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Prayers That Limit God

Good evening World this is Expose 247, and if you've been following us all along, we know that from the time where we started this all episode is about the resurrection of Jesus because there won't be any Expose without the resurrection story.

We started telling us the basics, who Christ is? What the church is? The Testator is dead' so to know what the will, so you can know the significance of the will. Then we explore the story of the prodigal father and the two lost sons so that we can understand the relationship, how it works out. And coming over to the Knock out seasons, and we have a lot of episodes on that. And then there won't be any Knock Out season if there is no New Testament, the will that has been into effect. What about his death?

So if this weekend is just only the resurrection week for you, we just want to tell you that the whole of Christianity race, with all our faith is about the resurrection. That is why the whole of episode of Expose is all about, telling us the significance of the death and his resurrection.

And then this Knock Out Season we've been talking about we don't want you to be spoilt of what that benefits is. And if you remember the word of Apostle Paul who said that **if Christ has not risen, we are the most miserable of all men.** So if we are talking about tragedy, the worst of all tragedy is just not knowing that he has risen. You don't even know the significance, you are just in the same place as if Christ has not died and resurrected.

And so what we've been doing is telling you the significance of his resurrection. And so your prayer life cannot be the same again anymore. You know after death the time has even change to A.D because is so significant, is a time changing event. So you cannot pray the same way like you used to pray before in the Old Testament. Some are still praying the prayer of Jabez, if you will blessed me indeed, when Christ has risen, so that is it.

And last week we stopped about knowing about some prayer points are like just testing God, and people will mischievously be thinking they are trusting God. If you listen to our last episode, we are saying are you testing or trusting God? And that is where we are exploring the second temptation of Jesus in Matthew Chapter 4 and we went to Psalms 78, and we couldn't finished that last week.

So if you missed that, I think you need to go to our page, to go and listen to this and if you have any question about it. So you are going to join us, please join us today as we continue to explore this temptation, the second temptation of Jesus.

Well, viewers thank you for joining us today on this Knock Out series on prayer. Now, we actually stopped at Psalms 78. Now if you are just joining us, let us just say this that, we've been looking at the notion of Satan's temptation of Christ. Second temptation where the devil did try to make Jesus jump down and tell him the fact that the angels will be at his attendance. And Jesus says you shall not tempt the Lord your God, and we've been investigating how does it that, it's possible for we to think we are tempting God or for we to get into situation where we are tempting God and we think we are praying.

Now, if you think this was something that happen before Jesus went to the cross, and that we shouldn't be talking about temptation of God. Well, if you want to look at that, we talked about 1Corinthians Chapter 10. 1Corinthians 10 tells us we shouldn't tempt Christ, and that was the New Covenant epistles. It means then, if it's possible for a Christian to tempt Christ, the Apostle Paul wouldn't instruct the Corinthians church saying, let us not tempt Christ, am quoting 1Corinthians 10.

It will mean then, in the kingdom, we as Christians must understand the fact that we are not in a situation where we think we are trusting God and actually indirectly might be tempting Christ. And that takes us all the way to Psalms 78 and that is where we are at the moment.

Now, Psalms 78 we actually started began to look at... we started Psalms 78 episode in last transmission, and we began to look at what is when we talked about tempting Christ.

Now, if you are with us last time, we said the word tempting God is just the same word as testing God. If you check out that Matthew Chapter 4 temptation of Christ, a lots of translation, the NIV translation, the NLT translation did say that it was about Jesus saying thou shall not test the Lord your God. So the word tempt can be replaced with the word test, is the same thing.

Now, we go back to Psalms 78 which is where we stopped. And we are going have to read from verse 17.

Psalms 78 from verse 17.

Now see what it says,

Am going to read Psalms 78:17

This is a discuss. This is what the Psalmist began to sing Psalms regarding the encounter that Israel had in the wilderness with God. And this is a Psalms to that effect.

Psalms 78:17

17. And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the wilderness

Now look at verse 18.

18. And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.

Now, that is amazing because how can somebody be asking and at the same time was a testing of God? Can you see? It's very strange because if you think can that particular statement be in the same verse in the Bible. I am reading Psalms 78 verse 18 that is very possible for someone to be asking God and the scripture says the asking of God was actually the testing of God. It's in the same verse in the scriptures. That is why we are asking that question that could it be that there prayers that actually put God into the testing moment. He said they are asking God for something but this was how heaven saw it, he saw it as a testing of God.

Verse 18 says they tested God in their heart by asking God for meat. They are praying, they are making prayer points, but the prayer point was testing God.

Now, let's accelerate quickly to verse 40 and 41, that is where we are going to zero in on.

Look at verse 40&41, see what it says.

Psalms 78:40, 41

40. How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert!

41. Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

Please look at Psalms 78 verse 41 as I read, it says

Yes, they turned back and tested God.

Now watch the word. This is what might be of interest to you, the next phrase, might be very significant for you to take note of.

He said, **they tested God and limited the Holy One of Israel.**

Now, that is a very significant phrase, because we know that our God is unlimited. We know our God is unrestricted. We know Jesus said, when he rose up from the dead

and spoke to the disciples, he said all powers in the heaven, on the earth has been given to me. Therefore you go into the world and preach the gospel. Matthew 28:18&19)

So of course God is not limited, of course God is not restricted. Of course all powers in the heaven on the earth belong to him. But you see, it might be then a bit puzzling for you to understand that, the Bible did says there was something that they did when they were asking God for something and the Bible says by that very act of the Israelites in the wilderness, it was a turning back for them and what they did limited... again, limited the one that cannot be limited, restricted the one that cannot be restricted.

Now, it means then the issue why testing God is not just something we are trying to just talk about because we want to talk about it. **We are talking about it, because when Christians think they are trusting God but indirectly they are testing God, what it does is, it's not just about we talking about it, it's about the fact that it can limit what God can do with you and through you in the place of prayer.**

That is why this topic is not something that can be shoved aside or just not something that we can think does it matter whether am testing or trusting? It does matter, because the scriptures says when you do test God thinking you are trusting God by your very act of testing God, you are going to place a limit on what God can do in you and through you in the place of prayer.

