

Expose 67 K31

Holy Temptations

Good evening World this is Expose 247, I just want to ask you how your week has been? And today and hope you have warmth, it's warm here. And so we are on Expose 247. I will like to tell you that this is our big moment for the Word.

If you remember last week we are talking about the purpose of hunger. And I quickly want to draw a close comparison with what we were sharing last week with what happen, in the event, in the days of Jesus in the flesh. The people came to him and so he fed them with bread. And so they came back again, they have found the bread winner and they wanted him to make bread and bread again. You know, when they did not get that from him, people departed from him because he couldn't give bread, because they wanted bread as the end, that is the final thing, because they say come and be king so that you provide the bread, and that is where it tends for us.

Like we've done the comparison in Matthew Chapter 4, we know that the purpose of hunger is not only for the bread in itself, there is much more. And that was what Jesus was actually introducing them to, but they could not understand it. And they don't want anything to do with it, they don't want anything beyond the bread. So they went away like that and he had to turn to the disciples and said would you also go?

So today am sure maybe some people have left us because we are saying, it's beyond the bread, and their own journey stop at the bread. They only want bread and nothing but the bread, but we are just saying to you too, would you also go? Because Jesus was not just saying am just the bread winner. You cannot come to places of worship and expecting bread, expecting bread making, bread making all the kinds. There is a Word, you have to live by the Word, living by the Word. And so this is the whole moment of the Word. And that is what we are calling you to, what the disciples saw and they stay back.

So we want you to stay back and join us today for something beyond the bread. We are talking beyond the bread, and bringing us to the purpose of hunger in the first place. And if what we have been saying, what I are talking about, the purpose of hunger, you don't understand, that means you were not here last week, that means you have not watch the episode last week. So we enjoin you to go to our Expose 247 page to know what we are talking about.

Last week, we ended with the purpose of hunger, and there were so many other episodes about prayer. This is Knock Out series on prayer and we have like... this is like the twenty fifth Episode on prayer. So there is a lots to learn, you really need to start from the beginning.

And so if you are still joining us today, we want to welcome you to Expose 247 on prayer. So will you want to talk about....

I have a question, I really don't know before you do the recapping.

Yes! We were able to establish last week about the purpose that we found out that it is not actually for bread, not just meeting our needs, in the temptation of Jesus, and how the devil coming, is not about meeting the need, is beyond the bread. What about spiritual needs? What about ministerial needs? Is that exempted from it? Can we say, we can use prayer to get to that itself, ok all in the bid of we want to do this for the Lord and everything, is it only physical need that it covers?

Well, thank you for that questions.

Now I think, we are going to come down to your questions very soon, but I just want viewers all over the world to know one thing. Don't forget the reason why we are looking at Matthew Chapter 4 is, we have been looking at Jesus Christ himself on how Christ was able to walk in a way that wouldn't allow unbelief to step into his life.

Please if you've been with us for the past few series, we established the fact that, the reason why Jesus or his ministry was quite exemplary as compare to his disciples was not because he didn't actually give them, the same level of anointing, unction or power to do greater works like he did himself. If you notice in Luke Chapter 10, in Matthew Chapter 10, in Luke Chapter 9 verse 1 the Bible says he gave them power over all devils, to cast out all unclean spirit.

If you notice the word, **all**, it tells you and I, that Christ Jesus left nothing out that disciples couldn't do. But also we then notice that, practically speaking there were some things they could not do. It wasn't because they didn't have all power, they didn't have all authority. That was not the reason they could not do certain things. We established it was because of their unbelief. And that was Jesus never had. And that was the difference between the experience of Jesus and that of his disciples.

And the same thing is happening today in the 21st century. What makes one Christian different from the other Christian, in the effect of their lives, in the kind of influence or in the kind of capacity that they walk in, is not because one Christian is more spiritual than the other, because the Bible says God has given to us the measure of

faith, the same measure of faith. That is in Roman Chapter 12, there is no difference. But what is different is the fact that the measure of unbelief. And what Satan will do, that is why we are here in Matthew Chapter 4 in the temptation of Christ. Why are we in the temptation of Christ?

The strategy of the devil is not to attack your faith, or to attack your life or whatever it is. The strategy of Satan as it were, is to drag us into unbelief. That is why the Bible tells us in 1Peter Chapter 5 verse 7 and 8, he said **resist him, standing firm in the faith**. So is a battle, is a fight of faith.

So Satan's most effective strategy is to drive unbelief into the life of a Christian. That is the most effective stand of the enemy. So here we see Christ Jesus going through his own process, and that is why we have been looking at this.

Like she said, in the last transmission that we have, we established the fact that Satan was trying to turn the means to an end, and the end to a means. And that is what is trying to use upon so many Christians today, because the Bible says, he told Jesus to turn stone to bread, if you are the son of God, that is where we stopped. If you are God's son, if you have the identity as the son of God, use your sonship as a means to actually solve your hunger problem.

So as it were, you might be wondering what is wrong with solving your hunger problem? The reason why people go to work, the reason why people go to offices, or the reason why people learn some trade, or the reason why people become professionals is because they want to put food on their table. It means, of course you are wondering what is wrong with Satan telling Jesus to turn stones to bread, using the basis of his sonship, you might wonder what is wrong with that?

Well, technically we've said before hunger is legitimate, there is nothing wrong with hunger, there is nothing wrong with the need to satisfy your hunger or your thirst or your need whatever. That is not the problem. Satan is saying something deeper than what we think on the surface. What he is simply saying is, am asking you that your hunger becomes the end, and that your sonship becomes the means. So it means, ultimately your identity is all about solving the hunger problem, your sonship or your authority with the Father, is only a means to an end.

And we saw that Jesus said something in Deuteronomy that runs contrary. Chapter 8 of Deuteronomy says no, the reasons why you suffer hunger in the wilderness is so that you can learnt to live by what God said. So you can see the order. That was what we dealt with.

