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Know Your Enemies: Get out of the wrong fight

This is Expose 247 I hope you had a good night sleep. And so today we welcome you to the place of Exposition as we go through God's Word and so we are making the same plead like Isaiah this morning that you should come and buy bread without money. We are calling you out from the place and position and ideology that exploit your ignorance, we see it's so rampant these days, you see people they tell you come you need to sow into this, to get this, you need to put some amount down to be able to raise an altar. Some things they say it can even not be taught, it only has to be caught maybe sowing up and all those kind of things.

So we are calling you to that place of where you can build capacity, you have come to the place of knowledge and so that you can be strong and fit. And you now find out like what we are sharing yesterday in the book of Ephesians Chapter 6 saying the two divides between two set of people, you see some people they will just go into all those things, go into all those places and they find it comfortable come out and sow money for their business, they will not even find time to do the same, the same amount and the same energy and passion to read or to go for training, you know the physical aspect, the natural aspect, and so they just feel like coming out, they just want to raise an offering and short cut all the knowledge circuit by that.

You know that kind of thing, people are ready to pray all night for their children wellbeing but they are not going to stay at home, they are not going to pay money for some extra tuition and lesson, investing in them. You know some people the last time they read is, when they are prepare for exams, they don't even read about what they are doing and how to be better at it. And so they do all of the praying. And we know some people that do all of that, without any recourse to any spiritual aspect.

And so, it even gets to spiritual matters. I was so happy that the book of Ephesians Chapter 6 covers every form of relationship. Because some people have problem with the human relationship, but you see the relationship between parents in the Lord, father in the Lord. That was in Ephesian Chapter 6 verse 1. So it covers all, and it gives you the approach, the multi throng (double) approach to handling things.

And so yesterday we were encouraged to be well balanced. Not just being tilted to one side, not standing on one leg that you are balance, and is not just about being balance alone, well balance.

So we are going to kick off from where we stopped yesterday hoping that you will join us and in case you've gone to your place of worship, so you come back to listen to this as we continue this morning.

Thank you again for joining us on this Knock Out series on prayer.

Now, we are on a journey and we believe that you will be with us on this journey as we begin to unravel and look at those depths that we have in the Word of God regarding our Christian faith. Don't forget where we stopped yesterday, is we began to look at spiritual warfare and the reason why we are actually looking at that at the moment is because we understand is one of the ways through which the enemy drives unbelief into our lives. And we are actually at this point of the scripture because ways to drive out this unbelief in our lives.

And then where we stopped yesterday is we tried to make sure every Christian understand that Ephesians 6 like she said tell you and I, that we cannot be humanistic about life outrightly and we cannot be superstitious about life. Ephesians 6 from verse 1 to 9 address those people who just want to be plainly humanistic. And Ephesians Chapter 6 from verse 10 upward also says that if you stay in that place alone, you will be completely superstitious. So to have the right outlook to life, the right balance in warfare, we need to make sure we connect the whole book of Ephesians Chapter 6 and that is where we stopped.

So today we are making progress and I want you to just join us today as we go through Ephesians 6.

Don't forget spiritual warfare is a hot spot when it comes to Christian faith. People talk about spiritual warfare a lot. They talk about taking grounds on the enemy, talking about fighting the devil, talking about taking dominion over Satan but as you might know the weapon of the devil, the most effective strategy of Satan is this deception. And you don't want to fall into that deception even as it concerns spiritual warfare.

Let's go straight back to Ephesians 6 where we stopped yesterday in our last transmission. So quickly am going to start reading from verse 12. We are going to glean from the spirit of grace this morning what the Lord has to say to us.

Ephesians 6, if you look at verse 12.

Now if you look at that, he says

for wrestle not against flesh and blood.

Can you see?

but against principalities and powers, against rulers of darkness of this world and against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Something that comes straight at you from that Ephesians 6:12 is that the Word of God says we are actually in a wrestling. We are in a wrestling match. Now he says, our wrestle as it were is not against flesh and blood.

Now we did make a hint about this yesterday, but let's clarify. The Bible simply says, it doesn't matter who you think is coming against you. It doesn't matter... have you noticed from verse 1-9, it talks about all kinds of relationship, and he tries to be... like you said, all these things that were mentioned in Ephesians 6 from verse 1 to 9, all these relationship seem to be all encompassing because is either you have relationship with your parents, with your children, with your father, with your mother, in your work place, he address that as well, masters and servants. He said it doesn't matter whatever opposition you experience at any level of your relationship. He said, you cannot conclude that you are fighting flesh and blood. You cannot conclude that those humans are you enemies. He says your enemies differ than that.