So it tells about the Israelites, he says what they did actually limited what God could do with them and through them.

So now again, this come back to us in the New Testament, in the New Covenant. It comes back to you and I, that prayers that tempt or test God limit what God can do for us. Now if you are wondering, what does it mean to test God?

Now, let's just paraphrase on what we talked about in the last transmission before we project on today. In the last transmission, please go and check our last transmission, go and listen to that, where we made reference to Exodus 17, where it tells us what they said, when they are testing God. So there is nothing ambiguous about testing God. There is nothing hard to understand about it.

Exodus 17 tells us, please go and watch our last transmission. He said, they asked the question, is God among us or not? because we are in a situation, we are thirsty and let God manifest himself and create water and produce water so that we can prove whether God is with us or not. And the Bible said, this they said, and they tested God by what they said.

So it will mean that when you and I pray, it means when we come to God in the place of prayer, and it is by the very answers or the very results that we hope to get in the place of prayer, that becomes a confirmation for us of what God said about our lives, we are began to go down that road.

I will say that again slowly, if for you and I, if getting the answers to the prayer, if getting the results to what you are praying about is the evidence you are waiting for to confirm that God is with you, is the evidence you are waiting for to confirm that God has favour you, is the evidence you are waiting for to confirm that God has never left you, if the answer to those prayers is the evidence you are waiting for, the Bible says you've began to journey down the road of putting God to test.

Now, that is what we saying. When you do that, the scriptures say in Psalms 78:41, you begin to limit what God can do in you and through you. And that is what this one tells us in this place.

It seems to be like an irony because when people come to the place of prayer, they come with expectations, they wanted God to do something, they wanted to receive something from the Father, whether they wanted to ask, even some to make a demand, instead of receiving, be in position of receiving. Some whichever way they come in the expectation of getting something out.

But you now find out that the way of going about it, instead of trusting and they are now testing. And it's not about just we want to discourage you from testing, that is not the point here, that don't put God in a test. It's not like a commandment or instruction we are trying to pass across. No! It's much more deeper than that. Because we see in that verse 41, that was talking about it that you even now limit the Holy One, and so what is the point of coming to receive something and you could not even get it. When prayer limit God by themselves.

So you now limit the one, so what is the point of coming to the place of prayer, that in the process of the way of going about it, will make you not even be able to receive. Not because he does not want to give, he is unlimited, he is limitless in his ability and his power. He is able to do much more than you can even ever ask for, even before the need ever arises, it's already been provided for. But because of your way of going about it, and that is what we are talking about. It is like putting God into a test, and that might limit him.

You limit what he can do with you. He is not limited, because for another person in the same situation, you see the Lord coming strong, the Lord was being strong for them. But in your case, because of the way of going about it, can be limited and so

you don't even get your needs met, you don't get the expectation. It's just an irony, so why pray?

Thank you for that. You know somebody said something and I think we might want to address that at this junction. Somebody asked a question and said, is it then very important that we have to be very sensitive or careful about what we say in the place of prayer? Are we not just heaping up lots of instructions and commands like the Pharisee will do, where Jesus said they put lots of instructions on people, and they themselves will not help them to lift a finger? Are we then being very sensitive about what people say in the place of prayer? I will say No! Are we too careful? No! Not really. This is the reason.

The reason why we are talking about this thing is because Bible says out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks. What that means is, the state of our heart is reflected in what we say. So when we say things in the place of prayer, they could be a reflection of the state of our heart before God and that is why what we say is equally as important as what we believe.

In fact for our salvation, the Bible says if we confess with your mouth, the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raise him from the dead, you shall be saved. It means that, what you say is very critical to your salvation process. So we cannot then say it doesn't matter what I say in the place of prayer, God knows my heart. May I say this, your heart is reflected by what you say according to the scriptures.

So we cannot just deemphasizes and say, well, as long as God knows my intentions, it doesn't matter what I say. What you say reflect your intentions, and what you say reflect your heart according to the scriptures. So that is why we are talking about this thing.

So the Bible said in Exodus 17, that the very thing they said, they said is God among us or not? Now if you think what they said, might be very far from what people say today in the place of prayer. If you think that is very far from the most of the prayer points that come out from the body of Christ today, well, you have to think twice again, because in reality, all they were saying is, God if you show forth water, that is in Massah and Meribah, then you are in our midst. Can you see that? If you manifest yourself, then you are my God. That is all what they are saying and which doesn't look too far from what people say today in the place of prayer.

When we have such notion, when we have such mentality, what happened then is we begin to place ourselves in position where God cannot do much through us in the place of prayer, and that is what we are saying really. So it does matter what we say.

And I want to fetch this out for our viewers, because some people, most of this prayer points like we heard last week. They were asking for the basic need. They needed water. So in this place, even in your going about asking for the basic need or going about meeting those needs, you can begin to put the Lord to test.

And then to bring it home, you see most of our prayer points and everything about God prove yourself, all prayer points people are praying today, show yourself might, people are even becoming more ambitious in some anything to prove out, am going to do this out. Just like they want to do their own answering project and say God meet me in the middle way, am going to come up with this, am going to do this. So they are very eager to show forth more. And you know, they say God do this and I will do this, so is to put the Lord to test.

So we are just to remind you it is finished. So you need to come to the point and accept it, because when you accept that it is finished, the matter is settled. You know, because if you do not accept... because if something is finished, is done on the cross, he has done it once and for all. So the end of all test, he has done it all, he says put all our iniquity upon, lay it on him, so the end of all test is on his son. So he has done it, and its once and all, no matter your ambition project, what you want him to do, use the mantle, use it for me, use the oil use it for me, he has done it... then if you do not accept what he is settled, that means there is no end for your testing in the place of prayer.

So it comes for you to be able to bring you away from testing the Lord to trusting the Lord. It's about you accepting that it's finished and that is the end of all test for you. Accepting that conclusion that it's finished.

