

Expose 70 K34

Stop praying backward

This is Expose 247, where we turn the light on the finished work of Christ. And by that we try to equip you with the knowledge of his will, so that you will be able to apply the lessons of the resurrection and appropriate the blessings to yourself. And that is what we've been doing and we will continue to do.

Today is Easter Sunday, celebrated by some people. If you celebrate it or not, I just want to leave you with the admonition of Apostle Paul in 1Thessalonians Chapter 5 verse 8, that says **we that are in the light, we that are in the day we should be clear headed, we should be sober, protecting ourselves with the full armor of faith and love, wearing the helmet of the hope of our salvation, wearing the helmet of the hope resurrection, wearing that confidence on your slip, the confidence of your salvation.**

And that is what we encourage you to do today, whether you celebrate Easter or not, you must be fully kitted, fully protected, having the helmet of salvation, the hope of the resurrection, the confidence that you are eternally save, you must have it on you, and that is what we are doing.

Since we been doing on prayers and the armor, getting kitted in place of prayer like yesterday, we talked about prayers that limit God you know, that kind of thing. How will you find God to be limitless or limited power, but we saw yesterday that some prayer could actually limit him.

So we want to kick off from where we stopped yesterday. And if you missed that episode, you really need to go back to it to listen it. Today is our 70th episode on Expose, so you have a lot... Some people have been asking where can I get? How easy to just look up and go to the Expose 247 page on Facebook and get all these episodes. So we kick off today from where we stopped.

Now, viewers thank you again for turning in unto this Expose 247. Don't forget we've been on a Knock Out Series on prayer. And then, well, just to give you a kind of, bit of snapshot so you understand how far we've gone and where we are going to. We've actually began about prayer quite some weeks now. We talked about prayer and then we moved on to the missing ingredient in prayer which is faith. And then we did go on to the point that every Christians does have faith. Without faith you are not saved. I will say the key issue is about unbelief that negate out faith.

And then again we moved on beyond unbelief, we began to talk about what are the ways out, things that God has given us as a way that we can take out of unbelief. And then we began to look at the issue of how Jesus Christ himself dealt with his own unbelief. And then that take us to temptation and testing. And presently we are in the second temptation of Christ. And this is not just about Christ, again it's all about you as well, because the Bible says in Hebrew Chapter 4, that Christ was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin. It means, the more you look at and understand Christ temptation, you are looking at the things that you will go through on a daily basis and how you can work in victory over them.

Specifically today we are moving on with Psalms 78. Yesterday we talked about, prayers that limit God. And we saw that in Psalms 78. So today, we are making progress with that, and we are back to Psalms 78.

Yesterday we talked about, why if we test God, thinking we are trusting God, it can limit what God can do through us and in us. And please, I will encourage you to look for that transmission and listen to that especially if you believe in the power and the potency of prayer. You need to listen to that yesterday's transmission. We talked about prayers that limit God.

So today we are making a leap forward in that Psalms 78. We are going to expatiate more in how do we pray in ways that actually limit God? How does it happen? Let's go over to Psalms 78, look at verse 41, which is the one we are going to actually look at today.

Now before we look at verse 41, I think there is a verse that might be of interest to you which is Psalms 78 verse 17 and 18.

Psalms 78:18 and then 41, let's combine those two verses and get the picture the Lord want to show us this morning.

Psalms 78:18

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

And again that word tempted means they tested God in their heart.

Yesterday we established that it is very possible that somebody is asking God for something, but the conclusion of the Holy Ghost is, it's actually a testing of God. So we said yesterday that testing God and prayer can go together. And Psalms 78 verse 18 is a classical example of that where people can think they are praying but they are actually testing God.

Now see what verse 41 says,

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

Now that is the word. They turned back and tested God.

So now we see three fold connection. That the reason why God was limited in what he can do through them and in them, is because they tested God and he said, how did they test God? That is what we are going to zero in, he said they turned back. Now they reversed backward.

Now that is the word! **They turned back.**

Now if you check out the Israelites and their journey through the wilderness, there was anytime they physically turned back. In fact in Massah and Meribah, in Exodus 17 that refer to where they tested God, it didn't tell us that they physically went back to Egypt. There was no physical turning back as it were. Also in Numbers Chapter 21 which is another episode, that the Bible records that they tested God as well, when they asked for meat in their lust, there was no evidence in the Bible that they physically turned back. So what does the Psalmist mean by simply saying the reason why God could not do much with them, even though they are praying, don't forget verse 18 says they were praying,

So this is not about just the volume of prayer. Verse 18 of Psalms 78 says they are praying, but in context verse 41 gives us the report card of their prayer. He said they actually were turning back. I mean, how can you be praying and turning back. That is why we titled today's transmission stop praying backward. It means they were praying in verse 18, but the Bible says the very content of their prayer, the mentality of their prayer, the position they had in the place of prayer was actually a backward turn. They were reversing backward. How can it be that somebody can be praying and reversing backward?

Now this is the reason, the fact is, they already gain ground, because you don't turn back until we already ascertain the fact that you actually gain ground. They've already gain some grounds, but the Bible says what they are saying was just them turning back. So the question we are asking is, how can it be that somebody can be praying and yet turning back? And the reason why they are turning back should be of interest to you because for that very act, God was limited in what he could do with them. That is why this turning back thing is very important.

Let's check out the New Testament testimony of this and see how this apply to our daily life today in this 21st century in the place of prayer.

It is interesting to know that, stop praying backward. There are some prayers when you are making some prayers points, you are actually turning your back on the same person you are praying to, something like that.

