like, a big temptation and somebody again trying to control the temptation, and also being drawn away, being subject to it as well.

That means we need to understand the scheme of the enemy you know because there was a big temptation that somebody has fallen into, and people that are spiritual that want to correct that, if they are not careful too, even understand what we are saying today and that is what Apostle Paul was saying in Galatians 6, they do not even watch it. They will become that loss too. They will be tempted. So they will just be as equally as guilty, you know there is nothing like big or small. Temptation is the same. That is what we are saying, in the New Covenant, temptation has been redefine. It is bigger.

That is why James was talking about temptation. James said nothing about falling into moral failure. In fact James talk about what people encounter in the place of prayer. That is why James mentioned temptation. That is why I said, temptation as an issue, we have not been fair to the word temptation. We think about it, it's very shallow the way we think about temptation. The scripture gives us something deeper than the way we think. If we understand the way it is, we can know that right in the body of Christ, right in the way you are executing spiritual government in the body of Christ, you can fall, or spiritual judgment you can fall into it.

It tells you about the spirit of meekness, if you don't have the fruits of the spirit. If you have not exercise it, if you have not grown that which you have done by New Covenant fasting, exercising yourself into righteousness, you know all those things and have those meekness, so when the things come upon you to give judgment, and you need to administer and even to address a need, a legitimate need, then you will be

drawn into temptation. In a bid of correcting temptation, you are being tempted again as guilty.

And that temptation involves the devil because you might think is it just natural temptation? Well if you think about, the 2Corinthians 2:11 that we quoted that's says something similar to Galatians Chapter 6 says so that Satan will not take advantage, he mentioned Satan, it's not just about temptation as it were, its Satan in road, its Satan opportunity according to the scripture.

We see Jesus in his days, and again don't forget what made Jesus different, what made Jesus so much successful, how can Christ speak to Lazarus, Lazarus come forth? I mean why will he do all that? We now know is because he has a way of dealing with unbelief. He has its own strategy and that is why we are looking at Christ Jesus himself.

And thank God that you mention that about Jesus to open our eyes to how he was able to let go of the devil. In that Matthew Chapter 4, it was like... it's not only about having the Word, because we have so many people that can quote the Word just like Jesus, they know all the verses, they can call it forth from Old Testament, all the scribes and everything just like Jesus. But the thing is like why people still fall is because they have not been able to exercise like Jesus was able to control his appetite despite that he has the Word, even before he quoted the Word. Some people will just quote the Word yet they don't have the control of the appetite, eventually they will still fall. And you cannot use one in place of the other.

So you need to work on both, because today we have people they can go far, they have been able to show skills, proficiency in quoting the Word, in putting the Word into them, you know we are not just belittling that effort that, quoting the Word, and putting the Words, that it doesn't take any effort, is a little thing, No! It's not a little thing, is something and is something worthwhile.

But beyond that, you really have to know how to exercise and restrain yourself in righteousness. Training in righteousness and bringing your body in subjection. That is what you see those people that can quote and speak in tongue but they cannot exercise the fruits of the spirit. So you need to be able to do both for you to be able to escape temptation like Jesus. Not just about quoting the Word, he had the Word, but yet he has his appetite in control.

Thank you for that.

And there is something that the Bible did say to us, you know atimes when we look at Christ Jesus, I have seen people say in the past or heard them say well, you know

what, Jesus was in a class of its own, we cannot compare ourselves to Jesus. They said well, the reason why Lazarus was raised from the dead was because that is Jesus, or the reason why the widow of Nain has that son back was because that is Jesus. You know for us, we are just believing God to help us.

Well, don't say that, that is not fair on Christ Jesus because the Bible says Christ in the flesh was our type. In fact the reason why God became man or the reason why he that was eternal became mortal that they could actually crucified on the cross was for him to live the life that we should have live to show us how a man should live life. That's what Christ is. It means, in fact if you notice, that Jesus never did a single miracle until he was anointed by the Father.

In fact, as soon as he left this particular Matthew Chapter 4, you see Matthew Chapter 3 was where he receive the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove. That is when the Holy Ghost came upon him, before then there was no single record he did anything.