Well, thank you for that. God bless you for that.

Now look at this, Psalms 78, let's go to verse 42 and see what the spirit of grace has to say to us there. If you look at verse 42, see what it says.

Now verse 42 will tell us why the scriptures say they actually tested God. See what he says in verse 42.

Psalms 78:42

42: They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy.

Now, that is the word! They remembered not, can you see that? his hand nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy.

Now, we know what day that was, that was the Passover, can you see that? That was the Passover from Egypt. Right unto the journey of Canaan. That was the Passover when they were baptized into the in Moses according to 1Corinthians 10.

Now the Bible simply says, it means then anytime we come to the place of prayer, every time we believe God for anything. Every time we are petitioning the Father for anything in the place of prayer, if it does not come from the premise or the foundation of you putting into remembrance, that which was sorted at Calvary 2000 years ago, that which was done on the cross when Christ said it is finished, if our prayers does not stem from what we remember, the Bible says it all amount to putting God to test.

So it will mean then, this issue of testing God is getting clearer. This issue of testing God is becoming much more clearer to us now. We understand when people pray, does it not sound strange, or a bit of contradictory, does it not sound a bit of counterproductive that we are praying, we are believing God for something and the Bible says if what you are believing God for, if what you are praying about, if what you are asking God for, is not stemming down from what you remember. What remembrance is that? For the Israelite, it was they were baptized into Moses through the red sea, for us, we are baptized into Christ. And see is the same thing, the same analogy.

1Corinthians 10 make a perfect analogy with the experience of the Israelite through Egypt into the promise land, he makes an analogy between our own experience from the land of sin through Christ into our promise land, which we said is coming into the fullness of Christ.

So what we are simply saying is testing God is as simple as you declaring and praying and your prayer is not stemming down from what you remember that was achieved for your sake on the cross over 2000 years old.

And these days if you notice, there are times we are attempted to even pray, people gather in prayer meetings, and people say you know what? You know what? Today God must show himself, today God must manifest himself, and when people say that, they are saying I want God to prove and confirm himself when God already prove himself, when God already confirmed himself by raising Christ Jesus from the dead. He already prove himself. He already confirmed himself. He already manifested himself in Christ Jesus.

So what God expect you to do in the place of prayer, is to lay hold of that what happened, is to remember that which happen and that becomes a spring board for your prayer point, and that become a springboard for your prayer. And the Bible says the

reason why they tested God was because they were asking something in Massah and Meribah (Exodus 17), and yet they remembered nothing upon, based on what was done. There was no springboard for what they are asking for, no basis, no foundation and that amounted to them trying to ask God to prove himself.

Thank you for that insight on testing because some people might feel like testing is far remove from that. For not remembering, forgetting is just testing. So if you ever choose to forget at any point forget what he has done, that means you are testing the Lord.

So if you are in place of prayer, you don't have anything to fall back on, you don't fall back on the New Covenant, you don't fall back on...what is energizing you to pray? or what is prompting you to pray? whether the prayer point or who is leading it or whatever is prompting you to pray is not on the bedrock of the finished work of what he has said, or the New Testament of what he has said, so if you have forgetting is just like testing the Lord.

So you cannot say how can I test the Lord? How can I put the Lord to test? It's so easy to test the Lord and that verse stated that, is not what you say, he says they forgot, they did not remember. So you just have to remember this, and that is what we are doing in this Expose to put you in remembrance of this. So you cannot afford to use any other thing to say No! am going to pray like this, am going to do it like this way, and so we want to put that knowledge, push away the knowledge of what he has done, how he has done it, the way it's should be done. That is it.

Thank you for that Insight.

Now, we are seeing something, can you see? It means then we can come to the place of prayer and by the very prayers that we are praying we are limiting what God can do in us and through us. So we see this experience of the Israelites, we see what happened to them in the wilderness. So the Bible is simply saying this was how they tested God because they had no remembering capacity of what God did in them and through them by taking them through the Red sea into the wilderness.

So let's go quickly, let's zero in quickly. And there is something I want us to look at in Romans Chapter 10 verse 6. Don't forget we are still trying to explore the implications of testing God in our prayer life. The implication of putting God to test, when it comes to being able to receive from the Father. Can prayer by their very nature in themselves, the way we pray them limit what God can do through and in us?

Romans 10:6

6. But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, say not in thine heart, who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above)

Don't say in your heart, have you notice that this Psalms 78 actually did say to us, if you notice, this is not about just what we say with our mouth, it's our stand point, it's our mentality because what we seek to do today by the grace of God is to destroy that mentality that test God. It's mentality.

If you look at Psalms 78 from verse 40, it talks about the fact that they did provoke him in the wilderness and grieved him in the desert and if you look at verse 17 and 18 it tells us,

I will read Verse 18, it says,

They tested God in there heart.

It's a mentality, is an ideology, it's a way of seeing things. It's a thinking pattern. It's a thing of the heart, a thing of the mind. So this is beyond saying exact word. We are trying to cause a shift in our ideology, a shift in our thinking. What they did, Bible says is something about their heart in Psalms 78 verse 17 and 18.

But see what this one says in the New Covenant, he says this righteousness that is of faith does not say in your heart. The mentality, he says we should not have the ideology in the place of prayer, It means it's a thinking pattern. See the kind of thinking pattern he says don't have in the place of prayer.

See what he says,

7. Or, who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

8. But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach.

What he's saying is simple. This is not a matter of trying to do some experiment with God, that is what he is saying. He says the righteousness of faith does not say in your heart that actually I want God to show up, can you see that? People raise and say Father I want you to show up. I want Christ to come down and manifest himself and when I see Christ manifest himself then I know that God is indeed with me, and am favored of the Lord, am very sure of the Lord because I have seen him come down display his mighty power.