And then you highlighted that for you to be talking about turning backward, that means there was a forward facing before, they have made a progress in a direction before, they have made maybe linear movement before for them to be changing their orientation. So there is a posture we assumed in the place of prayer, or there is some perception and talks and posture we have that can change our orientation.

So it can disorientate us from the finished work. It can turn our... you know when talks orientation, turning our heart back on that work, on the finished work of Calvary, because we find out just like you will find time to look at all the actual incidences where it happened in Numbers, they did not make actually a physical turning back at it is. So there is an orientation of your mind that might be a backward turning, and that is what we are addressing today in this transmission.

So you will do well, to learn today how not to pray backward so that you get orientated in space. We are talking about getting your orientation in space aright.

Thank you for that.

Now, why are talking about praying backward? Now let's go to the New Testament testimonies to this. Don't forget we are talking about effectiveness in the place of prayer.

The Bible said again in Psalms 78 that all their prayer asking God for meat was turning back. That is it. You can pray backward. We have a testimony in the scriptures.

Ephesians Chapter 6, and let's see.... back to the New Covenant, the New testament in the blood of Jesus.

Now, let see what he says from verse 10, about the Christian faith, about the Christian in the place of prayer.

Look at Ephesians Chapter 6, read from verse 10.

Ephesians 6:10

10. Finally brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

This is a very popular verse of the Bible. I mean for those of us that believe in spiritual warfare, this is one of the most important part people quote a lot, when it

comes to warfare in the spirit. He says be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might.

Look at verse 11,

11. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Now, this is a bit very strange because for most of us, we don't dress up until we want to go somewhere. Can you see that? The reason why we put on cloth, put on shoes, put on belt, put on whatever kind of attire you put on is because you are going somewhere. Nobody dresses up so that they can stand. People don't dress up to stand. They dress up to go out or to go somewhere. But the Bible says in the realm of the spirit, we dress up to stand. He said, put on therefore the whole armor of God, not because you are going somewhere, he said put on therefore the whole armour of God so you can stand. Now who dresses up to stand?

Oh yes, let's know why, this is the reason why you have to dress up to stand. You see, in the New Covenant, the Bible calls us a very special name, Romans Chapter 8, he says we are more than conquerors, through him that loved us.

Now, why will the Bible says we are more than conquerors? Now, the question is, first let see, who is the conqueror? And who is the one that supersede the conqueror? And a conqueror is a conqueror because he achieves victory, which means you have to break grounds, you have to break though enemy lines, and you have to actually achieve victory. That is we read books about war, and we watch war films and conquerors have to achieve victory.

One of the reasons why you are more than conquerors, is because you never achieve any victory. Victory was thrown to you. You were given victory. You didn't achieve victory. Conquerors achieve victory.

So the Apostle Paul reminded the Christians in Romans Chapter 8, you are not a conqueror. Tell somebody you are not a conqueror. The Bible says you are more than a conqueror. The realm of operation of a Christian is not a conqueror realm of operation. You are more than conqueror, because you have victory thrust to you. The Bible says in 1Corinthians 15, he says thanks be to God who lift us in triumphant victory, procession in Christ Jesus. We were led through it. It means that he achieved it and he gave us the benefit of it. And if you are more than conquerors, if victory was given to you. If you didn't achieve victory, all you are call to do is to stand in it. Can you see?

Now conquerors don't stand in victory, conquerors have to achieve it. But those who are more than conquerors, who have the victory given to them on the platter of faith, all they are asked to do is to stand in that which was given.

And that is why the Apostle Paul says let's say this as we start, he said simply put, you have to dress up then to do the standing. He says, let's dress up to do the standing. And you might be wondering, why do I need to dress up to do the standing? Because don't forget we are talking about stop praying backward, we are still on track. Why is that?

We need to do something quickly, or if you are opening your Bible there, just hold on to that and run quickly to verse 18, you see, from verse 11 to verse 17 tells us about all the different regalia, all the things to put on, that is not the focus to day. Because sometimes in the future, we might have time to go through spiritual warfare, but at the moment, that is not the focus, it tells us all the different attires, helmet of salvation, the breastplate of righteousness, am quoting verse 12, verse 13, verse 14. Why do we need to do all that? Check out verse 18.

Look at verse 18. What does it say in verse 18?

Watch verse 18,

18. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

Praying always

Can you see? The reason then he told us to dress up to stand first, not to lose ground first, was because he was ultimately going to talk about prayer. So he was saying for Christians who've not actually taken their stand from verse 11 to 17, and then they want to just talk about prayer as a topic in verse 18, they are wasting their time. He's simply saying they've turned backward. Because if you are not standing in the victory that Christ paid for, you see in the realm of the spirit, there are no neutral ground. It's either you are standing or you are turning backward. Either you are standing in that which was paid for that you were given or you are turning backward. So Paul knew there was no point praying backward. That is why he instructed the Christians, he said see! From verse 11 to verse 17, I will teach you how not to lose ground to the enemy.

And he says, now that you have not lost ground to the enemy, in verse 18, let's talk about prayer. So that you don't pray backward. And that is what he's simply saying there.

I feel is not difficult for people to understand that when you need to make some motions, make a movement to run, how you need to be kitted. We see sport brands, they have outfit for running, for jumping, for all those actions that does not make you to be static, any kinetic motions. Whether you are jumping, so they have appropriate gear for those. Even for running, so is easy to understand being clothe in for that action. But being clothe for standing is so strange, at least in the human realm and everything, and we are going to apply the biblical sense into this. because as we find out this morning that, for us to stand you really need to have the appropriate gear, just like for you to run, you have to put on the things that he shape for your running, to help you in running, you see the boots for that. If you are to swim, there is appropriate, what you wear for swimming is different from what you wear for running, you know, that kind of a thing.