Now, don't forget this, the devil of course uses people, influences people to come against you. There is no doubt about that. He address that issue, but what he is simply saying is the flesh and blood cannot simply be your enemy. They can just be mere tools. They are mere tools in the hand of the real enemy. And that is what he is saying. Flesh and blood cannot be your enemy. If you think so, you are getting it all wrong. He says, being used as tools in the hand of the real enemy. And he tells us who the real enemy is, he says against principalities, that is what we are wrestling with.

Now, there is a question mark upon that statement and the reason is this, and I want you to follow us closely today as we begin to identify who the real enemy is so that we don't start fighting the air. You know there is something that Apostle Paul said in 1Corinthians 9:27. He says when I fight, I do not fight like somebody beating the air. It means a lot of people are fighting today, people are engaging in spiritual warfare, people are doing lots of...I call it spiritual gymnastic, people are saying tonight we have to destroy the host of darkness.

Well, if you are going to fight at all, you don't want to fight like somebody beating the air. In fact the NIV translation, Paul said in that 1Corinthians 9:27 he said I don't shadow box. You know when you are shadow boxing, how can you be boxing shadows? You are boxing the air. It means people see that you are actually doing spiritual warfare but how effective it is, if you are shadow boxing, if you are fighting

the air. So if you don't want to fight the air, if you don't want to shadow box, if you want to make sure every single point you throw in spiritual warfare is effective, is hitting target. You want to listen to what we are sharing today so that you know who your real enemy is and you know what you are targeting. So the Apostle Paul says in this place that we are targeting... he said we are in warfare, we are wrestling against principalities and powers.

Now, the big question like I said in the other time that you want to ask then is, we thought that in verse 11, let's backtrack to verse 11. We thought he said in Ephesians 6:11 that we are standing against the wiles of the devil and not the devil but why is it that in verse 12, he is saying again we are wrestling against principalities and powers?

Now which one is it? Are we wrestling against the principalities and powers or are we wrestling their schemes? Because verse 11 says it's the scheme we are fighting and verse 12 No! It is devil we are fighting. Now, that brings a bit of dichotomy that we need to resolve this morning. Which one are we dealing with? The schemes or the real people or the real principalities and powers.

Now, let's resolve that divide because you see some Christians do believe that yes, we have to fight to finish with the devil. We have to destroy principalities and powers. Let's see what the scriptures say and let see how we can resolve Ephesians 6:11 and Ephesians 6:12 that doesn't seem to be matching up somewhere.

Now, let's go straight to Colossians 2. And then don't forget one thing, the verse 11 of Ephesians 6 says against the wiles, the plural is not one. He's got schemes, a lot of antics. Let's see what Colossians 2, now if you have your Bible with you, I will encourage you to hold on to that Ephesians 6 verse 12, we are going to come back to there. Don't forget we are on identification exercise. Hold on to that as we go to Colossians 2 because we will start swapping between those two verses so that we can get the true picture of who the real enemy is, so that we don't start shadow boxing.

I want you to read from verse 14.

Colossians 2:14

14. Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.

He is talking about Christ. He said blotting out, that is what the activity of Christ, that Christ Jesus did that. If you have time to read on verse 1 of Colossians 2 you will get the true picture, but when he says blotting out, he is talking about what Christ did. So he is referring to Christ that did the blotting. That is the backdrop of this Colossians 2.

Can you go on please,

... that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.

Now, that is Christ Jesus now.

Now look at the next verse. I want you to take the next verse slowly so that our viewers can get this, as we go on the fact finding mission on who the real enemy is,

15. And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it

Having spoiled, mark the word it's a past tense, having spoiled. It's not in the process of spoiling. He will not spoil when you pray long enough, he will not spoil when you fast long enough, he will not spoil when you go to that night vigil. He said, having spoiled... If you have any translation, in fact some translation says having destroyed., some use having spoiled which ever translation you have, one thing they all seem to agree on, is the past tense of that word. It's done, having spoiled. Can you see that?

Go on please

principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it

Now, if you are with us some moment ago we were in Ephesians 6 verse 12. Ephesians Chapter 6 verse 12 tells us that we are wrestling against principalities and powers but Colossians 2:15 says well, the principalities and power having spoiled or having destroyed.

Now let's us clarify Colossians 2:15 so that you can get the true picture of what Christ did. And if you will notice the verse 14 refers to the cross. Can you see that? It will mean then what verse 15 was talking about is something that took place at the cross. That is verse 15. Because verse 14 says he nailed it to his cross, and he said verse 15 having spoiled.