And he says he does not say in his heart as well, who will go down and bring God down from the dead, let God arise, people say let God arise and let his enemy be

scattered. Well, the fact we are simply trying to say is, well, the righteousness which is of the faith does not say things like that. It doesn't think like that, it doesn't reason like that. People that reason like that are doing an experiment with God, what does it say? He says it's in your heart. It's in your mouth. Can you see?

What that means is? He's saying all that Christ would do or would ever do is right in your spirit. If you are born of God, if you are born again, he said it's in your heart. It's in your mouth. All you need for life and godliness is there in you. That is what he's saying. All you need for life and godliness is there in your spirit.

For example if I ask an average Christian today, if I say are you favored of God? Are you blessed of God? The very first thing we tend to do, is look around. We looked at our bank account to see if we are blessed of God. You look at the kind of relationship you have to see if you are blessed of God. You look at the kind of things that are going on in your life at the moment to test whether you are blessed of God to answer that question. If that is the kind of mentality you have, that is where you are in Romans Chapter 10.

You are actually trying to say you know what, there need to be a display of something, there need to be a manifestation of something before I can know God has favoured me or blessed me. Don't get this wrong or get this twisted. We are not saying God is not a God who come through for his children. We are not saying we should not lay hold of God in the place of prayer to manifest his power in our lives on a daily basis. That is not what we are saying. **What we are simply saying is that, the scriptures simply says, it's already in you, it's in your heart and in your mouth. It's there in your spirit. All you have to do, is to lay hold upon that which you have.**

So every prayer, every mentality and ideology that says, God as am praying I need you to show yourself to know that you are with me. The Bible says if you enter such mode, it is testing God. And when we do, Psalms 78:41 says we limit what God will do in us and through us. He says they tempted God or they tested God and they turned back and limited the one that cannot be limited. They limited the Holy One of Israel. And that is what this Romans 10 says, he says don't say that in your heart, don't say such things, people can say it beside you, people can say it in the place of prayer. Don't say such thing, that is what he's saying there.

We blessed in the Lord for the inspiration in this Romans Chapter 10 verse 6, because this verse is just a crushing our, knocking out every human ambitions, every old testament ambition in the place of prayer that want you to do some extra things you know.

People have becoming so ambition now, let's go and do this, if we can provoke the Lord, if we do this, we will meet him half way. Who will do it? Some people feel like the death of Jesus is not enough for them, the blood and everything is not enough. Other finished work, so can we do this. Some go to this time of the day to pray, some makes some journey, let's go to Jerusalem, let's go to that tomb, let's go and pray on this wall, some will say go and bring your photograph, go and bring some anything... some people go on all theses archeological and go and do extractions. You know, all those things. Come up with something! They say, go down, let somebody go down and bring him up...

You know, crushing all ambitions in the place of prayer. No matter what ambition you want to go about, now you want to do further test, ok, maybe should we need to send somebody up again? Is there something we need to do again? We see this verse, Romans Chapter 10 verse 6 it was crushing and knocking down whatever our ambition may be in the place, any ambition that set aside, that want to forget, set aside the finished work of Christ, want to set aside, all the Lord has put in place, want to set aside the will, you know all those is crushing it out.

Don't say, don't be ambitious like that. Don't be ambitious who go up. Let's do this, let's tie this around, let's use this mantle, let's use this oil. Let use this. Let's go and meet this person to come up, let's this person come around and all those ambitions is being crush here. We just have to remember, to just remember, that is the only work, just to remember what he has done. Your only work is to remember what he has done and to remember to know that it is finished and because if you do, you will not be able to test him, you will not be able to limit him, his limitless power.

You know before I go to Matthew, there is something that, that place talks about. He say don't say who will? You know people are looking for who can do it best. Who will? I mean that is why people said we heard that there is a new man in town or there is a new person who has the capacity to actually make Christ show up. That is why he said, they said don't say in your heart, who will? Who can do it? Or is the one that has what it takes? Or is the one who is happening now or who is the one that has the special ability or the special auction to bring Christ down? Who is somebody special that can do such things? And that is why he says, don't ask such a thing, don't ask such question. That is what he is simply saying there. He says, don't say who will do it. That is what this particular scripture is saying.

Let's go to Matthew Chapter 13 and see what the scriptures has to say to use.

Matthew Chapter 13 from verse 58, let's go there quickly.

You can read Matthew Chapter 13 verse 58

Matthew 13:58

58. And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

Now, if you look at that, now the reason we actually looking at this Mathew 13 verse 58 is just to let you know that, when we said something about the fact that people can pray in such a way, they can make request to God in such a way that they can limit the holy one of Israel. You are wondering well, is it possible for God to be limited? Is it possible for God's power to be restricted? Well, according to the scriptures, yes is very possible. It doesn't meant that God can be limited, it just mean that what he can do with us and through us is what he's talking about.

If you look at this Matthew Chapter 13 verse 58, it tells us that Jesus actually got to a point in which he actually wanted to do something in his home town, but the Bible says he could not because of unbelief. It means, then those people have a way of thinking, they have this unbelief in them. They had this way of actually seeing things that made it impossible for Christ to do in them what he actually could do.

And that is what we are talking about today that, could it be that what we are doing in the place of prayer, could be counterproductive? Could it be that the kind of mentality we bring to God in the place of prayer could be the very one limiting what God can do in us and through us? For example this Romans Chapter 10 that we just read, if we get to a point in the place of prayer that we are not placing premium on the Word that is in our heart and in our mouth, we are not placing premium on that. That is what he says, the word is in your mouth, in your heart, the word of faith that we preach (Romans 10:6)

He says we get to a point where we are not placing any premium on that, we are now waiting for someone who can bring up Christ to show up. And that is one thing that happens when you begin to place less premium on something you have and looking out for something else that is outside there. What happens is, we don't make a demand or we don't lay hold upon that which we have.