So for standing, it's has own appropriate gear for it and that is what we are learning today this morning that for you to stand, so standing is a very important. People don't give cognizance and importance to standing. People see running, we have to run the race, we have all those words in the scriptures, running the race and everything, fights and all those kind of things, it denotes actions and energy. People can relate more to that. But for standing we need to look closely as we are doing this morning on standing.

So standing is an important part of our spiritual exercise. And then we are not just going to stand like that, we are going to stand fully kitted in it, so that it will eventually leads to the prayer, not going backward. Because if you don't stand and you start praying, you pray backward. That is it. That is why he says, all the reason I've told you about standing, not to give up ground is simply because I am going to talk about prayer.

That is why we see this morning that the reason why God couldn't do much with the Israelites in Psalms 78, the Bible says they were turning back. Though they were praying, they were asking for meat, but the Bible says they were turning backward.

And for people who are really agitated, who don't want to work out something, they believe I want to make things happen, it means you have to slow down, you have to stand. Because you are more than conqueror, people are warming up, they feel like fighting for it, they feel like scheming out their own salvation and deliverance, people feel like I want to pay the price, or I want to pay the full price, ok fine, they are accepted they cannot pay the full price, but let's meet half-way, let me contribute something, you know, they feel like they want to give dignity and be part of the salvation and the deliverance project, you see.. The Lord has done it himself, fully

himself. He has sorted it out himself. So you are more than conquerors. So please, you have to slow down and you stand. All you need to do is stand. So all your energy, you need to deplore it in standing, so that is what he's saying.

So every exercise that is putting you on the move, on the motions and to walk up things, we are telling you to rest it on the Lord and to stand in that victory, in that what he has entrusted into you. Thank you for that insight.

So viewers, it means we've come to a point then, where we then notice that it's possible to be praying backward. It means, anytime we don't take our stand. And then you see, this issue of stand we are talking about, it will mean that the reason then why God was limited in what they could do in them and through them in Psalms 78:41, the Bible says because they were turning back. They were not standing. Standing in the very victory that God granted to them when they went through the red sea. Standing in the victory that God granted to them when they were baptized into Moses.

So what we are talking about is, what is the standing? How is it that a Christian can turned back? How can prayer then become a tool of turning back? And then it means what we say or what we pray or how we pray, the mentality we have in the place of prayer, could be the very thing that drives us backward.

And let see, don't forget that the reason why we are in this place at the moment, the reason why we are in this particular discussion that we are looking at in regards to not turning back, please don't forget this, I think we need to highlight something and make it really big at this point. The fact is, the turning back that the Bible mention was not because they were outrightly in a way being disobedient to God or they said, I think I will not gather with the Israelites any more, like you will say I wouldn't go to church anymore, or I wouldn't do this, or I am going to start living a life of sin. Please that is not what we are talking about. The Bible says they prayed, they asked for meat. Can you see? It was prayer points as it were, then how can prayer points then be a means of rotating backward, turning back? Don't forget it was just prayer points.

Now before we go there, you want to read for us,

Yes, I just want some people that don't understand what standing is, is not call to docility, just go and fold your hands, or standing is a state of inactivity like what you think. You are wondering on what platform do we stand on? On what ground do we stand. Galatians Chapter 5 verse 1 was telling standing in that liberty, standing in that victory. So you cannot just say am just standing in space. You are not standing in space. You are standing in that victory that he has given to you. You are standing because you are kitted, is not like a state of docility or inactivity at all. You are

standing on that ground of the liberty, and so it's not just a state of rest like you might...

Yeah, there is one thing, you see standing really is quite a bit more challenging really than just getting victory. And this is the reason, because the enemy will see to make you shift ground. That is the reason why Ephesians Chapter 4 tells us in verse 27, he said **don't give any foot hold to the devil**. Well, it will mean then, even when you are standing, there is the devil as well, if not Ephesians 4:27 wouldn't make sense, so there is you standing and then verse 27 of Ephesians 4 says don't give place.

In fact, a particular translation says don't give ground to the devil. It means you've already been given ground already. That is why you are more than conquerors, you have ground already. For example, how do we know you have ground? The Bible says in the name of Jesus, everything is subject to you in his name, that is ground. You didn't pay for that, you didn't achieve that. And that is why people can say in Jesus name, and demons have to bow. You didn't achieve that. That was given to you.

And Bible talks about the fact that your needs, God shall supply your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. That was a ground that was given to you. You didn't achieve that. You didn't actually do something to achieve that. You have lots of grounds. So much grounds that were given to you. And the Bible says what Satan will do then is to make you shift ground. So Bible says don't give him a foot hold, a ground. So that is it. Don't give him ground. Bible says... what is the irony then of the whole matter about prayer, is that, is it no strange then that even people's prayer can actually be the one giving ground. The Bible says, they pray in Psalms 78, and that prayer itself is turning back.

So we are here today on this Knock Out series on prayer to say it's high time to stop praying prayers that turn you back. I mean prayers that turn people backward. Stop praying backward. That is what we are saying. To pray backward means to give ground to the enemy by the very thing we are saying and by our ideology in the place of prayer. So this is what we see, he says don't give ground to the devil. Take your stand, it's a warfare. It's a stand up. Take your ground. It means when the enemy comes to you and tell you, you know what, you need to actually pray about this, you need to pray that God will favour you in 2017 or whatever year, when you pray such prayers what you are simply saying is, I give up my ground of the fact that the Bible says am blessed with all spiritual blessings available in Christ Jesus. I don't think so, I give up that ground. Because you need to give up some grounds before you can pray some prayers.