Now you see the Greek word for that word **spoiled**, is the word **digma** in the Greek. If you have a Greek Concordance, a Strong concordance, you can check that, is the word **digma**. **Digma** is the word we get the word specimen from for those who do science, who do biology. So just like in the same way somebody will hang or put a specimen so that people can look at it and observe. It is the same word that the Apostle Paul used for that spoiled. It means, what Jesus did with the devil or with principalities and power, he hand them up as a specimen.

And He hand them up as a specimen to show the world of the fact that I didn't tell you I destroyed him. I didn't tell you I destroyed the enemy, am going to show you. The Bible says he made an open show, a public spectacle, complete defeat. He showed him up as a specimen, hang him as a specimen to show the world that I have defeated him. So that is the reality of Colossian 2:15.

Now what does that tell you and I? You are too late if you think by the volume of your prayers or by your vigil or by your fasting or by your sowing, or you think by the time I release fire prayers, or hot prayers, I will destroy him. Sorry! You were too late. The Bible says he was already made a specimen, **digma**, specimen. He was hanged there as a specimen, destroyed, spoiled.

Now, if he was, it will mean that how can he that is hanged as a specimen? How can the person that was spoiled or destroyed as Colossians 2:15 says, or him that was made a public spectacle? How can then that become the person that we do have in Ephesians 6:12 that we are still wrestling against principalities and powers?

Now the reason, I will take this slowly, the reason we are in Colossians 2:15 is because of that word principalities and powers. The same word was used in Ephesians 6:12. It will mean, conclusively it will mean that the wrestling he was talking about in Ephesians 6:12 is not a wrestling to spoil them. Again, it can't be the wrestling to destroy them, it cannot be! Because Colossians 2:15 says the same principalities and powers were spoiled. So it means the wrestling we need to investigate. Ephesians 6:12 wrestling cannot be that he is asking you to come and do what Christ did, that will not make any sense. That will not make any sense anymore.

So it will mean we have to understand in a deeper light, or we have to understand beyond the common concept that most Christians have today what that wrestling is all about. It can't be that you are being called to spoil what Christ spoiled. And this is what we need to know as Christians. It means then, you are not being invited by God to come and spoil what he spoilt. And that is it.

It seems like today's episode is going to answer the questions who the real enemy is? What are we fighting? Of course Colossians 2:15 tells us you have not been called to come and destroyed principalities and powers. Not your job. Christ did the job done and dusted (Colossians 2:14 & 15)

And again don't forget this was done on the cross because verse 14 refers to the cross and in verse 15 it tells us the implication of the cross, it was the spoiling of principalities and powers. And that is what we see there.

So it means, the question I know you might be asking there, something that might be arising in your heart this morning, then what is the wrestling in Ephesians Chapter 6 verse 12. If it is true that principalities and powers have been destroyed in Colossians 2:15, what wrestling are we supposed to do with principalities and powers in Ephesians 6:12? Come back with us as we go to figure out what that wrestling is all about.

Now we know what that wrestling is not, let us know what it is.

Can you see?

It's not that you have been asked to come and spoil or destroy principalities and powers, that is not your job, that was what Christ did. So what is the wrestling that every child of God was invited to engage in Ephesians 6:12? Come back with us as we go back to that verse.

And you know it's very important in warfare that everybody, every member of the rank know what their job description is and stick to it. Because if your General says you should do this, attack this and fix this like if you are asked not to spoil, you are thinking you are going back to spoil. So you really need to know where you stand and what you are asked to do. What your job is? It's not about just about just your zeal because some people has the zeal, actually they are just prepare, it's not about your zeal, it's about sticking to what you are asked to do, about understanding what is already done that for you to try to imagine and try to create a problem that does not exist. Because some people are using their prayer points, they are using their prayer moment to create problem that does not even exist at all. Trying to find solutions to problem that does not exist, raising prayer points, that Lord I want to defeat Satan, I want to do this, what is already done.

So you really need to understand what is our job description? What is the command? What we are asked to do and what is already done? And the path to play, we need to get it right.

I think as we begin to talk about this, I strongly feel the Lord want us to investigate that spoiling. I think for some Christians, I think the reality of the spoiling of the devil has not fully dawn on our spirit. Or revelation of that is not really strong. And then, unless we have that deep revelation of this spoiling of how Jesus made a **digma**, a specimen and hang out the enemy in open space, unless we have this deep revelation, what we end up doing is we will misunderstand the wrestling that we are invited to do against principalities and powers in Ephesians Chapter 6 verse 12.

We will get it wrong. We will try to do what Christ did.

Now, let's quickly go to this thing. We want to investigate this spoiling, how did he hanged him? And what did he do with him? And then we can come back to Ephesians 6 and figure out what then are we going to do with this wrestling.