That is why Paul told Timothy his son in the faith, he said, lay hold upon eternal life. But people get to a point where they think, I don't think what I have is enough, I don't think all I have at the moment is all I need to walk in dominion. I don't think all I have at the moment is all I need to become what God has created me to be. I think I need something external. That is what he is saying. You have the auction of the Holy one within you. You have the capacity of God in you, don't place much premium on that which is out there and less premium on that which you have in your spirit. So

here we see this. The Bible says when Christ got to his own town, he could not do much with them. And the same thing applies to us in our generation.

Let me say this before we go on to the next verse, the Holy Ghost, the Holy Spirit, the Bible calls him the comforter. Jesus said, it is for your benefit that I go. He said if I do not go, the Holy Spirit will not come to you. The Greek word that was used for the Holy spirit in that book of John is the word paraclete. Now the word paraclete in Greek means helper.

Now, it's been translated as comforter, it can also be translated as helper. What that means is, it means the Holy Ghost in your life has a ministry of helps. The Bible says in Romans Chapter 8, that the Holy Spirit helps our infirmity, the Spirit of the Lord in you is the spirit of help. It will mean then, is not like a demonic spirit. Its demonic spirit that manipulate people. Its demonic spirit that put pressure on people. Its demonic spirit that put hold on people against their will. The Lord will not act against your will. The Holy Ghost in you only helps you.

In fact that its name, paraclete, the helper. That is the ministry of Holy Ghost in you. What that means is, if our thinking, if our reasoning is set against the operation of God in our lives, if our thinking is set against the will of God in our lives, if our reasoning is set against the mind of God in our lives, the Lord will not override our will. He will not override.

In fact the Bible says in Philippians Chapter 2, he says is the Lord that work in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. He works with you. He works in you and through you. That is what he does. He works through you. It's a partnership of the Holy Ghost. And that is why you need to understand that. It means then, if we have unbelief, if somebody is simply saying, God I need you to manifest yourself, so I can believe that you are God all in all, what he does is, he only works with you on that realm. And that is why the Bible says, we need to be careful that we don't pray prayers, that we don't have mentality like they did in the wilderness. Psalms 78:41 remind us, it's a big sign for us to say we can do such things, we can test God and limit the Holy One of Israel.

Thank you for bringing that up, talking about the Holy Spirit partnership because if we ever come to that point in Romans 10 where your heart begin to crave for you need that person, you need that person to agree with you, you that person to continue, who will conjure Christ, who will bring him point, when you come to that point of

When you ever come to close to that, when you are in that situation we just want to remind you that you have the Holy Spirit for that. Instead of looking to a person,

looking for one anointed person, looking for somebody who said he specializes in this, then the scripture is saying don't, you have the Holy Spirit in you. Even the Holy spirit was telling us that you don't even know how to pray, you don't know how to pray but you have this spirit that intercede for you with groaning which you cannot even utter.

And then the work of the Holy Spirit when he was talking in John 16 was telling us he will bring everything to our remembrance. And you know that if you don't remember you are going to put him in test. And so if you have the Holy spirit, even when you are at that point I needed somebody, I need to just trust one anointing, and all these testimonies and you want to be drawn to that and you want to set aside what he says, you have all that you need inside of you. All that you ever need is not in any man, is not in any mountain, is not in any place, is not in any denomination. All you ever need as a believer is right inside of you.

And then the Holy spirit is just not only to be there, he is going to help in the place of prayer too, that is part of his job to help in place of prayer, even things when you cannot even utter a word. He is going to help you even groaning you cannot make up yourself. Even to the realm, no matter how fervent and the energy you have, the Holy Spirit can help you beyond what you can do. Even when you come to the point you cannot even utter a word, you can't find the word to express it. Even when you don't know how to pray about it, when you don't even know what to happen, when you don't even have the knowledge, you don't even have what to pray about, you don't even know what is happening, but you have it but you cannot utter a word. Then you have the Holy Spirit right inside of you when you come to that, don't bring your expectation to hurt somebody, then don't be distracted or don't take thing off you, look inside of you, he is inside of you and is able to help you to pray.

And more so he is helping again you to remind you of everything, because you know if you do forget you are going to put him on the testing seat and you don't want to do that. Because If you do that is just only just putting him on the test seat, you are tested the Lord, and you are limiting what he can do for you making everything of no any effect.

There is one thing that we actually emphasizing today on this Knock Out Series on prayer, is that every Christians need to know that there are prayers that you can pray, there are ways you can approach the Father in the place of prayer that can limit the Holy One of Israel. Psalms 78:41

And again, if you think this is about the Old Testament. In the New Testament, 1Corinthians 10 says we can tempt Christ, so it's possible in the New Covenant for those that believe in the gospel of grace. It's possible.

Now let's quickly go to Matthew Chapter 12 and see what the scripture has to say. If you are someone that actually you are science person, if you are scientific. If you are somebody that believes on evidence. Of course we are not saying that... don't forget we are not saying that even if you are praying and you are getting no answers to your prayer, don't be bothered about it, don't be bothered about the fact that your God is dead, or something he's not even sure enough. Or even he is alive or his a God who is living, then he should be able to manifest himself, because the Bible says about the disciples, the Apostles in Acts Chapter 6 he said, with great power they gave witness to the resurrection.

We are not advocating for an inactive God. We are not advocating for a God who is inactive. We are advocating for a God who says that actually before you ever ask for a proof, I gave you a proof. That is what we are talking about. Don't get us wrong. We are saying he has a proof. And if you must seek a proof, if you must actually do an experiment with God, you have to go to the right place.

See what the book of Matthew Chapter 12 verse 38 has to say.

Now watch this,

If you are going to ask for evidence, this is what you should be asking for.

Matthew 12:38

38. Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, master, we would see a sign from thee.

Well, we said we are going to get a sign. We need test or proof that you are who you claim you are or that you can do what you say you can do. That is what they were asking.

39. But he answered and said unto them, an evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas.

You are not getting any sign. He said, well if you are going to live your life by trying to say, instead of you trusting God you want to test him asking him to show up himself so you can be sure he is with you like Exodus 17, Well Jesus said you will not get that kind of sign. If you actually want a sign, here we go.

Now look at that, look at the sign that Jesus said will be given to this generation.