I will say that again, some Christians unknowingly give up some ground before they even make some prayer points, if not those prayer points don't make sense. How can you be saying that Father I want this year to be the year that you put your favor on my life. That very prayer then suggest automatically that you believe the fact that Christ was forsaken, wasn't because you were accepted... in other word, you are giving a way the ground that you are on the victory in Christ, you just giving it away. You just give up the ground. Giving it to the devil.

I mean some very prayers actually means that we are praying backward. That is what we are saying this morning. For example if you believe that as a Christians, that somebody curse you, or you believe that curses are reigning in your life. Of course it means you've given up the ground of Galatians 3:13. He says Christ became a curse for us, for it is written cursed is everyone that is hung on a tree. So you must have given up that ground, before you pray that prayer. Again, don't forget we are saying stop praying backward. Stop praying backward. That is what we are saying,

Bible says they pray in Psalms 78:41, and they turned back. How can prayer be a turning back? And that is why we say stop praying backward, because if you do, the implication is, the report card of that in verse 41 of Psalms 78 says they turned back and they limited the holy one of Israel.

So in other word, it means some prayer points are phrase and the mindset that comes with it, is done in such a way that it conceded points, you know, giving it to the enemy. So you are so some prayer points have already conceded the healing grace and virtue to the enemy, saying enemy take this. And feel like... some people are walking in personal salvation, but in healing, they have given the grounds of the healing to the enemy.

So all the scriptures about all that him himself borne our sins on the cross, they conceded that, the point of compromise you know, you do it in the business world and when you cannot win, and let's sit down round table, which one will you give up. Let's meet midway. Some with their journey in the Lord, in the place of prayer with the enemy is right, is watching out for this, so ready to concede and say am going to walk in the victory of the Lord in this area, but for this area, maybe my finances, am going to concede those points. You know, because there is a prosperity point that came with this, the benefit of the cross. The psalmist was talking about it. You know, satisfy, fill my mouth with all good things, my youth being renewed, am conceding those points. And going to walk in it, the one that heal up my disease. The one that save me, you know that deliver me, you might choose to pick the points.

So there are points if you look at that Psalms, there are so many points that come with it, that come with redemption, that comes with this resurrection that we are talking about this morning. But you can choose to say, oh I am standing on all the grounds, on all my points, am not giving any out.

In fact the NIV translation says don't give a foothold. That is somebody who is very stingy. You need to be stingy with the devil. Because you know the exact measurement of foothold, foothold is very small. But Paul said by the Holy Ghost, don't even give a foothold, it means be very stingy with the devil. Don't even concede as much as a foothold. Oh my God that is serious.

If you remember the whole purpose of Knock Out series and how we started with Colossians that we will not allow anybody to spoil us. And that is why we are charging you this morning that you will be in charge of your goods. Be the strong man in charge of your goods, because when he say a strong man is in charge, all his goods are protected. So make all those points, healing points, all the benefits of Christ, be protected you know, have it on your ground that am in charge here. And you are not going to concede.

Some people don't have the problem, they actually standing on the ground of salvation, personal salvation yes, I believe the Lord, because is part of the benefit of the cross, but they said that is the only one, they are standing on, so they gave away all the points.

So which points are you giving away? Are you giving the healing virtue away? Are you just saying that, Oh I don't mind, but I don't know whatever the devil does with my body or so, I don't care about it, as long as am saved, and am going to heaven? It is your choice and that is why are charging you this morning that you will not pray backward, and be able to have everything... And say am not shifting my foot. Because if you shift a foot on any of those points you know you are giving the foothold to the enemy.

Thank you for that.

You know, what could be a very strange thing which actually quite a number of us encounter today in our prayer life as Christians, as you mention is much more strange that some people are actually praying about all those very things. Praying for the healing actually, praying for the deliverance. That is not even the problem. We have lots of volume of prayer regarding healing, regarding deliverance. I don't think there is shortage of such prayers.

The problem as it were is by the very prayers themselves, we are praying backward. That is what we are talking about. Stop praying backward. It means we think.... because don't forget this, we all came to this point in Ephesians 6 simply because we are using the case study of the Israelites, and it wasn't us any way. It was Jesus that took us back to Massah and Meribah in Matthew 4 when Jesus quoted to the devil thou shall not test the Lord your God. Jesus told Satan I know what you are trying to do with my spiritual life. He told Satan. And when Jesus mentioned that, we looked for that verse, where is that word, thou shall not test the Lord your God, and it took us all the way back to Exodus 17. Massah and Meribah that was where it was. And we began to look at that in context.

Now we understand, they were praying. So it's not about they were not praying. But Psalms 78 gave us their report sheet, and he said they were praying but they were praying backward, which means, somebody praying a prayer like, talking about healing, somebody saying oh my God, please will you not heal me? Will you not at least consider me for healing at this moment? Will you not just please have mercy on me and heal me?

Now by that very prayer point, it is a praying backward. Why did I say that? Because 1Peter 2:24 says **who in himself borne our sins in his body on the tree that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness, he said by whose stripes ye were healed.** That was a ground, already given. Past tense! Were healed. That was a ground that was given to you. You are more than conqueror. That is your ground, but now going back to the Father to say, Father will you please heal me this year, will simply mean that am saying I have conceded that ground. I have given up that space. I have given up 1Peter 2:24. God please come and heal me again.

Bible says we must take our stand. Ephesians 6 then warns us that before we start praying in verse 18, Ephesians 6:18 stand first. From verse 11- 17 of Ephesians 6 needs to be actually observed before you can run to verse 18 and start praying. If not we will start praying backward.