Now you are saying something now, about the fact that what about when people make the work of the kingdom the ultimate goal. There is something that Saint Augustine said, and I think we are going to dig deeper there today, if you read about the fathers of faith, if you read church history. St Augustine said something about what sin is, he said we seem to have a wrong view about what sin is, sin is distorted love as it were. It's when you make what is basic, when you make what is just a legitimate need, the ultimate need. So turning what is legitimate, making it ultimate. Can you see? That is what it is.

It means if there is something that becomes our ultimate goal, and that thing is not God. Ultimate means, we are simply saying, if I have this, or if this is fine with my life, then life make sense, then life is significant, this is all about my life. This is my ultimate purpose for living. If that thing is not God, here comes a problem into our lives.

It doesn't matter what that thing is, it could even mean your ministerial position, it could mean your ministry. If you are man of God, it could mean your congregation. Whatever you look at in your life, that become your ultimate. That is the word! Your ultimate. That thing can be used by the enemy and that is why even if you stand in ministry is your ultimate, if that is what make life worth living for you, Satan doesn't mind if he simply tells you, use your sonship as a means to achieve that end. As long as the end is not God, Satan doesn't really care, even if its church ministry, as long as the end is not God, Satan doesn't really care. And this is what Satan was trying to bring to Jesus.

Now, today as we carry on, you will notice as we look into the second temptation of Christ, you will simply notice what Satan was bringing. That is why I didn't want to go too deep into it because the second one is spiritual. The second temptation is purely spiritual, because the first one was just about natural hunger. Now the second one is spiritual and we are going to look deeper into that today.

Now, don't forget we are talking about prayer, you wondering, why are we in this place? You will soon understand, if you are someone that is actually concern about effectiveness in the place of prayer. This is something you want to listen to.

Now, before we carry on with the temptation of Christ, I want us to quickly look at something that actually mirrors what we are talking about. It actually mirrors this thing we are talking about today. Satan wants you to make your end your means and your means your end. That is the strategy of the devil, make the end your means and your means your end. That is it.

Let's look at Hebrews 13 and see what the Lord has to say us about this drag into unbelief that Satan tries to bring on every child of God.

Can you read from verse 5 please and let's see what the Holy Ghost has to say to us.

Hebrews 13:5

5. Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee

Let your conversation be without covetousness;

Now, he says let your lifestyle, now he says be without covetousness. I understand that we've heard the word covetousness before. Of course, if you look at the Ten Commandments he say thou shall not covet. But if you listen to this, in reality, covetousness is actually far beyond saying, I think I've seen the car of my friend, or I have seen the fact that my friend has a bigger house, I have seen the fact that I think I like the wife of my friend. This is how we kind of limit covetousness. That is how most of us interpret covetousness, but in the New Covenant, in the New Testament, there is a deeper meaning to covetousness. That is the reason why the Apostle Paul in Hebrews 13:5, why did he have to single out covetousness, I mean out of so many things that Paul could have talk about in Hebrews 13:5, why focus on covetousness? Why? The reason is going to say that is because about your prayer life.

Watch this, he said,

Let not your life be filled with covetousness; now see what he says next,

and be content with such things as ye have:

Ok, what he is simply saying then is, he says well, whatever you have should be fine because needs will be needs. Can you see that? Desire will be desires, they cannot be identity. That is what he is simply saying. I mean whatever you have is whatever you have. I mean, don't let whatever you have, have you. That is what he is simply saying. Be content with whatever you have.

Now he said, let not your life be filled with covetousness.

Now if you look at Colossians 3:5, please watch this. Hold on to that word covetousness, we are trying to figure out what really is covetousness? What does it mean when somebody covet in the New Covenant? What does it mean?

Look at Colossians 3:5 and see what the Lord has to say about that.

Colossians 3:5

5. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

Can you see that?

In the New Testament, covetousness is put in the same bracket as idolatry.

Now, do we think about that? Do we ever think to meditate that he is simply saying there that, whatever you look at as the ultimate, whatever you look at as what really makes life worth living, whatever you look at as the major goal or destination of life, he says if that is the thing you are looking at, that is the very thing we are worshiping. That is the very thing we are bowing down to. That is why he is simply saying, if somebody is coveting, is as good as just bowing down or worshipping foreign gods.

It means that person has an ultimate destination, that person has an ultimate goal. That is why Hebrews 13:5 says well, you cannot allow your life to be filled with covetousness. You cannot make things your end. You cannot make anything around you your ultimate destination.

That is why he said, be content with what you have. Just let what you have be what you have. Let not be that what you have, is what is having you. Let them just be what you have. Let them just stay at that level. That is what he is saying. Let them not become your destination, because what Satan will end up trying to do with us, is that we can even use our sonship, our identity in Christ, as a means because we just don't see God as a destination. We only see him as a means, we only see him as something I can use to achieve what really is my identity. And that is why he is warning us.

He said, don't let your life be filled with covetousness, he said be content, can you see? with what you have.

Go on back to Hebrew 13:5,

for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee

Can you see that? Does that not sound similar to the temptation where Jesus said man shall not live by bread alone? So the question is, are we living by what he said? or are we living or using him as a means to another end that we have? That is why he said has he not said, Can you see that? Has he not said, I will never leave you nor forsake you?

Now, is there something that if we don't have it, is there something that if we don't possess it, is there something that if we don't walk in that thing, we think life is not

worthy living? I mean, what is the point of God? As long as I don't have this thing, what is the point of God? That is what Esau said, when he said what is the point of the birthright? Of what use is the birthright, if the hunger is not satisfy? So that is the reason Satan came to attack Christ to distort that thing in his mentality.

So here he says in Hebrews 13:5... Hebrew 13:5 is simply saying, let nothing! Let nothing! Let nothing make you think God didn't say something. Let nothing got to a point where it becomes your ultimate goal, ultimate destination. As long as it's not God, that thing must never be your ultimate destination. Don't make your means your end, and your end your means. And that is what Hebrews 13:5 is simply saying.