Before we go there I want to believe that actually it's really good that we pay attention to this aspect that we are going to now, because he has done so many things. Why did the Lord have to just give an evidence and that do that specimen? It wouldn't have undo it if he has not even show us the evidence and hang it. He could have just spoiled and not hanging.

So it's very important we must have that revelation in our plain sight to understand the hanging, he could have done that without even given us, just letting us to know. So incase this thing was not just done in absentmindedly, so you really need to pay attention and to know why it has to be done that way. That is what we want to move in to now.

Unless we know what it is done, and unless we receive what it is done. And unless we walk in the reality of what is done, what we try to do is just like the Pharisee were trying to do, that was the Apostle Paul said he had a lot of struggle preaching to the Pharisee, the Jews and the Sadducee because being ignorant of God's righteousness they were going about to establish their own righteousness, that is what people do. That is the temptation we fall into unless we understand the spoiling of the principalities and powers. Unless we do understand that spoiling and walk in that revelation of the spoiling, what we do is, we go about to try to establish our own spoiling, and that is what we will do.

And that is why you see today when we talk about wrestling against principalities and powers, a lot of Christians have a very wrong notion, they have a wrong mindset about what the wrestling is all about. We are fighting the wrong enemy and we are just shadow boxing according to 1 Corinthians 9:27

Now, follow us quickly to what Jesus said. Please John 3, I think we read that quickly...

Look at John Chapter 3 let's look at verse 14 and I will want you to pay attention to this.

John 3:14

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the son of man be lifted.

Now watch that, as Moses lifted up the serpent,

Now again you might say here goes your biology specimen. You know for those who do biology or some other kind of science where you deal with specimen, sometimes the teacher or the person in charge atimes will hang something and put it on the stake or stick or hang it on some kind of stand so that everybody can see and here was Jesus making a comparison of himself. He said just the same way Moses hanged, made a public specimen of the serpent, Jesus said....

Watch this.

Go on please,

in the wilderness, even so must the son of man be lifted.

Now, again here was Jesus simply saying that in the same way, in the same way that Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, is the same way that the son of man Jesus would be lifted up on the tree. Now, am asking you to look at then, Christ Jesus is making a comparison, now please if you go to Colossians 2 verse 14 and verse 15. I want you read that please.

We are going to make some comparison and come up with a conclusion from the Word of God, so that we see this spoiling process.

Colossians 2:14

14. Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.

Please watch that! He says he nailed to his cross, it means when he was on the cross. Now, that is what happened, he nailed it to his cross.

Look at verse 15

15. And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it

Ok, having spoiled principalities. It will mean then the spoiling of principalities and powers, the putting them out in open spectacle, hanging them out as a specimen in verse 15 of Colossians 2 happened at the cross according to Colossians 2:14,15. He said all these activities took place at the cross. He nailed to his cross and he spoiled principalities and powers. All done simultaneously.

So hold that in your mind. Hold that in your spirit as you then read John 3:14 and Jesus said **in the same way that Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness that exactly how the son of man will also be lifted up.** You know people talk about Jesus said, if I be lifted up I will draw all men to myself. Well, we often say that in praises.

We say yes! people let's praise God today, Jesus said if I be lifted up I will draw all men to myself. Well, that is true but in reality, we are not quoting that particular statement in context. In that statement he was referring to the same way that Moses hanged the serpent, the same way the son of man too will be hanged. He said, if I be lifted up, that is why he mentioned that, if I be lifted up, I will draw all men, So it means the lifting up he is talking about here is the specimen or I will also hanged the same way Moses hanged the serpent in the wilderness.

But don't forget one thing Colossians 2 tells you and I, that it was that cross that was where he made a public show of principalities and powers. Now the question you are asking is, we thought it was Christ that was hanged on the cross? Well, Jesus said, you think it was me that was hung on the cross in verse 14 of Colossians 2 but in verse 15 in reality it was the principalities and powers that were being hanged and made a public show of at the cross. It will mean at the cross, it sounds like a bit like so many things happening at the same time.

Watch this, **again as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so will the son of man be lifted up on the cross as well.** That is what John 3 tells.

Now, let's go back to that context in Numbers 21 and let's get down to this spoiling of principalities and powers. And we are going to make a conclusion very soon.

Go to Numbers 21 and see what Jesus referred to, talking about Moses hanging in the serpent. Can you see? How can the Serpent be hanged in the same way that Jesus said he will be hanged as well?

Numbers 21:5

5. And the people spake against God, and against Moses, wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.

We've actually investigated this, talking about testing God or tempting God. You can please watch that transmission.