It was good that you mention that, that we don't lack people, very few people, percentage of people will just say that outrightly discredit that the salvation comes with other benefits and feel like other benefits of healing, they are very few people like that.

So actually people are praying, they believe in all those things, they believe that all those benefits come with salvation that there is a full package, actually it shows in the place of prayer, actually it shows that they pray about it but the way they pray about it is actually giving... and that is the irony... that is praying backward.

And then the way they pray about is even giving those things away. And that is very sad. That is what we have come to illuminate and bring the knowledge of God's Word to those places. So that you will not waste your time. You know that kind of a thing. Because actually you believe in it, you really want to access it and yet you are giving the grounds away. That is foolishness. That is why we are correcting that foolishness with the Word of God, with wisdom of God today this morning, and then I want you to listen and then go back to it, and in humility accept.

Thank you for that.

So let's look at something because again, it was because of Christ Jesus we have come all the way to all these places.

Let's see Satan was trying to do with Jesus, when he was trying to tempt Jesus with this second temptation. He wanted Christ to test his Lord his God. And let's see how this applies in context to this Psalms 78 verse 41.

You can go to Matthew Chapter 4, then if you look at the last verse, before Matthew Chapter 4, I want you to read Matthew Chapter 3 verse 17 and let's see what that says.

Matthew 3:17

17. And lo a voice from heaven, saying, this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Now look at that, you can say that was a ground gained. Christ gained ground with the Father. He gained ground. The Father accepted him. The Father said, I have put my sign of approval on you, you are my son am well pleased in you. That was ground gained. Can you see that? Matthew 3 verse 17.

Now, if you then look at... the second temptation actually did say. Go back to second temptation which is where we actually via off about few transmissions ago.

Now, hold on to that Matthew 3:17 see the ground that Christ gained. The Father acceptance.

Look at Matthew 4, few verses after. Go to verse 6.

Matthew 4:6

Few verses after Matthew 3:17, watch that!

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

So what does verse 7 say then?

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

This is Jesus own perception or understanding of the temptation of Satan, that second temptation. See what he says.

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

Well, it is written again, you should not test the Lord your God.

Well, the summary of that is, here was Satan trying to tell Jesus test God. And you know what testing God mean? Can you confirm whether you are sure whether God is with you or not. So what we can simply do is, if you can jump from the top of the temple and the angels can show up on your behalf to prevent you from dashing your foot against the stone, then we have evidence automatically that God is with you. Don't forget Matthew 3:17 already said, that the Father accepted him.

So it means then, that is why Jesus Christ told Satan, why can you then asked me to experiment or test that which I already...? I will not give up ground. So every time then that people put God to test, what they are simply doing indirectly is giving up ground. Christ Jesus would have to give up the ground of Matthew 3:17 for him to have responded to Satan in Matthew 4:7. And because Jesus Christ wasn't willing to give up Matthew 3: 17 ground, he decided then not to respond to that temptation.

And that is the point we are trying to say this morning, Christ has to ... am not even sure whether he is there with me, am not sure whether I have his approval in Matthew 3:17, let me use this jumping down, if the angel to preempt my foot from being dash against the stone, then am pretty sure then that God is on my side. Now, Jesus wasn't going to fall for that, and you should fall for that with the enemy.

Every time we actually don't stand our ground, every time we give up ground. That is what it means to putting God to test. And that ultimately limit what God can do with us and through us. So we have to stop praying backward.

And if you remember how we started telling you that praying backward is not actually physical, that you are just turning your face to the wall, is not a physical turning. And that is why the scripture I quoted in the opening verse, talking about 1Thessalonians Chapter 5 verse 8 talking about the helmet of ... saying see to it, that you are clear headed. So see to it in all these, don't be carried away, be sober as you are in the light, you are people of the light. See that you are clear headed, that you are protected, armor with that helmet of salvation, the hope of the resurrection. So you are covering your head, that is the mentality.

Because we actually did not see them turning backward physically but in their mind.

So the way the prayer points are phrase, you are turning backward, losing ground, giving up ground to the enemy. Turning your back on all the points, that he already gained, that Christ gained. You know he was tempted at all points and he never lost ground.

So no matter what your temptation is, there is a ground that he's already gained. So every ground is covered and that is the good news. Every ground is covered and so you need to now arm yourself, that is why he said, stand in it to be kit. You need to be in your full gear, and part of the gear is for you to have that helmet of salvation. And you know when you are talking about the head, that is center where you have your mind, emotions and will they are all there.

So your thinking pattern, you have that head, you must covered, you be fully covered. That is why you should be more covered. You should be more concern about that than just the physical head gear. You must be concerned about having your head is covered, you have your mentality is rested on that finished work, on the salvation that you have the confidence of salvation, you have the confidence of the finished work as New Living Translation stated it, that is about the confidence of your salvation, the confidence of the hope of resurrection, confidence of the points that he had gained for you on your behalf, that you have it.

So when you have that, standing then you cannot... Any of the prayer that comes out of that can never be, you can never turn your back against those grounds. Because as soon as we begin to turn back, Psalms 78:41 says we can limit what God can do in us and through us. Who want to limit God in their lives? Nobody wants to. But the bible says praying backward does exactly that in Psalms 78:41. And that's what we see therein the scripture.

Have you notice that today, we've not actually clarifying in depth... I mean what does it take to stand? The reason why we see all these armors that he say we need to put on, is simply because the enemy is going to shoot. The enemy is going to target you and I. And the goal of the devil, because people have this strange belief about Satan, we believe is invincible, people think that Satan actually we wonder whether Christ defeated Satan on the cross. Well, he was defeated. Colossians 2 tells us that having spoilt principalities and powers, Jesus made a public show of them by triumphing over them in it (Colossians 2:14). So there is no doubt about the victory of Christ over the devil.