Now, please go on, we need to finish that Hebrews 13:5.

for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee

Verse 6

6. So that we may boldly say, the Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

He says... that is the point. We get to a point we say we are not destitute. If anything makes you think you are destitute, he says common! You have a destination, that is God, if you have him. He says, if anything makes you feel destitute, be careful that is covetousness.

And that is what Satan was trying to drag Jesus to. To tell him Jesus, what is the point of your sonship, if you are not actually solving the hunger problem? He's simply saying hunger is the main goal, and Jesus said no! man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

I just hope our viewers are taking note of this and know that... And then for our religious leader, those people that man the position of leadership in all our worship places, they should know and take a clue from this, borrow from the way Jesus dealt with those people, because they were putting pressure. We found out that most of our leaders are not coming to the pressure of people that, bring us bread, make bread for us, just like they say to ...

Thank you for linking the covetousness with idolatry, like they came to Aaron, make for us a god. So people are coming today and putting pressures on all those leaders and say yes you must provide bread. So we have program that is all about bread, in terms of bread, how to meet needs.

So all those religious places, are becoming a one stop shops for meeting all kinds of needs and then they want it to end there. Not that we are denying the needs, because we said in Hebrews 13, content with what you have. Live with what you have and then even you will not stay at just meeting the need, or just at having bread alone.

So you must know how to resist the pressure, even personal pressure and the corporate pressure. The pressure that makes what is happening in the environment, what is happening in the nation, the economy and everything should not push us, and push us that we are just only using the Lord and using this our prayer only to just make bread.

And then we will be able to walk in wisdom, let our religious leader, let those people in leadership to be able to walk in wisdom and resist even if the people have to leave, because they left Jesus, so they left the disciples. So if we are really concern about raising disciples, then we won't be bothered, the multitude will leave and the disciples will stay and stay for the Word. I hope you are going to pay attention and live the truth of this word today.

Before we go into the next verse which is Matthew Chapter 4 from verse 5. Let me just clarify this.

Now, let's not get it twisted. This evening we are actually clarifying the fact that even Jesus Christ himself, the king of glory, the Lord of glory, the master of the waves, the master of the seas, the master of the oceans, he actually turned nature upside down.

We see Jesus feeding five thousand without even counting women and children. He fed five thousand by supernatural capacity he did that. I mean, He will supply bread to the eater and seed to the sower. We saw Jesus raised the dead, Lazarus came from the grave, the widow of Nain had her son raised back from the dead, we saw Jairus daughter raised from the dead. We saw Jesus did great things, we saw Jesus showed that he was the master over circumstances and situations.

So don't get us wrong. And you are as Christian, as a child of God, you've got to walk in such capacity as well. You've got to walk in the fact that if the victory of Christ on the cross is granted to you by faith, it means you can do greater works than Christ did.

So don't get it twisted, we are not negating the fact that we've got to walk in all these capacity. What we are simply saying is, it doesn't matter what capacity we walk in, or we need to walk in, we can never make anything on this earth our ultimate lord. It can't be our ultimate, it cannot be our ultimate. What Satan will have us do is make it our ultimate and use Christ as a means to an end. And that is what make us fruitless in the place of prayer.

So Matthew Chapter 4 verse 5. Let's take it a notch further and see how Satan is trying to drag Jesus into unbelief. Don't forget one thing, this is a not a test of Christ as it were alone, it's your test as well. Because the Bible says in Hebrews Chapter 4 that he was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin. So this is your temptation, this is not just Christ temptation, he was tempted as you are yet without sin.

Let's see Matthew Chapter 4 from verse 5.

Mathew 4:5

5. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple.

Now, mark that word **holycity**. Now this is going spiritual. Satan found out that he wasn't going to be working with the issue of hunger. So he is going to take it holy, spiritual. So he took him on to the holy city.

Jesus...Bible says he was holy. Bible says in Hebrews such a high priest fit for us, he that is holy and blameless. So Satan says if you want to be spiritual, let's go to the holy city. I mean wouldn't that be nice, this is holiness. Let's go to the holy city and he took him on to the holy city and set him on a pinnacle of temple

Now watch this, this is all religious, this is all spiritual. Holy city, and then temple. Satan says well, we can go spiritual with this. If your problem is natural appetite, if you are not going to fall for natural appetite, let's try the spiritual, let's try the religious, let's try the temple, let's try the holy city.

See what he says next,

6. And saith unto him, if thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, he shall give his angel charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

And again, if you are the son of God, let use your identity.

Again, I repeat again if you are with us on the last transmission. Satan wants us to use our identity in Christ as a means. Listen! your identity in Christ is not a means. Your identity in Christ is an end in itself.

The Bible says **receiving the end of your faith which is the salvation of your soul**. Your life in Christ, Bible says when Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall we appear with him in glory (Colossians 3). Your identity in Christ is your destination.

Now let me just say this quickly. Ephesian Chapter 4 tells us, he says **until we all reach the stature or the fullness of Christ**. See what he says? He says **until we all**

reach the unity of the faith unto the measure of the son of God. What Ephesians 4 is simply telling you are I, he says until we reach the measure of Christ. That is the goal. That is our Canaan land. In some places of worship, people says well, you know what, it's time to get to your promise land, and when people says that, we have a lot of pictures in our mind. Some are thinking that well, Oh my promise land, the big car. My promise land, the big house, the promise land that I will be protect from my enemy.

Well that is good, those are great things, but ultimately those are just things but not the end in themselves. Because the Bible tells us what our promise land is. Check Ephesians Chapter 4, he tells you what the promise land is. He said that God gave some apostles, some he gave teachers, some he gave prophets, some he gave evangelist, he said for the work of the ministry, watch this? For the edifying of the body of Christ, he said what? He said until we all reach or come to the fullness of the measure of the stature of Christ. So it means he says, the end goal is our identity in Christ.

That is the destination. But Satan is saying to Jesus, No! That is not your destination. This is should be a means. And that is what Satan is using to attack the body of Christ today, turning our Christ centered identity to merely a means to an end. The Bible says no! Christ identity in us, Christ consciousness in us is our destination. Ephesians Chapter 4, you can go and check it out, verse 13 and 14.