The sign of the prophet Jonas. What sign is that?

40. For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Well, Jesus said if you ever want an evidence. If you ever want a sign at all, God gave a sign and he said, the sign that God has given you and I, is his son Jesus being in the belly of the earth, in the grave for three days and three nights. Can you now see why Psalms 78:41 says they forgot? He said, they did not remember, can you see? What he did.

Let me say here, the dividing line between all humanity, what make a great radial difference in history, the death and the resurrection of Jesus. Here was Jesus saying to the Jews and the Pharisees, we have a sign, you will get a sign but the sign you will get is the same way as Jonas was in the belly of the fish for three days and three night. In the same way, the son of man will be in the belly of the earth for three days and three nights.

What we are simply saying is, this is the greatest sign of all time. This is the greatest evidence of all time. And the Bible says if you ever going to test God at all, if you want an evidence at all, this is the evidence that God gave that he is for you and not against you.

In fact Romans 8 that we read the other time, there is particular verse there that simply says if God be for you, who shall be against you. And he gave you the evidence, he said, if God did not spare his son, which other evidence you want for God to show you that he is for you? If because of you he has put the whole punishment that you deserve upon his son, it's because of you he had to forsake his son so he can accept you, he had to close his mind on his own son so that he can accept you. Which other evidence you need to prove that God is for you and that God loves you and God is working all things out for your good? So he is simply saying, if you want an evidence, go back to the cross. That's what he says.

Jesus said to the Jews and the Pharisee, if you want an evidence, see me going to the cross and dying and being in the belly of the earth for three days and three nights. And that's what he says.

I just want to bring the attention of our viewers to this to know that, humanity problem is the same all over the ages. you know, because some people might just be

thinking may be my case is different. If you know how precarious and critical my situation has been and everything, that is why I just want to hold God to ransom, you must do something and produce this thing, and because of what is happening, you need to listen to my story, you are talking like this, is so convenient for you to say, you have not listen to what is happening to me. Some people might be thinking that way and that is why they feel justify to say you must do something more than this, what you have done. I don't really care what you have done, just do something now right away, I don't want to know what you said you've done or what you have done.

So we can see the Pharisee the same thing, they almost holding Jesus to ransom, saying No! You must provide something for us, you must produce something for us, and they've seen some other signs he has done, because that was not the first sign. The first miracle was at the wedding of Cana of Galilee, and that was the first sign and they have seen so many, and so many they have witness some and question him on some, why do you do this, why do you heal? So you cannot say they are bereft of signs, and that is the thing, the appetite for signs that is what we are talking about today.

Appetite for you must do more, you have read the scriptures and you have seen all the miracles, you have read what he has done, but the appetite is an human problem. You wanted more, show more and even he has shown yesterday, you want him to show forth again, you don't want to lean on the knowledge of what he has done, the path of you craving for more, so is a general humanity problem.

So they don't feel like it's your case, but there is away you just have to approach it, so you can gain from the consolation of the scripture to know that what is happening to you or how you are feeling, you are not the only one in it.

The Pharisee came to it and said we want sign, you must provide for us sign. We are holding you to ransom...today, today God you must do this, you must show forth like this, just like most of our prayers have always been. So that's what the Pharisees are praying that same prayer. That is why Jesus said No! There is just only one sign for you. I don't know how you are going to take the news, it's good to some, it might be a bad news because the gospel has been turned like a bad news the way some people preach it now as if it's a bad news. So we don't know how you are going to... It's you that will decide whether it is a good news or bad news because that is the end of all signs. And that is it, there is no greater sign than to show you the empty tomb. That is the greatest sign of al.

So I don't know what you are asking for, what you are craving and hitching for, which other signs you are craving for. That is the sign. And that is what he told the Pharisee,

you cannot have more than that. And that is the only sign. They are looking for that sign, there is no sign greater than the sign of the revelation of that Jonas being in that belly of fish or Christ being risen. There is no greater sign than that.

So we are just putting everything, your agitation to rest today with this episode to know that there is no greater sign than the resurrection, the empty tomb to show that that is it, that is the end of all sign. You have clinch on it. You just have to hinge your life on that. Because that is the end of all signs and that is the resurrection and that is the game changing, the game changing effect. He is the one that translate you, that change your location, he change everything about you, he change your expectation. He change your expectation because your inheritance determines your expectation.

So he changes everything about you, so no greater sign than that, the empty tomb. And that is the resurrection and that is why you have to hinge on it. Don't attest to it mentally alone, you need to understand everything in all its ramification so that you can be blessed by this. And your prayer will be fruitful.

Thank you for that insight. That was quite great.

It means that there is no other sign that you will get. Now it will mean then, it doesn't matter what you are going through at the moment, it doesn't matter whether you are being attack on every side, it doesn't matter whether you experience lack in every aspect of your life. It doesn't matter what you are going through at the moment.

You have a great sign that God is on your side. You have a great sign that God is with you. You have a great sign that you have the favour of God upon your life. I will say this, Jesus was cursed so that you can be blessed. Galatians 3 verse 14 tells us that Christ became a curse for us.

Now, it doesn't matter what you are going through at the moment, it doesn't matter wherever you are looking at circumstance in your life and you are saying am I cursed? or am I not cursed? or somebody tells you, you must be cursed, that is all the thing happening to you. You can tell them I have a sign from heaven, and he said which sign is that? When you say you have a sign from heaven, they probably think you said I have a dream last night, and in that dream I heard Jesus said to me that yes! I can see that definitely I have blessed you now. I have cancel your curses, now you are blessed.

And when you say, I have got a sign from heaven, and the sign is Galatians 3:13, 14 says that Christ became a curse for us, for it is written, curse is every man that is hung on the tree so that the blessing of Abraham might come to us the gentiles and then we might receive the promise of the spirit by faith. That is it. Tell them that is the sign I

have from heaven. The sign is Christ became a curse, the sign is, God put him to death, the sign is God put all of my iniquity, my sins and the consequences of sin, all laid on Christ. The Bible says in Isaiah Chapter 53 that all of we like sheep have gone astray, but God has placed upon him the inequity of us all.