So what the devil is actually trying to do, is he doesn't denied the ground that was covered on your behalf. He doesn't denied the ground that was given to you by the virtue of the death and the resurrection of Christ. Satan has no answer to that. No answer. What does he do then? What he does is to make you shift ground. Bible says give no foothold (Ephesians 4:27), no place to the devil. If you are going to do spiritual warfare, if you are going to fight at all, the fight you should fight is not to give up any foothold.

That is why Ephesians 6 then tell us from verse 10 that we need to put on this armor, not because we want to look nice. People dress now to go to occasion to look really good. People dress to go to a party, or go to... even church a place of worship as it were, we want to look nice, but this one is not to look nice, this is not to look great. This is one is for you to survive, this one is for protection.

See we didn't say this one is for victory, we didn't even say this one is for you to actually succeed. We didn't say this one is for you to actually overcome, or to actually achieve victory. No! You already got victory. It was given to you through Christ Jesus. This regalia is just for you to take your stand and not lose ground.

And the Bible says well, if somebody loses ground, there is no point for then to get to verse 18 of Ephesians 6 and you want to start praying with all manners of prayer, because if they pray, anytime people jump from Ephesians 6:10 and they jump all the way to verse 18, without going through verse 10 to 17, they will be praying backward. And that is why he says, take your stand before you mention prayer. Can you see that? Take your stand first from verse 11 to 17 before prayer came in verse 18.

So that is what we are saying today, we've not even began to look at the specific details of this armor, and I think that is not our focus for today. There will be a different day, different time to look at that in-depth.

So let's quickly go through to 1Corinthians Chapter 15 and see what the scripture has to say to us regarding this not praying backward.

You can read from verse 57.

So please you will need to stick to us on the Knock Out Series if you want to understand in depth how to take on each of this armor pieces so that you can stand. Unless you stand and if you pray without standing, you will pray backward. (Pslams78:41)

1Corinthians 15:57

57. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark the word **give**. That is a very important word. Can you see? That is what we said, nobody achieved victory. If anybody claims that they achieved victory, I think I fasted long enough, some people say they want to fast there way so that they can actually achieve dominion over the devil. I say you cannot fast your way to achieve dominion over Satan. That is unscriptural. That is anti-Christ to think that way. It is anti-Christ to think you want to fast your way so that you can achieve dominion over Satan. You can't achieve dominion. Christ achieved dominion, Colossians 2:14-15. All the Bible says here you were given victory. Can you see what he said? You were given! You were given! It was a benefit of the cross.

David said in Psalm 103, **blessed the Lord my soul and forget not his benefits, who forgives your sins, who heals your disease, who feed your mouth with good things and your youth is renew like the eagles.** It was the benefit of the cross. Dominion over Satan is the benefit of the cross. Nobody achieves it. I don't care who they are. They are claiming that you know what I have achieved a level of authority over the devil because I pray and fasted. That is a lie from the pit of hell.

The Bible says in 1Corinthians 15:57 we were given victory. And that is why the Bible says nobody can boast about it. He says nobody can boast about it. 1Corinthians 6 says there is nothing you have that you have not received. Nobody can boast about this, because you were given. Whether the weakest of Christians, or the strongest of Christians, the most immature Christians, the most mature Christians. We are all given victory. And that put everybody on the same level playing ground. We were given victory. That is what he says there. Can you see?

Please let that word **given** be so magnified in your sight. He said, **thanks be to God who gives us**, that is the word. Gives! It was given. Victory was given. It was never achieved by any one.

Now go on please,

Look at verse 58. This is where we are going to zero in on,

What does it says then?

58. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Therefore means well, enough of these teaching and talking about Christ gave us victory, what should I do with it? What am I going to do with the victory? What am going to do with it? That is what verse 58 will tell you. He says therefore. What are you going to do with the victory? What is the implication of that victory?

Look at verse 58,

58. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable,

No shifting of ground that is what he's saying. No shifting of ground. No movement now. He said unmoveable. Take your stand. No yielding any ground to the devil. No giving up of space. He said no giving up. That is unmoveable. Don't even shift your ground.

Now, it means for you to be living in verse 58, it means you go back to verse 57. It means the reason why said, don't shift your ground, is because you already covered so much ground that was given to you. Too much ground. Too much ground on every aspects of your life. So much ground was already covered for you and it was now delivered to you and given to you. And now that is given to you, he said, be unmoveable. Don't even be like a statue. That is the word. Be like a statue. He said don't even shake. Don't even move. But like I said, prayers that we pray can actually make us go backward. That is why said on this transmission, don't pray backward. He says, if you actually shift ground, and then you are praying, you are praying backward.

Yeah, if I may add something there because is very interesting to see this and is mind boggling to see that unmoveable. So he is just saying no provision for shuffling of gates. And the verses that I've quoted before, all those 1Thessalonians, we see the consistency of the scriptures running throughout the theme. All through the scripture he was telling you that be clear headed, be sober, if you are not clear headed, sober, you have the drunken gate, steady, we see in balance, you try to stand balance and coordination with drunken state.

So you need your clearheaded to be sober, you know to be unmoveable. No shuffling of gate. You know you can stand and be unsteady on your feet, you can't afford to do that because if you do that, you are shifting the ground, you are shifting on the points, on the victory points that he has already gained. So you need your clear headedness, you need to be sober. You need to be alert. You can't afford to close your eye. And that is why he is telling you that this standing is like a warfare position, is a warfare strategy.