Now listen again, here is Satan representing again the temptation and saying well, Christ your identity as a son is merely a means. That is what Satan is telling Christ Jesus here.

Now watch this quickly. Am reading Matthew 4 verse 6,

6. And saith unto him, if thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, he shall give his angel charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Now I will take this slowly.

I think before you get there, I just want to talk about verse 5, I may just put in some words there.

He was saying the devil take him up to the holy city. If our viewers will remember we are telling you that places of temptation has change, is not like this one is holy, this place is... the temptation cannot be in this place. You know, because he did not say

that the devil took him to the sin city, you know some people will not even go to Las Vegas now, they will say is already sin city, that is the place of temptation...

You know he has redefine places of temptation now. So you cannot use coordinates and geography to say this is where temptation can be or not or what the name is being called. Either something is call sin city or holy city does not even matter because we can see in this part, he took him to the holy city, and then we know that, that is temptation. That is the second test of that temptation.

So telling us that temptation can be everywhere even in our places of worship, the one that we call holy, the holy ground and everything that is actually holy is already tag. And so we see that we can have places of temptation there.

And then we should even be careful because we see the devil, some people can just let everything go. After all am in the holy city, so why should I be bothered? Why should I be on my guard? You know you have to be on your guard all the time. That is the thing.

Thank you for that insight.

Now see what he say in verse 6,

6. And saith unto him, if thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, he shall give his angel charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

He said unto him if you be the son of God, again, use your sonship as a means. He says cast thyself down. Now watch this! for it is written he shall give his angel charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Let's break this down one by one. Again, we say again and again, this is not just Christ temptation, this is your temptation. This is what you face every day. Bible says he was tempted, that is Christ, in all points as we are. So we can see ourselves in his temptation.

Now, see what he says about Christ. He said, Satan told him, he said, if you be the son of God, cast yourself down and then what happens, for it is written. Now that is the word. **It is written.**

Now, in order to actually break down this particular scriptures. Bible says no scriptures is of private interpretation. We cannot try to interpret it by what we think. Romans Chapter 3 verse 4 tells us that **let every man be a liar but let God be true.**

Let us pick clue from this particular verse, these two verses even up to verse 7 and see what the Lord wants us to know about this temptation of Christ. This drag that Satan was trying to impose on Christ in unbelief.

Now, see the first thing he said, we notice that Satan quoted the scripture. He quoted the scripture, he says for it is written. Now we might be interested in what Satan quoted to Christ Jesus. You see, there is one thing I want to clarify with you, if you as a Christian and you want actually to know what God is doing in our days, in our time if you are prophetic and want to discern the time and know the time like the sons of Issachar. You see, there are times that you can actually decode and look at what is Satan interested. You see, there are time that Satan gets too much interested in something. You can begin to figure out why is the enemy interested in that thing.

For example, the Bible tells us in the book of Isaiah, he says, **arise and shine for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.** He said why? He said for **darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people.** So if you see darkness, if Satan is so keen on spreading darkness all over the place, you should understand that it's your time to shine the light, it's your season. I mean, the enemy will not be keen on actually spreading darkness if it is not the time for the light of God to shine? You can see when the enemy become so keen on anything, you can know that God is actually doing something in that region. That is why we cannot be discouraged as Christians.

See, for example at the time that the devil inside Herod said they should kill all the children under two years old, why? because Satan knew that God had released his son into the earth. You see, when the enemy begins to hammer on something, decode it, God could be at work in that particular thing. And then what you can know is, why would Satan be quoting a scripture to Jesus?

Now, we can actually decode what the enemy is trying to achieve by actually investigating what kind of scripture is he quoting? Why is the enemy interested in raising this kind of scripture to actually drag Christ Jesus into unbelief? And we are going to look at that quickly.

Now the scriptures Satan quoted, like I said, have you noticed I have not begun to interpret by the Holy Spirit what this verse is saying? We will allow the scripture to interpret scripture because different kind of people have different kind of thinking about this particular temptation. We will not actually do that. We'll not do injustice to this verse. We'll allow the verses to explain themselves.

Let's quickly go to where Satan quoted this from and see the sneakiness of the enemy, what he is trying to achieve.

Psalms Chapter 91 that is where Satan quoted this from he said,

he shall give his angel charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Let's see where the enemy glean this from,

Now we are going to actually read this in context, where Satan got this from. And to get a better view, can you please take it from verse 1, because we need to understand this verse quoted by Satan.

Now Psalms 91 verse 1,

1. He that dwelleth in the secret places of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Now please watch this, he that dwells in the secret place of the most high,

Go on,

shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Now, what have you noticed? The most high have a secret place. The most High has a Secret place! Now, your going to the most high did not make him have a secret place, he has a secret place. All he said is, we are the one that are supposed to abide in that secret place. The most high have a secret place, we are the one responding to that secret place.

Now go on please,

2. I will say of the Lord, he is my refuge and my fortress, my God in him will I trust.

Now in case you are wondering how do you hide in the secret place? because people are ask a question, is it so ambiguous? Is it so vague? How do I put my head? Do I go to a ministry? or do I go and sleep in a particular church building? or do I put my mat..? Some people when they are having nightmares, or they are being attack in their dream, some people just carry their bed and they start sleeping on the chair in the place of worship and say I believe if I actually hang around the anointing, the enemy cannot attack me.

Well, people have a different of interpretation for Psalms 91. Well, the Bible says that is not how to dwell in the secret place of the most high. He said what do you say of

the Lord? How do you respond to the most high? He says the secret place was there before you had a problem, the secret place was there of the most high, but he say what do you say of the Lord?

He said your response to what was already made available. You didn't make it available. Some people even think that by the time they pray and pray, they can make God protect them. See! Your prayer doesn't make God protect you, all you need to do is talk and respond and access it. He said the secret place of the most high is the secret place of the most high but what are you saying of the Lord.