6. And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.

Now, well of course you are going to understand that when he says the Lord sent fiery serpent to the people, you need to understand that in the light of the Old Testament, the Old covenant. In the Old Testament, what we understand is, Satan activity was shrouded in mystery in the Old Testament. And the reason is this, the Bible says that Jesus is the light of the world. You will know that if we are in the room and there is

darkness in the room, things happen nobody knows what is happening, but as long as you flip on the light you can see things the way they really are. So you have to understand satanic activity... That is the reason why if you notice, we didn't know much about the activity of the devil in the Old Testament.

In fact, you could check from the beginning of Genesis right all the way to Malachi, you will notice very insignificant record were made of Satan's activity and is not because Satan wasn't working back in there times, but it just simply mean because the Light of the word has not come. Jesus, the light of the world has not come to expose and shine the light on humanity. It was the shining of the light of Christ, it was the light that Jesus brought that expose the works of the devil.

The reason why we've gone into all these explanation to tell you one thing, atimes when the Bible talk about the Lord God did this, and serpent came, it wasn't the Lord himself that actually did that, it was because the children of Israel they actually broke the laws and Bible say if anybody breaks the edge, the serpent will bite. It doesn't mean God has to supervise and say am going to punish you with serpent. Once you break the edge, the serpent comes in. And that is what happened here, they grumbled, they complain and broke the edge and here comes the serpent which is a type of the devil. Don't forget that. The old devil the type of the devil. So here comes the old serpent the type of the devil and then...

Can you go on please,

and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.

So here comes satanic activity going on in this context.

Now see what happened,

and much people of Israel died.

Much of them died, because they are being attacked by the devil. Satanic serpent come in because they broke the edge.

Let's go on please,

7. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, we have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against thee, pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

8. And the Lord said unto Moses, make thee a fiery serpent, and sell it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

Now, that is a bit strange. Now, can you see this? They were being attacked by fiery serpent and they pray to God for a solution that Lord will take it away from them but the Lord gave an answer that doesn't seem to actually line up with what they were expecting. You know what they were expecting was for God to say yes, I remove that serpent from you. or I remove that affliction from you, which is what many people do expect today that if God was going to solve the problem of humanity, and if God was going to destroy our enemy you expect that if we have enemies it seems sickness, death, whatever it is, demonic affliction, demonic attacks and all these things our enemies, we say if God will just destroy our enemies what he should do is come in and zoom on them and just fling them, and then say yes! now you are free... And people pray God please save me, God please heal me, God please deliver me. That is the kind of prayer they pray. They said God please take this affliction away from us.

That sound similar to how we pray today or how we actually believe that God should help us out of the hands of our enemy.

Now see what God did?

Go on please. What does it says?

8. And the Lord said unto Moses, make thee a fiery serpent, and sell it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

And the Lord said unto Moses, make thee a fiery serpent, and sell it upon a pole:

The same serpent that was biting them? Can you see that.

and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

Now, look at this. That fiery serpent that God told him to made, he was made of bronze or brass whatever. It was inanimate. So what is God trying to drive home to the heart of every Christian today? God is saying well, if you are asking me to deal with the enemy, if you are asking me to remove the affliction from you, if you are asking me to solve your problem. Sorry I have different method. I have a strategy. The strategy is simple. The very same serpent that is biting you, I will show you how powerless he is, I will show you how inanimate he is, I will hang him on the very same thing that is attacking you. I will put him on display and show you how lifeless it can be. I will make an open show of the very thing that is attacking you. I will make a specimen out of him. I will make a show out of him. I will spoil him, I will make him dead. I will make him inactive. I will make him anything you can call it, and I

will put it on the pole, so that when you look at the pole and see how I made a public spectacle, how I have made him so lifeless, how I made him so useless, the more you look at his uselessness, the more you look at his lifelessness, the more you look at the fact that I have made public show of him, if you can see that he doesn't have any power over you, then you will live. Can you see the connection?

The Bible says as many as look live. So the question is, let's reverse it, as many who refuses to look they died. And that's why Jesus then said, in the same way Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, that is the same thing we do for humanity. I also will be lifted up and in my being lifted I will show you the lifelessness of the serpent. I will show you the uselessness of the serpent. I will show you the principalities and powers that have been spoilt. I will hang them as a specimen and he is simply saying, if you can see that, **if you can understand that, if you can receive that revelation whatever is biting you will lose its hold.** And that is what he is simply saying there. That is why the Bible says in Colossians 2:14, 15 that at the cross what Christ did was to make a public show of principalities and powers.

Now, what really get a bit scary which every Christians need to listen to this morning. He said as many that look live. As many who did not look die. So the question is, those who did not look, why did they die? Those who did not see it, why were they not getting the solution? It's not because the serpent was powerful, because the same serpent was made lifeless, it was because they were not looking.