It's a warfare because of what use is getting dispossess of the trophy you already have, because you need this mentality, you need this position, spiritual position for you to be able to take a guard. He said so that you can protect, stay protected the guard of that trophy in your hand. Of what use is that benefit, somebody gave something to you and you cannot keep.

So for you to be able to keep what is yours, he has given unto you because we've established how he led you in triumphant procession, how he has given you the victory, for what you to keep it and make it eternally yours, you have to stand your ground. And standing your ground you need to be kitted, wearing all the full armor and be unsteady. At least be unmoveable, be a statue, don't give up your ground. No shuffling, be clear headed, be sober be alert watching out. Devil wants to pull you away from that stand point of the liberty from the ground, the platform of the liberty and the victory of Jesus.

Thank you for that.

Now, let's say this, I think then, before prayer can then make sense for a Christian, before prayer will not become a tool of going backward or should we say before a Christian can successfully stop praying backward. It will mean then, you have to be able to list out the grounds that were gained in Christ. You have to list out the grounds that were gained. And the reason you need to list out the grounds that were gain, is because the Bible says in 1Corinthians 15:57, those grounds were given to you. He said, thanks be to God who gives us victory in Christ Jesus.

So you have to be able to then say specifically what the grounds are. That is why the Psalmist, even in the Old Covenant, in the Old Covenant, when even Christ had not come to die and resurrect. The Psalmist looked forward and began to counts the grounds. He said bless the Lord my soul. (Psalm 103)

I think we can read it, because how can you keep what you don't even know about? How can you be able to keep, you know, stake stock when you don't even really know what it is? Not taking stock, if you continue to pray, you will be praying backward. So you need to take stock and know what it is. Be on the lookout and be watchful so you don't lose the grounds.

Psalm 103:1

1. Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

2. Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits.

Well, that is counting the ground. Can you see that? It is **all**, do not forget **all**. Can you see that?

Now, you see the reason why he said all is simply because for some of us, there are times we actually stand on ground based on what Christ paid for with his life, with his blood, with his sacrifice. But at times we can see some other grounds. But this particular Psalmist seems to be very stingy with the devil. He says, am not going to yield all of them. He says all of his benefits. Can you see? Not some of them. All of his benefits. And that is what he is saying there.

And if I want to link it for our viewers, if you remember yesterday the problem was that, they forget, that is why the Psalmist is reminding that the only way that I will not pray backward is for me not to forget, and so he is putting himself in remembrance and say do not forget, because if you forget and you need to pray yes! You pray conceding points and even your prayer points by themselves according to Psalm 78:41 could be turning back.

And you see for everything, this verse 3 is so loaded, because he was saying, the whole thing of how you can hold all your points together, how you can hold all this victory points together is about not forgetting. And so that is what happened to the children of Israelites, like we saw yesterday, they did not remember. So everything is about just remembering this.

And that is why if we could have New Covenant saints in the Old Testament dispensation. Yes! David was a prophet. This is having New Covenant saint in Old Testament days. Some people are in the New Covenant days and they are having Old Covenant sense they are living with Old Testament sense in the New Covenant. We have Old Testament saints who actually were able to stir into the future and take hold of New Covenant. And we have New Covenant Christians who are looking backward to the Old Covenant. What a kind of irony?

So you can live in the dispensation, people are in the New Covenant days and they are walking with the old covenant sense. We see Old Covenant person walking with a New Covenant sense. We know that forgetting is just losing the ground. He forgets everything he has done. In forgetting what he has accomplished through his sacrifice. He said bless the Lord and forget not all his benefits.

You know, the emphasis is on all. Because some people are already understand only one benefit. And they are living there live, and they are not ready to yield ground to that one benefit. And they are living their life as if he only accomplished one.

So the choice of which of the one is different. But some are living there life running all with just only one benefit. They thought he only did one. But this man understood that all of his benefits. So it depends on you which one do you want to take advantage of all the benefit or just one or not none at all. Some are even not taking advantage as if Christ had not done anything. Don't forget, they are praying. You can pray backward which means, you are asking and you are saying God are you not seeing me, you can actually pray and pray backward. That is what we are saying.

Verse 3, 4 5 reads,

Psalm 103: 3-5

3. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Some people are wondering if healing is part of today. You can see that, just run to Psalm 103 verse 3. Forgiveness, salvation is there. Forgiveness of all iniquities. It covers all! All! All! All your iniquities, Is not that some part of the sins, or some people do believe that all the sins they committed before they got born again is the one that God has forgiven. If you actually fall into any sins after, they have to do a lot of convincing God to forgive them. All! Even what humanity have not thought of committing, it is cover here because all is all. Unless you have another meaning for what all is,

...all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases.

So diseases that does not have name is cover here, all!

Well, that is important because some people believe that when Jesus says by the stripes of Christ we were healed, well, that is headache and malaria and some other kind of fever. But they say cancer? Cancer! Oh No! Or people say maybe somebody has even HIV, that is incurable, that is an exception to redemption. Even the one humanity has experience, that is what he says. He says all!

This man is not going to give up any ground.

Now, this is how we should be greedy with the grounds that Christ has given to us. We are more than conquerors. We didn't achieved any ground. We were given grounds. (1Corntihans 15:57)

So is just like are you prepare to protect your all? So he died for all, he did not die for some, just one part, he died for all. It depends on you, do you want to protect all? All the victory points that he had given, he had conceded for you.

Verse 4

4. Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies;

So you have salvation, you have deliverance.

So you have eternal favour, so you can't be praying for favour. You know goodness and mercy they stock you, they follow you all about. Imagine you trying to attend a church convention, a church service and they said this is the year to actually go and claim God's favour. Or this is the time for you to pray for God to favor you.