In fact, there are some stories that goes around, some of this people that read all this different kind of strange books, when he was about twelve or eleven years old, he had one bird, and he made it into a mud, and the bird had alive, we have no record in the scriptures. What we know is, until the Holy Ghost came upon him in Matthew 3, and until he went through the wilderness, it was beyond then that the issue of turning water into wine happen at Cana of Galilee, and the Bible said in the book of John that this was the first of his miracle, not the second. So all those things about people saying he did something when he was twelve years... this was the first of his miracle.

Why did I go into all that? To tell you he never did any miracle until he had to be anointed of the Father. That was him as a man, so in the same way you can look at your life and look at Christ as well, the Bible tells us about Christ, Hebrews Chapter 4.

See what he says

Hebrews 4 am reading from verse 14.

Hebrews 4:14

14. Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

Can you see? He says

15. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

He said your high priest, my high priest Jesus is not disconnect from us. Its not like somebody who doesn't understand what you are going through. He said we don't have that kind of high priest. And you don't have that kind of high priest, I don't have that kind of priest.

Some religion, some kind of way of getting to God, they believe that God is just one mighty great Father or somebody who is up there, and then he doesn't have an idea, so far away. This one says, your high priest and my high priest, he knows what we are dealing with. You know why? because he went through the same.

See what he says?

15. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Now, you can call that the drag into unbelief. The feeling! Can you see? Our legitimate needs. Our legitimate hunger. Our legitimate desires. He said, he understand those desires, those drag into unbelief by the enemy.

See what he says?

He says **but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.**

Ok, so that is it. It can be simpler than that. He said it doesn't matter what drag you are experiencing at the moment. It doesn't matter what temptation you are experiencing at the moment, he said Christ Jesus went through the same kind of drag. Can you see?

He said he was tempted in all points as we are. It means you might not be experiencing the exact details of what Christ experience, or lets' put it this way, Christ Jesus might not have experience the exact details of what you are experiencing now, but in terms of categorization, in terms of points, yes! He went through exactly everything you are going through at the moment.

In all points, every drag in your life being drag into unbelief, in which you go to the place of prayer, you are believing in God and praying about something and yet all your legitimate appetites, your hunger, your feelings, your sense of hearing, your sense of every other thing is dragging you into unbelief. The Bible says that tension that you are going through, Christ went through the same tension in all points as you are, but yet he didn't respond to it without sin. And that is what we are talking about.

And we said before that issue of sin is also bigger than how we think sin is. It's the sin of unbelief. Because we saw in Hebrews 3, he said whom was angry with for forty

years, was it not those who have sinned and last verse says was not those who fell because of their unbelief. We saw that!

So we come back here. So that is why you can understand why we are looking at Matthew 4. We are looking at Matthew 4 not because of Jesus, we are looking at Matthew 4 because of you. Because the Bible says, if you see his temptation, you can understand your temptation as well. It is the same point, it's the same category. It is the same drag that is going on.

So the first thing we see in this place, is we saw Jesus not responding to legitimate desire. Legitimate hunger, legitimate appetite. How was he able to do that? We have concluded today, he did that because prior to that time, forty days before that time, he had been mastering his senses, and telling his senses, you know what, when I tell you not to eat, you are not going to eat. When I tell you not to watch that program. You will not watch that program. When I tell you not to listen to unbelief, you will not listen to unbelief. When I tell you not to look at unbelief, you will not look at unbelief.

Now, he got to a point where he was able to master the senses. And the Bible says when the enemy came to try use it as a means, Christ was not going to respond to the drag. And that is what we see there.

So we go back to Matthew Chapter 4 verse 4.

Now see what Christ said. He said,

4. But he answered and said, it is written man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Now, before we go into the next temptation, we need to do...

You want to say something?

Yes in that Matthew Chapter 4, we saw the devil talking to him and say if thou be the son of God, you know that is something... that is what we want to look at now.

Now, you see there is something I want you to take note of, in this... because again, even though we talked about Christ was not responding to what the enemy said. And we talk about the fact that he spoke the Word after.