So tell people I have got a sign that I can't be cursed. I've got a sign that am blessed. I have got a sign... and when you say that they think maybe you thought you have a vision or you have a prophetic word from a prophet or an Apostles, say No! I have got a sign, I have got a sign. And Jesus said to the Pharisee, there is only one sign you will get, is the empty tomb. That is the sign.

So if you must seek a sign at all in the place of prayer, if you must seek an evidence at all in the place of prayer. Jesus in this book of Matthew Chapter 12, gives the whole of humanity the sign that we can always revert back to. The one that we can always remember, because the book of Psalms 78 said, the reason why they tested God was because they were not remembering. That is it. And because they were not remembering, they began to say things and pray prayers that actually limited the Holy One of Israel in what he can do with them and through them.

So this is the end of chase and enquiry for you because all these hitching and clamoring for a new word, a prophetic inspiration and so, if you can't get anything surer than the sure Word of prophecy. You have the sure Word of prophecy that has gone ahead of you. And then that book of Romans that was telling us, that who, what is the evidence of it? The worth of all these things coming to you, that when he cannot spare his only son, so what again do you need to prove?

We can find out that just a singular evidence again, just one. It's just about the resurrection about his son, what he put on his son, if you look at yourself, if you look around and you feel like all these things are coming at you, and this persecution, this pestilence, and said who? The questions is coming or those circumstance are asking a question or people around you is asking a question. You just have to think and remember, if he cannot spare his only son, there is no doubt then he's on your side, there is no doubt he is with you. So that is what he is saying there.

And he is telling us, we don't have multiple evidences, he said no other sign except this. It will mean, that every time something happens with you or in you in the place of prayer or you receive answers to prayers, every time something happens to you because you believe that you pray and God answers your prayer. The results of those prayers can never be evidences that God has favoured you.

You know, you can't do that. That is actually doing a disfavor to the spirit of grace. For the Bible says something in Hebrews Chapter 10 that some people have done despite to the spirit of grace. That is insulting the spirit of grace. If you say that the results of your prayer, is the evidence that prove that God is with you or favoring you. That is why there are so many charlatans today in the body of Christ who go about trying to merchandise people and manipulate people and trying to say you know what, can you see what is happening in my life? Can you see what is happening in my ministry? or happening around me, this is the evidence that am favored of God, you can tell people I have an evidence that am favored of God. God disfavored his son.

In fact, Jesus said Father, Father why have you forsaken me? Eloi, eloi lama sabachthani, He says why? And then Jesus answered and asked the questions, and may I say the reason why there were no answered when Jesus asked the questions is because we are the one to answer the question. When he said my Father, my Father why have you forsaken me? We are the generation that is going to answer that question. And what is the answered? Well, we can say Jesus, we know why the Father forsook you, it was because he wanted us to be accepted.

Now, we answer that question what he asked on the cross. We are the generation that answers that questions. It is because of us that he was forsaken, so that we can be accepted. And that is why the scriptures says, we are accepted in the beloved. We quote that scripture, we like to quote it. I mean especially for those of us that believe in the power of the grace of God, we say oh we are accepted in the beloved. Let's not forget, we are accepted because somebody else was forsaken. And that is what the scriptures says and Bible tells us.

So we have come to a point where we can simply say that, we know God has given us an evidence for his favor upon our life. But every result then we get to prayers, every answers to prayer, they are not evidence of God's favor, rather they are a product, they are a result of that favour. They are not the evidence of the favour, they are the result of the favour. Until we get to that point in the place of prayer, we will go about testing God and limiting the Holy One of Israel. (Psalms 78:41)

It is good that you mentioned that because some people don't have problem with signs but when they want to produce those signs, they now label a wrong signs. Some people will say this is the evidence of what is happening, of what the Lord has done, or what he has done for me, and the presence of the Lord, they bring out testimony, I have this, I have this promotion, I have all these things. So they wrongly label all the signs.

We see the same thing Jesus was label to tell the Pharisee then, he mentioned only one thing. He could have mention, see! I healed the blind, I make the lame work, I did other miraculous thing, all the things we call testimonies today you that kind of a thing. Jesus could have said it, or say that is the sign. Or he could have said that was the sign, he could have said ok, yes, the resurrection, the Jonas in the belly of the fish, that resurrection story with every other thing, then is the sign.

So we see some people today, some are putting everything above even the resurrection. Some are just saying well, it's just that sign. Even they are disregarding the resurrection and that is what the crux of the whole matter, they are discarding it, they are pointing it as evidence of what the Lord or the presence of the Lord in their life. And some are even adding it together and said, this and this, and some will even say if you have this, the resurrection story and then they disregarding that and you don't have the other thing, that shows that something is wrong with you. Putting the resurrection power beneath, they are putting the resurrection evidence beneath some every other thing.

But we see just the only singular evidence. So only single. They just only want single evidence and that run consistently through the scriptures, despite of miracle, several times, several testimonies but there is only one evidence. And that is it.

We don't you to be misguided today and know that no matter what is happening, no matter how good the testimonies is, and how pleasing it is and how desirable they are, is actually needed, we always applaud them, we clap for that, we praise God for that, but they are not the sign. We just have only one sign, and that sign is the resurrection.

And so you are going to elevate the resurrection story, the evidence in your life, you are not going to set it aside in the place of prayer. That is what we are saying. We don't want you to be misguided, no matter what people are saying, no matter what is happening around you even in the midst of all other testimonies, do not set aside, this revelation, this resurrection evidence, and that is the mother of all signs. That is the only sign. It's the singular sign and that is what we want you to... bringing it to your remembrance today and we trust the Holy Spirit to bring it more because it just have to be there, in fore front of your mind. We see that Romans saying your heart. It goes beyond what you say it is in the heart.