What is your response like? And so here we see a strategy of God in Psalm 91 that simply says, your response is the access code. Are you responding? That is why we said before in the past, if you stick with us on this previous transmission that faith is just then basic, what it means to have faith in God is not you making something happen, is not God making something happen. Your faith in God is responding to what God said and who God is. So here is this man just saying I will say of the Lord, can you see that?

Let me quickly saying something there because when you have safe house, you know when is... in security parlance, we know about safe house, and that is what psalm 91 is telling us, the secret place is like a safe house. You know, the invasion of terrorist, and everything there is a safe house, every intelligent officers know there is a safe house. But what use is the safe house when there is no access code into it? You stand at the door and there is no access code to that safe house. So what use was the shadow, the secret place of the most high be to a believer who does not know the access code to the building, to that safe house?

And so we learn from verse 2 you need to understand now that the access code to that covering you are looking for is, by what you say of the Lord. Your response! What you say of the Lord, Your access code is there.

And funny enough, verse 1, I hope our viewers will be able to see that that place, is the most high because people run to people for cover, they said they want to get the cover from the anointing of somebody. You know, you don't have to go through anybody, saying the secret place of the most high. That is it. You have direct access to the Father himself.

And so maybe why some people feel like they need to run under the cover of some other people is because they don't even know the access code. They know there is a cover, but they feel like the access code is going through somebody else, or going

through a particular ministry of so. But we find out in verse two that, what you say of the Lord, is that your access code.

And funny enough, you know some people are keeping mute. The problem why they could not access the safety that the Lord is there even before the problem started is because they are not even saying anything, they are mute. And if you are mute, you cannot access it. And again some people are not even mute, they are saying, but what they are saying of the Lord is wrong, because some people will say yes! I know that you are doing this to test me, I know that you are there, you just want to punish me, you want to see how, so they are saying something that is not of the Lord. That is what they are saying. They are not even closing their mouth, they are opening their mouth but they are not saying what is actually true of the Lord, saying what is of religion, saying what is human tradition, their own interpretation, the culture has clouded it, the experiences has clouded and it has been interpreted for them that way, so they are not saying the true things of the Lord. So how the same, they are still kept away from that security not because the security place is not there, but because they are not accessing.

Some of them understood there is a secret place with the most high. They have the understanding, they know there is a safe house, they are just at the point, but they could not access by keeping mute or by saying the wrong thing.

In fact, some men actually do believe that the reason why they cannot be a partaker of that secret place is because of the fact that they don't even qualify to access it. They said, well, you know what, I don't think my behavior or my character or my life style qualify me to be a partaker. They will not even approach.

I mean this is saying, just say of the Lord. That is why the New Testament was telling how you approach in faith, you know you just have to approach that throne of grace. If you see the safe house, I just want trying to paint the picture for those people who do intelligence gathering, if you see the safe house, you don't want to approach, you say you must come, approach that throne of grace, just approach confidently. So some people are just shaking by their thinking, there is condemnation, is not for them. So actually they have shut themselves out from that radius of help.

Now does that then explain the whole foundation of salvation in New Covenant? Where he says in Romans Chapter 10 that if thou confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that he was raise from the dead, thou shall be saved, he says you wouldn't even experience that liberty of salvation unless you believe and you say of the Lord.

So here we see, he says it is not about the Lord being reactive towards you, is you being reactive towards to the Lord. This is the whole summary of the New Covenant. We are the one responding to God in the New Covenant. All that God will do he did in Christ. Christ said on the cross it's finished. God has done all he need to do in Christ.

Yes, I need to even say before we move away from this verse 2, he was saying that the only access to that thing is what you say, some people now want to feel like they can give, now for you what is happening now, for the covering you need now, because of what is happening now, you have to out give, you have to do more. It will not be a competition between the evil, you have to out give the evil, so the evil is like this, you give in this proportion, but what we find out is what you say of the Lord. You know that is the thing because you cannot do anything beyond what is already done. You cannot improve on it, if you believe it, you will say and if you say, you will access it. Can you see? You believe you will say and you will access it. So you cannot pay for anything, you cannot do anything, you cannot put yourself in any position, just for you to access that, the only thing is to say of the Lord.

Thank you for that.

That is why Hebrews 13:5 then reminds us, he says let not your life be filled with covetousness, be content with the things that you have, has he not said I will never leave you nor forsake you so that you may boldly say. It's still about saying. So that you may say, because if you say then you can access it. That is what he says here.

And then funny enough before you know, Hebrews 13 verse 5 was telling us the sequence, you will boldly say because he has said something. So some people are saying things when they don't even know what he has said, that he does not know that he will not leave them. So they just open their mouth without the correct knowledge of God's Word that he has said he will not leave them and so they are saying rubbish.

So Hebrews 13:5 tells you what it is, why you should not do this because he has said this, and so you will say, you are not going to stop because of the knowledge that he has said something. It is going to go beyond that and say based on what he has said. So you really have to understand, you know, the correct understanding of what he has said, so you can say the right thing and that is the right access code.

Thank you for that insight.

Now, don't forget why we are here so that we don't get lost. We are here because Satan quoted a verse from Psalm 91 and we need to find out why was the devil interested in Psalms 91? What was he trying to distort in Jesus understanding? Why

did he quote Psalms 91? Like I said, if Satan is quoting Psalms 91, there is something hidden there which we need to figure out from there?

Now, we understand, you see in summary up to verse 2 of Psalms 91, what we understand is, we are being presented with a radical understanding of our Father, of the king of glory. The understanding is we are the one responding to what he did. Can you see? You quoted Hebrews 13, he said has he not said, so that we can boldly say. That is why...

Please I will encourage our viewers to actually look for one of our transmission that we title 'faith does not move God.' That is a very great teaching. Please look for that on our Expose page. "Faith does not move God," because before you said something God already said something, God already did it, God already did all he would do in Christ Jesus. Bible says God has given us all that we need for life and godliness, his divine power has given us all we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him that has call us to glory and virtue.