Now, let's look at the specificity of this particular temptation. What is actually wrong about what this enemy said? About the prayer point the enemy raised? And also the reason why you need to think about the prayer point is you never can tell this can be the same prayer point you have been praying yourself. What really was the devil

trying to get Jesus into? We know is a drag into unbelief, but how was he going to do it?

See what he asked him to do. He said if you are a child of God, if you know your identity, turn this stone to bread. Now, the question you want to ask is what is bread? Who is bread?

We now know according to the scriptures, Jesus said something about himself, he said **I am the bread of life**. Now he told them, I am the bread of life. He said, you father eat the manner in the desert, and they die but this is the bread from heaven that if anybody eat they will never go hungry again. Here was Satan telling Jesus to turn or to create something on the outside that he is actually is in essence.

Now, see what the enemy does for you and I is this? This is where the rubber hits the road when it comes to the drag into unbelief. The devil will come to you, Satan will always come to you if you are the one that prays and seek the face of God. Satan will always create an impression of incapacity, an impression that you are devoid of the very thing you are asking God for.

He was telling Jesus, can you turn this stone to bread? He is talking to the one who is the bread of life and telling him that you don't have bread, you don't even have it. If you actually claim you are the son of God, why don't you do that? Why don't you turn that into that? Why don't you turn or create what you really are? That is the attack of the devil on his spiritual identity. And it is the same attack that Satan has for you and I.

And may I say this, and let's categorize this, every time you come to God in the place of prayer, there is nothing that you are asking for in the place of prayer, that you don't have.

I will break that down. We've done in the past transmission, James Chapter 1 tells us received with meekness the engrafted Word that is able to save your souls. And we ask the question, how do you receive what is engrafted? How do you do that?

Now the reality is, the Bible tells us that the Father has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. He said his divine power has given us all that we need for life and godliness. Every time we come to ask the Father in the place of prayer, you are not asking God so that God can give you. You are asking God so that you can received in the place of prayer and deal with unbelief. It is your capacity to receive that is affected in the place of prayer, not the Father's willingness to give you.

Because the Father already gave you everything you need for life and godliness in Christ Jesus. So the temptation of Satan to drag you and I into unbelief, is to create a mentality in us, that tells us that we are devoid or we are orphan or we are in lack, or we don't have or the Father has forsaken us. It is the mentality that Satan want to drive into our spiritual senses. And how does he do that? By simply telling us, can you see? You lack it, you don't have it. Well, if you can pray enough maybe you can make it happen, you don't have it. And that is what he was trying to drag Jesus right into, telling the bread of life to turn stone to bread. How does that happen? That's never going to happen and that's is what we see there.

So we can see from this Matthew Chapter 4 that this is an expose on temptation. Because is like temptation is being redefine using this episode to let us know the different kinds of temptation. And further more we can see here that the temptation that Jesus actually has here, devil trying to plant unbelief into him to doubt his identity. Who is the bread of life to make bread. That is the thing.

And so we have the same kind of temptation because we are in the same page just like Jesus now, we are being tempted the same way. So we have the devil coming at us, bringing it to doubt who we are, what the Lord has called us. So in any place, it is playing out. It might be in the place of prayer playing out, it might be in some message, or anyhow, is coming out, because some people are still waiting that am not in the wildness, I don't see somebody knocking and saying. Turn stones to bread, really you need to interpret it into your own personal situation now.

So whatever you find situations, you find circumstance speaking to you. Putting doubt, bringing doubt and unbelief in your identity, puncturing that who you are. And setting aside, anything that want to set aside who you are. That want to put a disclaim on who you are. Fighting your identity, that is attacking your identity, then who you are in Christ. What the redemption realities, what he has made available for you, or what you have become and somebody is trying to make sure and trying to convince you out of that, bringing you out of that. That is the temptation. So if you are looking around for where temptation is, because you cannot put it in a geographical location, just like we have done that today that is not in the geographical location. You cannot just going to look for the coordinates. The setting outside of this zone, is going to temptation, staying in the place.

And you see some people they have actually master this, they try to go into place, they are trying to be secluded out of people and say, let's all brethren gather in the spirit. Let us be living in the town and everything like that, so we face off temptation... we see now that you cannot draw any coordinate to geography to say this is temptation.