So Colossians 2:14 & 15 is telling you and I that look at the cross, look at the stakes, look at the specimen, serpent, principalities and powers have been hanged. They have been made lifeless and he said, keep looking. Don't stop looking. Keep looking. Every time you have a bit, can you see that? Every time there is a demonic attack.

Now, people wonder, because what we are talking about on this Knock Out series today, don't think we are denying the reality of demonic attack. Please don't get it twisted. We are not denying the reality of Satanic attack. We are never denying the reality that the enemy attacks people in their dream, in their sleep, with sickness, with infirmities, the devil is on a rampage. But listen, the Bible says that is not your problem. You are looking at the wrong thing. That is why they kept asking God in Numbers 21:9 they kept saying can you please take this from us?

That is the wrong prayer you are praying. You can't be asking God take this from me, take this infirmity from me, Oh my God please stop this demonic attack on my life and on my family. You are praying the wrong prayer. Numbers 21:9 says that is the wrong prayer. He says, look the very same thing that is biting you is a specimen on the cross. He had been hanged on the cross.

So you have to look at the cross of Christ and see beyond Jesus on the cross, that right on the cross, Bible says Christ was made a curse for us, on the cross right there, is all principalities and all powers were hanged on the cross with Jesus. Look at the specimen and the more you look, the more you will live. And that is what he is saying there.

It is instructive for us to look back and reflect on this event in history. Because in that Numbers 21 he says the solution is look and live, anyone that look and live and there was an evidence that says those that looked live. So showing that there are some people... for them to say those that look lived, shows that is not everybody that look and lived. So some people did not look and so they did not live.

And so today we bring it back to our life and bring it to our daily activities today, so also just like that was the symbol. Jesus said that is it. Jesus said in John 3:14 that exactly what will happen when the son of man goes to the cross. He said go back and check what happened in Moses. And God doesn't not have any other solution. You can see, they were praying to God, they were saying please take it from us, He said No!

Because some people are hoping that the Lord has a different solution and so they are disregarding the solution of the Lord. Because all solution is still looking to the Lord, looking to the finished work of Christ on the cross. So today people see that, and they are just discountenancing that, you know, of the specimen, the evidence that everything is finished, it is settled. They are just discountenancing that and they are looking to something else. They are looking to somebody's prayer. They are looking to somebody's testimony, they are looking for somebody to do something for them, somebody's anointing. They are looking to sow, anything but their eyes off from the cross. So they are ready, they are saying this solution that you have made with this, they are not just comfortable with that and they are not going to agree with that. And so they are going to put much effort into it. They are going to spend their money, spend their time, emotions, energy, they are ready to do any other thing, but to look, that is the thing.

But we just found out the consistency of God's solution, the package is still the same all over the ages. So he did not change... their pressure for getting another solution did not make God do something else in Numbers 21 and say Oh! since some people don't really want to agree to it, how simple it is to look up, since some people don't want to agree to it, so we just try and give them something, the package that they will understand. Just like we should be customer friendly, we should provide something

they will appreciate. And we see the Father did not do that. And so because of that, people die. That is how serious it is.

So what we are saying is, if you discountenance the provision of God, if you discountenance the finish work of Calvary, you are going to die. Beyond physical dying, those things die off you. That is the implication. Because it's not going to be customized to your desire and your belief. It's still the same cross. So it's just for you to simply look up. Look up to that finished cross of Christ. Take your eyes off the other distraction and look and live,

Thank you for that.

Now, the question you want to ask is, why would somebody not look and live? Why would somebody... the Bible says those that look live. It will mean those that did not look did not live. That means, if you ask the question, why would somebody not look and live? Well, it means, if there was a devil at that time, of course there was, what he would do is to convince someone not to look and live. Can you see that!

You have to understand then that the problem they had at that time was not the bit of the serpent upon their legs, or whatever, that was not the problem because there was a way out. Can you see that? I mean that is what you need to understand that God is the God of who provides a way out. That is why the Bible says there is no temptation that has overtaken you but such as is common to man, but he says God is faithful who along with the temptation will make a way of escape.

And here the Bible saying when it comes to principalities, and power, when it comes to demonic activity against your life, there is a way out. And the Bible says the way out is, for you to keep looking at the lifelessness of the very same serpent you think is biting you. Look at the lifelessness. Where is the lifelessness? So look at the cross. He says, it's not just Jesus dying at the cross, it was the fact that when Christ went to the cross, most people who think about the cross maybe don't think this way. But let us highlight this way according to what the Bible says, that **when Jesus went to the cross, he pulled with him all principalities and powers, he pulled them with him to the cross, that is what he did. So it means at the cross, it's not just Jesus, at the cross its all of principalities, all of powers, were pulled together with him to the cross.**

And how did we know that? Galatians 3:14 tells us that cursed is everyone that was hung on a tree. That's what he says. When Jesus was hung on the tree, he took the curses. And then don't forget one thing, the Bible says wherever the caresses are, the vulture gather. When he took all the curses of humanity, every power of darkness, all

that they were, all were with Christ on the cross. How did I know this? Colossians 2:14, 15 tells us, he says he nailed it to his cross and verse 15 says having spoiled principalities and powers.