So any gospel that tries to tell you that if you pray long enough, if you fast long enough, or if you do this long enough then God will have a consideration about your situation is the anti-gospel. It is not the gospel.

Here he says you are the one that need to say of the Lord, the Lord is already a refuge, is already a fortress, is already a secret place, you are the one that is responding to access, not him trying to say, Oh let me try to do something for my son in Psalms 91 No! Please I want you to see the approach of Psalms 91 to how we understand the place of prayer and I want you to see what Satan is trying to distort in the face of Christ Jesus. That is what we are dealing with today. It's about prayer.

Now look at this,

2. I will say of the Lord, he is my refuge and my fortress, my God in him will I trust.

I am the one doing the trusting. I am the one responding. Now up till now, I want you to take note, the person speaking here is the one doing the responding. He sounds like this God is just like saying it's all done, you speak, say of the Lord, you trust him. Can you see that? Now see that pattern,

Go on please,

3. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

The word surely means is a guarantee, but you see the guarantee of verse 3 is because of verse 2. Now it means, if we are stocked and we can't get to verse 3 we have to go back and figure out are we doing verse 2 correctly. It means if the Lord is not showing forth in deliverance in our life, it means go back and check verse 2 what are you saying of the Lord? What are you talking about?

He says well, there is a surely in verse 3, there is a guaranty in verse 3 but as long as verse 2 is put in place.

Now you will see what Satan is trying to achieve with Christ.

Go on please,

4. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

He says well, if you learn the truth of the Lord, he said that is your shield, that is your protection. That is what we said about John Chapter 8 that says Jesus said to the disciples that believe on him, if you continue in my Word, then you are my disciples indeed, then you will know the truth and then you will walk free.

It doesn't mean that it was when you need the truth that God said, oh now that you know the truth I think I will free you, no! You are the one that is walking free. It is the truth that you know that makes you free. That is not when God gave you the freedom. No! It is when you come into the reality of the truth, you talk about it, you live in that reality.

So here is saying that truth is your shield. So if you learn a lie, if you live a lie, if you listen to human tradition even in the place of worship, if you listen to men's tradition in the place of worship, what happens is, we can walk out of that protection not because the Father is not a shield, not because he is not a secret place, but because we have learnt a lie.

He said the truth shall be our shield and our buckler. You can see that? This is why you cannot afford to listen to men who are peddling traditions of men and they are not actually dispensing the truth. It's a risk. it's not because God has not done his part, but we can subtract ourselves from the equation of the Father's protection.

And that is what are doing in this transmission on Knock Out series, knocking out those false ideologies, those things that are actually stealing from us, in walking in the reality of the benefit of the cross that Christ paid for with his own blood.

Go on please,

5. Thou shall not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Now please before you go to verse 6, if you've been with us you will notice for quite some two, three to four weeks we dealt with how not to walk in this kind of unbelief, dealing with this kind of unbelief.

Here he is simply saying, well, let's talk about one thing, even though you are saying of the Lord, you will not have to respond to what you are seeing around, that is why is saying you will not be afraid of the terror by night. Now you don't tell someone not to be afraid unless there is something they can be afraid of.

Now let's say that again, it doesn't make any sense, if I tell you don't be afraid. And if you ask me why am I telling you that if there is nothing around to be afraid of? The only reason you get an admonition not to be afraid is because there are so many things all around that can actually qualify you to be afraid. There are so many things happen, thing that you are seeing, things that you are hearing, things that you are feeling and those things are passing a message, running contrary to the very things you are praying for.

Now, he is simply saying her, you cannot afford to respond to those things. He says you cannot be afraid. It means you cannot yield to your senses. You cannot yield to what you see or what you hear or what you feel. He said don't be afraid of the terror by night. You cannot be. Now the reason why those things want to make you afraid is so that you can walk in unbelief. You see, the Father is always constant. He is always constant.

The Bible says in James Chapter 1 he says our God does not change like shifting shadow. Religion is the one that make God a changing God. It doesn't change like shifting shadow (James 1:17)

So here he says, you are the only that doesn't have to change. Don't be afraid. Don't shift ground now. Don't shift ground now. Don't respond to the circumstances. So he is asking you not to change, on God's side that is already constant. Nothing can change that.

Verse 6,

6. Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

7. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Can you see that? He says even if it is happening all around you.

Now this is where the problem is, if you notice from verse 5 to verse 7 is just simply saying, don't respond to this kind of unbelief. That is just what verse 5 to verse 7 is saying. It's focusing on you, and is not focusing on God any more. He saying about you. He says why? Even if it's happening all around, you cannot say well, I know am believing God for this, I know am praying to God about this. But I check out that sister who had a similar situation, I think she actually die or I check out that brother who had a similar circumstances and I think he never made it, why should I be the one to make it then? He says when you begin to see these things happening to a thousand around you, you have the tendency to absorb it in and it can drive unbelief into your soul.

Now, please I want you to take note of Psalms 91. Don't forget we are going back to the temptation of Christ. Psalms 91 seem to be painting a picture to us of the fact that if nothing is happening in the place of prayer, if nothing is happening as you are believing God, you better check what you are doing, check what you are saying, check how you are responding to circumstances.

He seems to give us a picture of the Father who is constant, who is just a shield. The Father who is just a secret place, who is just a hidden place and he is always available to be accessed. He seems to be saying that. And he is simply saying well, he seems to be available to be accessed, it means you make sure you are not being drifted away or being pushed away or being dragged into unbelief. That is what we see up to verse 7 even if it is happening to others all around you.

7. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

8. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

9. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most high thy habitation.

You made him, you are the one that responded to who he is. Can you see that?

Go on,

Verse 10,

10. There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways

This is what Satan quoted in Matthew Chapter 4.

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So here is the cruz of the matter. On what basis do you get angelic ministration? On what basis do you have angel being given charge over you? On what basis do you have the ministration of this spirit which is the angel of the living God? On what basis? On the basis that you responded. He said because you have made the most high your habitation. Can you see?