But the way you can know about where temptation is, because even for activities, you cannot even say, this one is temptation free, even spiritual activities, in administration of justice, in bringing order in the worship place, in bringing unity, in fighting for that, and everything, you can be tempted. So you cannot really use those things to judge where there is temptation or not.

But we can use the example of Jesus to judge what temptation is and see how? And see that the first temptation that was coming to him is just doubt, to bring unbelief in his identity. Not to believe who he was and then get him confuse about what he is, and then getting us confuse about what he say we are.

So it can play out in different scenario, it might come in the place of prayer, even prayer, even people have put it, the prayer point is something that is doubt, bringing confusion, redemption reality messing it up, pressing your spiritual minds... Messing up your spiritual mind, and think they are being helpful. Even interpretation of biblical verse that is messing up your redemption mind. How can you be raising prayer point or praying prayers and the prayer you are praying is the one actually tempting you? Because Satan raised the prayer points for Jesus and he tempted him. He told him what to pray and he tempted Jesus with what he told him to pray about.

So if you see the tempter is here, if you see somebody interpreting the scriptures for you without the New Covenant mentality, that he wants to take you out. That is the tempter around. That is where temptation is there. That is temptation. Even in prayer points, in any activity, it can play out. So is not just going...

You just have to use this as a point, a yardstick to measure and to be able to look, that is the lens in which you can see and pick it up. And when you see something coming at you, and you see these things the attack of who you say you are. The attack of what he has said is completed and somebody making you feel like is not completed, the finished work. He said it is finished and somebody is telling you is not completed in whichever way is being suggested, that you may need to add more, you may need to do more, you may need to be this, whichever way, no matter how sincere they are, how caring the are about it. Because you know devil was like being caring, sympathetic to Jesus that is the point. Sympathetic to Jesus, for forty days he was hungry, yes it was just needed. Bread was needed. It was just natural need, it was just needed at that point in time.

So people can come in like that compassionately, sympathetically they want to help you, help you in your situation, but yet, the help they are bringing in, in a way is just like its rubbishing who you are, and is messing up your spiritual mind. Its messing up what has been completed in you, and making you to have... even disorientated about

it, has he done it? Has he finished it? Is he a part done? Are we in the process? Some of them, they don't even ... everything mess up.

You know, when you are talking about reorientation in times, spaces, people don't even know where they are, are they sitted? in time and space. So are they here? Or they are heavenlies. Some people they are just disorientated. They even thought, what they are here, everything is about here, even the fasting and everything is about here. They don't even know they are far sitted above. So they are just disorientated by all these messages by the people trying to help.

So we can see that that is temptation. You really need to begin to look at what temptation is today, from today on ward to begin to look at what temptation is in the New Covenant and in the New Testament that temptation is not what you used to call it. It has changed name, it has changed places now.

Thank you for that, quickly because I know we are getting to the end of today's transmission.

You see there is something that you said and this very very important for us. Satan is not as concern as any prayer you pray as long as he knows that, that prayer point will actually attack the reality of your position in Christ Jesus. Satan believes that the purpose is achieve as long as that prayer point... even Satan can suggest it, and say pray this way.

You know, as you are hearing us today, you are wondering can praying go wrong? I mean the man who is leading the prayer, or the women leading the prayer or those people raising the prayer points, or those that wrote the prayer books. Well, they wrote it because they want us to come out of our situations, they know that the enemy are attacking us, they know that we have some wickedness from our family. We have some witchcraft or powers of darkness afflicting our destiny and this person that wrote this prayer point or the person that raise the prayer point is well meaning. He meant well for us. Here was Satan who meant, you can claim he meant well for Jesus because of his hunger situation. But yet, the Satan know what he was doing. Satan knows that he would have been successful in tempting Christ if he can get him to pray any "prayer" as long as he attacks the identity of him who is the bread of life, asking him to make bread.

And you see, before we close, one thing I want you to know is, when the enemy attacks us, in most cases, we don't even think is an attack. We don't even know is an attack. That's why is call deception. It wouldn't be call deception, if was something that was obvious to you, or clear to us, that is why its call temptation. It's a deception.