So we need to know them, he said they make a public show of them, who was hung on the cross? Who was shown publicly on the cross? It was Jesus that is what we think. But the Bible says No! It was more than that. Beyond Jesus being hanged on the cross as a public display. He took with him all principalities and powers to the cross. That is what the Bible tells us. That is why he is now inviting you and I and says well, are you being biting by serpent? Do you think you have demonic bite? You have sickness bite? or you think you have all these bit here and there afflicting your soul on a daily basis, he said you will be wrong to think those are your real enemy. Why? because he said, look at it, your enemy is lifelessness. He says, He hanged them on the cross, principalities and powers. He made a public show of them. Your real enemy is not looking so you can live. That is the real problem. There is a bigger problem here.

So we are just fighting shadows. So every time people say it's time to destroy the serpent. He said what serpent are we destroying when he is already made lifeless? He said look your real enemy or the inability or decision not to look so you can live. That is why all the devil has, the Bible says take your ground against the schemes, the wiles, so what will be the schemes of the devil? The devil will then be convince people not to look at the lifelessness of the serpent. That will be the scheme. He'll do everything he can do, play all the tricks he can play to convince people of why there is no point looking to live. Because the question you are asking is why will those people? Why will anyone in Numbers 21:9 not look to live?

Then we can found out the complexity of the human nature has always been the same all throughout the ages. Because then some people did not look and live. And how simple and easy to just live. And that is why people begin to invent things form them. They tried to look move away from simplicity. because today to accept the free gift of God, people they shun that, they really don't want to accept that free gift, they will rather go to a place, where they want to invent their salvation project, where they feel like they make them work for it, and then in the place of prayer, instead of accepting what is done by looking up to the finished work of Christ. They made them, you have to do this and do this. They have to go like twenty mountains, as this sweat come out of you, you do this and produce this people really like that, they like the one that really task them. Moving away from the simplicity, just accepting... people will rather go to a place where they will say, come and sow this by the time they bring out thousands of pounds. Then you can be convince you have spoil principalities and powers. Yes I think it really gravitate them. So people shun people that are telling

them, just like I said this morning calling you all out come and buy bread without money.

Some people will rather work, they want where they will be tasked for you. No matter how, you know you don't even have it, you need to go and sell your things and dump it. Some even are so press to steal to do that. They push that heavy weight. They really can respond to that. But to receive the grace of God, to be able to receive teachings like this, they really will shed that away. They just want somebody to say pay into this and that is all over for you and everything. Anything but looking away from the cross.

It has always been the problem of humanity throughout the ages and people are still being deceived just like we know that the devil's power is just about using the wiles, that is what he has. He doesn't have force over you. All he has is just the strategy and everything, all the deception to make you not look up. Look make you look into some other things, even in those spiritual places, in those places of worship.

Anything that is not lifting up the cross for you, they are not making you to look up, to look at the lifelessness, the public shame, the specimen that of made out of principalities and powers. Because people can open the Bible for you but they are taking your gaze off the cross. So there are some scriptures and verses they quote, they really know how to quote those verses, and they come with testimonies that those are people, I revile men and women of God, that they but everything is just off, they are begin to say look to them. Look! look! on them, look at what they are doing, look at what is happening and what they can make do and what your life can be. Anything but the cross.

So today just like we stated, we are asking you to buy bread without money, to know your real enemy, to know that what you are really fighting for, is about how to keep your gaze. That is it! If the devil will be the devil, so just convincing somebody. So the reason why somebody in Numbers 21:9 then died, is not because the serpent was that powerful, it was because he must have convinced them, stop looking there is no point.

If you notice one thing, you want to make sure you understand so that you don't misunderstand what we are saying. If you notice the Bible says they cried to the Lord to take this away from them. Which will mean this then will be of a strange notion, the very same people, they cried to the Lord, please Lord save me from my enemies. I mean people pray today and people go on to the mountain and say Father save me from my enemies. They want to kill me, they are too much for me. Yes we are praying, so many prayer meetings are going on, so many prayer gatherings are going, in fact there are special meeting specifically to destroy or spoil principalities and

power. We do all these, they pray all that to the Lord, and the Lord said, you are praying to me but am going to ask you to look at the fact that principalities and powers, I have made public spectacle of them. I spoiled them already Can you look at that? So it means if the Lord is asking you to look at that, then what the enemy will then do so that he will cause death in our lives is just say can you not bother to look. That is what the enemy will try to do. And that is why the Bible warns us we are dealing with the schemes of the devil, the wiles of the devil.