So people who are being careful, am I crossing my t and dotting my i in the place of prayer, am I using the right tenses in the place of prayer, that is not what we are talking... You have to start from your heart first. Just the revelation must be in the fore

front, it can't be a back burner. It must be in the fore front. It's what you are looking at, and that is why you are judging everything.

And you cannot use whether the present of these things or the absence to judge. You are going to judge by has he resurrected. That is it. Is the tomb empty or not? Did he spare his son or not? If he spare his son, it means God is for you, if he did not spare his son, God is against you. You are going to make a choice, there is no in between, that is what Romans 8 tell us.

So don't be intimidated by story and testimonies of others, you just have only one testimony to consider and that is the testimony of the resurrected Lord. That is just the only thing you need to bother yourself about. Is he risen? If that is true, everything is just settle. Unless you do not accept that. That is the only thing to worry yourself about. I just hope you are going to live with this truth today.

Thank you a lot for that.

I will want to encourage our viewers in the light of what we sharing today because this is time for break so we have a lot of time to rest and to reflect on this resurrection story, that is not only this Easter break, don't let it be a weekly affair, just this weekend alone. You know this resurrection is the cruz of the whole matter, is just the only evidence you have, fortunately or unfortunately. You don't have any other evidence to look into. Why would you not take this serious when you just have only one thing to consider? Its only one subject, all you need to listen to.

So whatever they are sharing in your place of worship or anything, no matter how good the story testimonies or anything about, I have just have to listen, the only you see here is the resurrection. Is there any resurrection? Is there anything adjoin to the resurrection? Is it a product of resurrection? Is anybody talking about the resurrection? There is no issue. There is no point of discussion.

So if you look at your life whether what is present or absent, you just have to judge a very thing by that resurrection. And that is the only evidence and that is what you need have to worry about.

On our page we have a recording of how to explore this resurrection. We explore that resurrection, we say "cheat the system and then living off somebody's account." So we encouraging you to come to a better deal, living off yourself. You have to set aside, why would you want to spread yourself thin? Why do would you want to restrict yourself to what you can come out with, living with all your genotype, living with your result, living your with geographical location, your race, your citizenship? Why not live off somebody else, which is a better deal for you?

So if you have the time we want to encourage you, to go to that on our page to listen to that episode. Somehow, it's like a continuation of what we are saying.

There is something I want our viewers to know before we actually close today's transmission. In few minutes, let me just say this.

Now don't... again at the risk of being misunderstood, we just want to clarify one thing, that when we see miracles happen, or when somebody rise from the dead, or we have somebody who was sick or who was in infirmity get healed and all these, when we see all these signs happen in the body of Christ, we are the one making proof for our ministry. Can you see that?

That is why Paul told Archippus, see to it that you make full proof of your ministry. We are the one proofing our ministry. Can you see that? That is why the Bible says about the Apostles in Acts Chapter 6, he said with great power the Apostle gave witness, they are the one giving witness. We are the one proving our ministry. Not the Lord! Not the Lord trying to prove himself which is what people pray about today. It's a whole different thing. Let's us not get this twisted.

The Lord says there is only a sign you are going to get that am on your side. Look at the tomb, he said the sign of prophet of Jonas. It means then we are the one making proof of what we are, demonstrating to the world that we have the living Christ in our spirit. That is a whole different thing, and we should not get it twisted. That is what we are talking about.

And please don't misunderstand that we are saying it doesn't matter when Satan afflict people, they should not be asking God to deliver them. If you think that is what we are saying, you get the whole thing wrong please. That's not what we are saying.

Let me shed more light on that. On the side of the Lord, the only sign that he owe this generation is the sign of resurrection, and that is what he told the Pharisee. From my side to you, what I owe you no matter what you say and clamor for more, is the sign of the resurrection. But on you part, on our part we owe our generation to demonstrate the risen Christ. He said, with great power they gave witness to the resurrection. So we owe our generation. You owe as a believer. He said this signs shall follow them that believe.

So as a believer, you owe your neighborhood, you owe those people in your working place, you owe them signs. You are a working signs and miracles. You owe them but we must not juxtapose and transpose this in the place of prayer and tell God show that you are with me by manifesting yourself. That is testing God. And then living with the

result of our signs and placing it as the result of God... You know just getting that mixed up that is what we are clarifying with this episode. Praying that way is testing God and is limiting what God can do with us and through us.

I hope you fully understand this, and if you need to go back to this episode again to understand that. On the part of God to prove his signs, he has only one signs and he has done it all, no matter how you clamor for more and you have to remember all the time. But you are the burden of if miracle assign worker because as a believer this sign follows you, it is a part and parcel of you and you owe your generation to show the signs but is not the sign from the Lord. The sign from the Lord is about the resurrection. I hope that we have clarifying that.

And so tomorrow 9am UK time we will continue on this Knock Out series on prayer. And then if you have the chance and you are in our neighborhood, tomorrow by the grace of God, we will be ministering at Chapel House Christian Fellowship in Churly Lancashire 11am. So if you live in greater Manchester region or you are in Lancashire, you can join us 11am Chapel House Christian Fellowship as the Lord will help us to minister in that church tomorrow morning.

Now, if you cannot make it there, please join us on our live transmission. We should be live by 11am tomorrow morning as well, for those who cannot physically join us in the church service.

So we are saying in other word we are going to have 9am UK time transmission to continue on Expose 247. And then again 11am we are going to have that transmission of the ministration if you can make it. And if you cannot join it, maybe your place of worship, anytime during the day, it's going to be on the page, you can fall back on it.

We want to say thank you for joining us today. We want you to live the truth of the word, and we want you to share it so that others can be blessed.

So should you have any comments, any questions, any clarification, you know where are to meet us, on the page. So we are happy to answer your questions. Most of the time, if we don't answer, we know some people.... the Lord is blessing them with insight, and we are getting blessed by them answering some of those questions, so hit us up on those page.

Till we see you tomorrow 9am UK time,

What do you want to say to our viewers? Well, stay blessed and connect with us. God bless you.

Bye!!!