That's why when we did our transmission on the issue of Giving, Knock Out on Giving, we established something. We said the reason why most of the people that merchandized people in the body of Christ, people that actually merchandises us, people that take our money and promise us heaven and earth. The Bible calls them clouds without rain. And this is the reason because what they try to do is first to knock out your identity, that is the first strategy. Unless your identity is attacked, nothing else will work.

So what they do first is to knock out your identity. That is why the Bible tells us in Hebrews Chapter 13, he said don't let your life be filled with covetousness, he said, has he not said I will never leave you not forsake you that you may boldly say the Lord is my helper?

He says has he not said, why are you talking about thinking like somebody who doesn't even know who he is? So that is what they do first, they destroy that Hebrews 13:4 in your life, before they then offer you suggestion of something else. That is what Satan trying to do here. Satan you will think he was trying to help Jesus out, but the goal of the devil as it were, was to attack his identity, attack who he is, attack how he see himself, and then will Satan then be able to knock him out.

So what we have established today is to tell us there is a real fight out there. There is a fight or a drag into unbelief. And the Bible calls that drag, temptation. It's deeper and broader than what we think is.

Thank you for saying that, in Matthew Chapter 4 we can see that what happen in Genesis 3, the temptation of Eve, it mirrors this.

Well, today if you don't get anything you just have to know that temptation has a different name, it has a new face now, it has a different place and Satan is happy to raise prayer points, don't forget that!

Prayers can actually go wrong too. Yes! Satan is happy to raise prayer as long as it actually drag somebody into unbelief. And this thing, the tempter, temptation comes even from well-meaning people, you know very sympathetic, and then we have the natural needs, you know there is something so urgent, it's pressing, it is just needed. You have natural responses to things.

You can see the place of temptation, temptation can come in that place. Temptation can come in the place of worship. It can come anywhere.

And then it's not about just looking at coordinate or looking at this, where you have to know whether you should be careful or not. Even when you administer justice, when

you feel like you are equipped, you are qualified because he was saying to the qualified ones, the spiritual one, you know when you feel like ok, you are without blemish you can really have a say in this matter. He says watch it! watch it! You must do it in the spirit of meekness. And you can't get to that spirit of meekness if you have not develop yourself by prayer and fasting and exercise this, training yourself in righteousness and develop that fruit of meekness so that when you are given that, whatever you are saying, when you are delivering the judgment and whatever the administration you are doing, you are carrying out in that spirit.

And so because if you don't that, though you are spiritual, though you feel like you are not without that fault, though you feel like you are not tempted with that point, that the brother or sister you are judging, you are making a judgment of, you be tempted again, you be as guilty, equally be guilty and the devil is right there to drag you.

So temptation has been redefined and I hope you were able to pick this out. Should you have any questions about this redefinition of temptation and see how prayer points could go wrong, how Satan can raise prayer point. Or you need some clarification, you know where to hit, our Expose 247 page. You can just bring your question there, you can bring your comments and clarification.

So if this blesses you, we are glad that this is blessing your life. We want you to share it so that other people can partake of this. And then come to the page because there may be some other messages and some other transmission, we don't want to miss out.

So tomorrow 9am UK time we are going to continue in this. We thought we are going to finish the temptation, but now are just in the first one, we have a lot to go and that shows you need to be here to listen to the concluding part of this.

You've listen to this, you really want to see how it goes from there. And then if you have missed any of this, we have all these Knock Out series, whatever number is, you have a lot to sit down and binge on and load on, just like we started eat up for the journey ahead is great. You know, the day is far spent, we need to eat up. And then you know, on this Knock Out season is just for us to... things you don't know, because we are talking about unbelief type 1 before, that is you are being cheated and spoiled, you want to make up for all your ignorance. That is the way. You have to make up. You don't want anybody to cheat you anymore. You really want to make use of the time now.

So you need to load up and eat up as much as you can. So spend your time wisely and spend your data wisely, invest it in things like this to hear and similar things.

Till we see you tomorrow, I hope you know what temptation is now? Temptation has been redefine in the New Testament.

So bye!

Stay strong.