You said of the Lord. You are the one responding. See! In this particular situation, you are the reactor, you are the responder. God is not the one that is acting because God already is what he is. So that is the picture we see... he said so you are going to walk in angelic ministration, he said do you made the most high your dwelling place? Do you make the most high your habitation?

Now get the picture of the condition of angelic ministration, so let's go all the way back to what Satan was trying to paint to Christ.

You have something to say about that?

Verse 11 was saying... am going to take verse 11 and 12 again.

11. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways

12. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Go on please,

13. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

So let's go quickly back to Matthew Chapter 4. Now Satan quoted this place and that is why we are interested in it, to go all the way back to Mathew Chapter 4.

Now, let's see what Satan told Christ, watch the condition. Now we are going to just tap in the condition. Satan gave a condition, Psalms 91 too gave a condition. Let's compare the condition and see what Satan was trying to drag Christ into.

Matthew 4:6

6. And saith unto him, if thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, he shall give his angel charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

So Satan said if you cast yourself down, if you throw yourself down on that basis, God will react. It means, its simply saying you be the actor, and let God be the responder. It means God is the one responding to you. God is the one responding to your circumstance. So if you are in any situation, if you put yourself, in any situation then God will have to respond to that situation.

Now, go to Psalms 91, what does Psalms 91 says? Psalms 91 says No! Psalm 91 says because you have made the Lord your habitation. What you said of the Lord? He said in this case, you are the one who is responding to what the Lord is. The Lord is a refuge, the Lord is a fortress. You are the one saying of the Lord and that is why you are seeing his hand in your life in angelic ministration. But Satan is saying No! In this case, God is the one who has to actually do the acting.

Now the reason why we are comparing this, is simply put, look at what Christ said next? Look at what Christ responded to Satan. How is that of significance to you as a Christian in the place of prayer? Why is it significance to you?

I think before we go there, we found out that Satan did not actually quoted this correctly, it was twisted, it's just like he twisted the word in subtility, he twisted the word for Eve. So we found out that in Psalms 91, if you put your hands there, he was saying that "he will give his charge over thee to keep thee in all there ways, they shall bear thee up in their hands lest thou dash thy foot against the stone."

And we found out when the devil was quoting his own subtility and his wickedness, he was saying that "if thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, he shall give his angel charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone."

Lest at any time saying that was not what was quoted there. It was not lest at any time. So the devil was trying to push Jesus to the point of you can do it any time. You can do anything, just like he is putting the Lord there, the Lord... he distorted that sequence. You can do anything. Just do anything. You can put your safe in any arms way, you can do anything anyhow, but God will just be the one running around to fix it all.

So we don't find lest at any time there. You know, it looks so subtle, but it makes a great dynamic change in the whole of that equation. There was no lest at any time.

Thank you for bring that insight into that and that is a very important insight.

But you see before we go to the response of Christ Jesus about this temptation. Let us make some few points, now some people are thinking well, does it not mean then, as a

Christian if you fall into any problem or you encounter any situation in your life and is because of your stupidity or your personal foolishness or you made a wrong judgment. It means God will not come through for you in this case where he says that if you are the one that cast yourself down, if this was your doing, if it wasn't a mistake. It means then you shouldn't be guaranteed of the fact that God will show up in your situation.

Well, you might think that is all this is all about. I mean if we look at other scriptures in the Bible, it doesn't sound like that. For example, we look at James Chapter 5. James Chapter 5 tells us, about the fact that, he says is anybody afflicted among you, let him pray, he said, anybody merry let him sing Psalms, but he says if anybody sick among you let them call for the elders of the church and let them anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. Now he says the prayer of faith shall save him and he said if he has sinned, if was so stupid, if the reason why he had that sickness was because he sinned. If he had sinned, so his sins will be forgiven.

He said even if it was that it was his stupidity that got him to that condition, he will be forgiven. He's not saying well, you know what he will be healed on the basis that it wasn't his fault. He will be healed... he said even, he put the word even if he had sinned, he will be healed.

So it's not about... don't sit down there condemning yourself and said well, I think in this case, if am the one that actually cast myself down. If I am the one that threw myself down, I can't really guarantee angelic ministration. I mean we do things out of foolishness, something that we did out of pressure and we regret later. It doesn't mean we are exempted from the grace and the cover of God. The Bible says in Romans Chapter 6, it tells us that where sin abounds, grace much more abound. Nobody can out-sin the grace of God but of course we cannot take the grace of God for granted.

Here is a deeper issue beyond just thinking that anytime we make a mistake that is intentional that we cannot guarantee angelic ministration. Well is deeper than that. Like we see, Satan was driving at something deeper, and we are going to see that from the response of Christ.

I will like to say that like seeing the subtlety and seeing the difference in the scriptures that was quoted by the devil and what was actually quote that we should be able to know that, Christians should know that we cannot at any time just be jumping at things.

They cannot put yourself in arms way, they cannot be walking outside of God's protection, thou we know that from the verses you said that even if somebody sinned, yes the prayer of faith can save the sick, but you know is encouragement, people cannot sit down and use that as an encouragement to be sinning because we have

consequences for that. You are already feeling the symptoms and the sin before, because why would you want to be putting, though somebody will pray for you but you know the symptoms there, the effect of what the sickness is doing is on you.

So nobody can jump at that and said well, that is it, do you want to live a life of in and out of... feeling all these and you know, the symptoms of sickness and sin, you don't want to do that or jumping.. When you are not to jump into something, you are going to feel the pain no matter, the prayer will not take that away. Though you will be healed and be restored but the scars and all those things are there. So you all those families' scars by all the sins and all those things will be there.

So is not an encouragement, though we know that we have a protection, we don't have a Father that will just abandon us throughout the thing, but there are consequence to it. That is why we are calling you to maturity to read in between the line from what was actually in Psalms 91 from what the devil was presenting. It's not by jumping, some people jump into situation where they do not have the calling of the Lord, they do not have the express Word of the Lord on those things, and they hurt themselves, because is not lest at any time, you cannot just do anything anyhow or at any time

Thank you for that insight into this scripture.