Well, for you to pray such prayers, you've already conceded grounds. You have already given this ground. You must have given up this ground to pray such prayers. Praying backward, because he already crowned you. It is a crown on you. You are dignified with it.

You know, let's go back to that verse, he says he crowneth thee. It was not like he just throw it about you, there was a coronation for this loving kindness about you. It was not thrown at you shabbily. So there was an event, you are crown with it. It's like a crown. You know, the way you wear crown.

So this loving-kindness and goodness is like a crown on your head. So how can you forget that? It was not done hurriedly, it was not done at the backyard or anything. So this loving kindness we are talking about, is about you are crown with it, you wear it. It's a stature symbol on you. That is how the loving kindness of the Lord is on you.

So how can somebody make you forget that? How can you ever run to a place that rubbish that and make you to be asking for what is already on you as a crown? When you pray such prayers, you are praying backward... That is what you are doing, that is it.

And then,

5. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's

Not just feeding your mouth with anything that is available. He satisfied you with good things. You are eating what is right. What is coming out of your mouth is right.

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's

You are talking of prosperity like that is vibrating in your life, the freshness of grace, freshness of ideas, you have usefulness, you have it and that is... all those points, all

of these. I just want you to take stock today to be able to go into these... we are just using psalm 103, if you run through all the epistles, you will see all those points.

1Corinthians 10:58, be unmoveable, from what? Verse 57 says that God has given us victory in Christ Jesus. (1Corinthians 15:57) and verse 58 says my brethren be unmoveable, don't yield the ground now, don't give up ground. Things will happen to you, things will attack you, people will attack you, something will happen around your life, circumstances will take place around you, but don't use that as a basis then to go to God in the place of prayer and start praying backward in which you start praying prayers that by their very nature concede grounds to the enemy.

In a nutshell, we see the reason why Psalm 78:41 in a summary said the reason why God was limited with what he could do with them in Psalm 78:41, the Bible says they turned back. And how did they turned back? Psalm 78:18 says there were actually praying. How can you be praying and be turning back? He said they were praying, and the very prayer was actually turning back for them.

So it means it's possible to pray backward, we have come today to day to say it's time to stop praying backward.

Yes, we just use Psalm 103 to show you some example of all these benefits, all the victory points that were gained for you, that were thrown at you, that you were crown with. So you just take your time off this week and forever to be looking at all these things, go through the scriptures, go through all the New Testament to know all these things. Itemize all these things yourself.

And then, because some people are running off, running off with just one of the benefit. They only discover one benefit, or they just only understood one benefit. They actually had a mental acceptance, every other thing were given with Christ, but the way they pray just like we say today, they are just running off from one.

So we are being encourage today to be like David at least show your understanding like David in this aspect of... the understanding he had in Psalm 103 mentioning the all and all, there are so many all, all of the diseases, all of these that is already covered. So you don't run off with one, for people are warming up to run off.

We learn today to stand, standing that you don't need to run off with one. Standing to protect all these points, that you take time to list them standing on it. You know, stand on these things and see that you are not going to switch ground, you are not to shuffle your gate. You are not going to be unsteady, you are going to be sober, clear head just like 1Thessaolians will say not like a drunken person, knowing that you are of the

light, you are in the light because in darkness you don't see things on your ground. That is why you stay in the light so that when you are in the light, you will be able to see very well. So when you are able to see, you will maintain your position.

So maintaining victory position that is what we are saying. Because if you do not maintain it, your prayers will be turning back and then when you are praying, you are turning back on all these victory points, you are turning back and say No! disregarding, running away from what he has given you. And that is what we charge you with this morning, that you will not pray backward.

And so for time, we will not be able to continue. We are going to round off now.

Let's say this, the fact is, the reason why he says steadfast and unmoveable in 1 Corinthians 15:58 is simply because the enemy will actually come, things will happen, your circumstance will dictate otherwise. We are not simply saying we are not understanding what is happening, we know that.

In fact if there were no circumstance that will run contrary to the victory of Christ in your life, he wouldn't say be unmoveable. The word unmoveable doesn't make sense if not that the fact that things will happen, circumstance will take place and those things will try to tell you, you see what? Are you sure you have victory in Christ? The evidence of your life, your circumstance doesn't confirm that, there is no victory for you. That's why he says be unmoveable, because he knows that things will happen around all the while. But it means you have to say I know what was gained. I know what was given to me and I am not going to shake out of it. I am going to stop praying backward. And that's what we are talking about this morning.

Thanks for join us this morning, we trust the Lord, we hope you have been blessed by it. So if you have the time and opportunity, we told you yesterday, there is another live transmission that will kick off by 11am or 11:30am and if you are physically in that area Lancashire, we are having the ministration there this morning. You can join us, and we hope we will be able to do the live transmission today.

And if you miss any of those and if you could not join the live transmission, you can get back to the page. It will be in the page later in the day. You can get what you missed. You know, that is one that you need to listen to, we are talking about "Cheat the system: And live off somebody else's account." It is something you need to listen to especially this weekend, so you will be able to work on this resurrection and be able to use Christ account instead of living on your own account.

So for any of those things, you can join us for them.

So next week 7pm UK time we will continue our Expose on Knock Out series. We will start 71st episode and so on Sunday again 9am UK time, we are going to continue.

So if any of this speaks to you and blesses you, please live the truth and share it with all your contacts. Should you have any questions and comments please drop it at the page for clarification.

And for those who are have been given the encouraging word, who has been asking question and everything, we want to say thank you and keep it coming.

So till we see you 11am UK time, whichever time you are able to join,

We want to say, stand your ground. Be unmoveable and stop praying backward.

Thank you

Bye!