Now, let's see the response of Christ. Don't forget we are still trying to figure what is this all about? How does that affect our prayer life? See the response of Christ to what Satan said.

Verse 7,

7. Jesus said unto him, it is written again, thou shall not tempt the Lord thy God.

That is a great insight. So Jesus said what Satan was asking me to do is just simply trying to tempt God. Now if you have some other translation, they will say this is about testing God. So it means we have come to a point where what Satan was advising Christ Jesus to do or to use his sonship identity to do, Jesus said that is actually tantamount, or that is actually trying to test God. This gives us a deeper insight into that temptation. We have a clue there. It means this is testing God. That is what Jesus says he is.

So now, we do a quick turnaround into some of these scriptures and begin to see what does it mean to test God? How can somebody be praying? How can you get to the place of prayer? How can Satan be asking Jesus to making demand on angelic ministration and Jesus concluded well, asking me to make a demand on my Father for

angelic ministration in this context is actually testing God? Has that not sound so strange then that somebody can be making a demand on the Father for angelic ministers to show up and yet is actually tempting God or testing God? When does prayer become a testing of God in itself? That is what we are going to look. And that will then clarify for us further what this temptation is all about.

It seems like this second temptation we are not even into it at all. No! because Christ gave us another insight into what is all about. It's about testing God. Even from the verse that we read, that he said it is written again.

I hope people will know that they need to know something and the reiteration of it. You know, some people just know what is written and for once they just want to say it and that is all. You know, there is something before we go that we can glean from this. He was saying, even no matter how the tempter has come to Jesus, he had said what was written before, he had to say it is written again.

We cannot be weary in our confession. Just like we saw in that Psalms 91, you cannot walk yourself out of this. You cannot device a difference means for yourself, saying you want to access the security of God, you want to access the shadow of the Almighty by your own method. So you cannot just be weary in saying that. Because he was saying there, he will say of the Lord. Hebrews 13 too is saying of the Lord. And at every point you have this temptation, though we are going to define, though you might not understand what the second temptation is all about, we will have instances as you continue with us tomorrow and some other episodes to even understand this.

But you just have to know that you cannot give away, you cannot be afraid, you cannot stop saying what it is. You cannot state it is written again, again and again and that is it. Some people just want to say it once, and when they say it once that is all. They just feel just once, It is written again.

And so for every situation you are in, there must be something that was written again about it. You really need to know what was written again about it and then you will not get tired, we have said it before in the morning, you will say it again in the afternoon, you will say it again in the night, no matter the situation of the thing. And again and again, you must be able to bring it forth. So it's not something you just one time practice. You must come to the habitual practice of bringing this, reiterating what he says again and again.

And we can see that Jesus was actually so adamant with this, saying to devil that, you have to say something to something again and again. Particular situation and

everything is coming and you are seeing the thousands by your left and the ten thousands by your side and so you are seeing that situation and you must be coming to it and again and again. As you are seeing the evidence again and again. As you are seeing those things, you have to have the word for again and again. And that is what we are building up in this place, and that is what we are encouraging in this place.

You can see that we are not even on this second temptation at all. So you will do well to join us tomorrow 9am UK time as we continue into this because we really need to know what this temptation is all about and how we can have temptation in the place of prayer.

But you can see from today that the second temptation was into the holy city, you know that kind of a thing. The temptation that appear in religious place, in the place that has already sanctified and set apart, the places where there is miracle, where people know there is extraordinary acts of God and people have already... they have the evidence to support it that is the holy place, there we found out that we have temptation, is the place of temptation. So temptation abounds everywhere. But you just have to know what is written, you understand what is written again.

Have you notice that we have our last two episodes was about when Satan leads prayer points. This one when Satan quotes scriptures. Satan is the one quoting scriptures here when he told Jesus is it not written that he will give his angel charge over you. Can you see that?

And then if I may add in that light of what you just share now, that even the devil he was the one that is prompting Jesus for miracle, because it's a miraculous act, to throw yourself out and you not dashing your foot against the stone? So you can be tempted for miracle, to perform miraculous acts. What could go wrong with somebody encouraging you to show an acts of God? You know that kind of a thing. Because if Jesus throw himself, everybody will say that is good, that is miracle.

So we can see that this things is taking another shape, is taking another dynamics. Even coming to the place of prayer, coming to the hoy city, you can be tempted there, even then what you are tempted with. So he's not tempted with lust, because some people can come to holy city and then they were thinking when you come is lust, hunger and all those kind of things.

You know you can be tempted in performing of miracles, the temptation that was there, I know we are going to get to it tomorrow or may be some other episodes to see that it was come out with something miraculous, come out so that everybody will see

the glory of God and see something and say this is who you are, you are indeed the son of God.

So there are some temptation that is like that, sanctimonious temptation. Temptation that want us to prove something for the people in the name of the Lord. Let's proof and let's show something and let's come and do something. and you know Jesus took had the same temptation, we see the disciples, they come to him if you are truly...you don't stay here idle, please go to Jerusalem to show who you are, so things that want to push, all in the place of the passion for God, for the things of God, we can have the place of temptation.

I don't want to say more about that because tomorrow is the time. 9am UK time is the time for us to go deeper into this word. And so we want to know what Matthew Chapter 4 is. So we believe you that will be with us. You will come and join us in this episode tomorrow as we continue on this Knock Out series.

So we want you to invite your friends, invite everybody you know so that they can hear this and be part of this. And we want you to listen to it again, find a way to know this because you must know what he said of the Lord so you can say in Psalms 91.

And we will able to know what you need to say again and again, for you to know what to say again and again, you need to hear some things again and again. So if you are hearing this episode for this first time, you might need to find a way of copying it so that you can find time to hear it again and again, is what you hear again and again that you can say again and again.

So we encourage you to do the same and share with your contacts as well.

So till we see you tomorrow 9am UK time. What do you want to say to our viewers?

Stay blessed, so stay blessed.

Bye!!