So when he said then in **Ephesians 6:12 that we wrestle against principalities and power, we can then conclusively say by the Holy Ghost that the wrestling we are in at the moment with the enemy is that resolute to dissuade or to discourage us or to persuade us not to keep looking.**

We said it Colossians 2 warn us that the wrestling cannot be that we are call to spoil them No! So we now know what the real enemies is, is every antic, every schemes, every ideas, everything the enemy will do to ensure that we stop looking at the principalities that were made a public show off. That is the real enemy. You've got to know your real enemy. That is what you are fighting. That is the real fight you are engaging in not necessary trying to spoil principalities and powers. So we must understand the wrestling in Ephesians 6:12 in the right context of the New Covenant.

So this morning we have your job cut out for you and you know that the challenge now is not just about to box, you don't want to waste your energy, we don't want you to waste your resources shadow boxing because some people are wasting their excess, they are wasting their time, they are wasting their money, they are wasting any other resource to shadow boxing. All they are going from mountain to mountain, prayer walk and all those gathering trying to spoil principalities and powers and that is just like shadow boxing. You are shadow boxing and how foolish is that?

And so today we are calling to redefine what New Covenant warfare strategy is about, it's about looking up. So the challenge you have is just to keep your gaze... everything will make sure you don't look, in fact you have distractions, discouragement, everything will fight you to make sure you don't look. And don't forget you have to stick with us on this program because the Bible then tells us in Ephesians 6 on how to make sure we deal with all those schemes and all those antics.

So sometimes our challenge now, what we have to learn as the good soldier of the Lord is just the challenge of keeping our gaze and is something you have to constantly do. You cannot say, so the fight is to stay awake, the fight to keep your gaze on. Because you might do it in the morning and in the afternoon, you just lower it and then you just have to know there are some distraction that might be good. It's not

every distraction that is a bad thing, you see some good it is also to lower your gaze down, to lower your gaze to some testimonies, you might feel like Oh! testimonies should be something encouraging, testimonies is something you should be able to stamp your gaze and help you but there are some testimonies that actually shift you from the cross, shifting from that gaze, from the work that is hung on the cross.

So it's like testimonies that inadvertently shifted to the person, testimonies that shifted you to a process that is not a cross. So you really need to know, they look so good, they look so enticing, you need to know there are so many things that want to take... you really need to be aware and be alert to know that those things are there.

And no matter how precarious the situation is, there is not going to be another solution. The solution for the human kind is already done and that is on the cross, no matter how you wanted something else. No matter how you pray, they were praying in Numbers 21, they were praying. It doesn't matter the volume of your prayer point, it's irrelevant.

And no matter how, because the serpent that came on them were deadly ones, because you there are some serpent they are not even poisonous. So we can understand, we know they are deadly one, the one that leads to death. So you cannot say because of that, you will not look up because this situation is precarious maybe heaven will be moved out of sympathy to cut down the serpent and kill them around you.

You have to keep your own ideas to yourself. Your idea of salvation to yourself. You know, it might really be ambitious of having a map out that this is how it should be, how prayer should be answered. If this I do this, let meet half way, you just have to keep it, it's not going to work. It never work for them in Numbers, so it's not going to work for you now or later.

So we have the humankind problem has always been solved. Christ has been hung. And it was too late for you if you are thinking, you want to spoil principalities and power, you want to come up with a solution or you want to motions a petition and say ok, go through this way and you want to suggest. So it is too late because work is already done and completed, done and dusted. It's done already. So it's too late for you to proffer any suggestion so you have to keep your suggestion to yourself. And just work with this. Work with this, just look, it's just simple, just keep looking, keeping looking at this finished work.

Thank you for that.

So now we know all the enemy has then, all the devil will have then if knows that looking at the lifelessness is what is going to get you out, all the devil will do then is

just to make sure that you don't look and he will fight you, bring everything across your way and that is the spiritual warfare we are invited to deal with.

There is something you mentioned and I think we need a much more deeper clarification for that in the scriptures.

You can read 2Corinthians 11 verse 3 and let's see what the devil try to do.

You can read it from verse 3.

Now the reason why, before you read that, the Apostle Paul by the Holy Ghost was comparing the Corinthians church with what happened in the Garden of Eden. You see, he took the Corinthians brethren all the way back to the garden of Eden, that is the backdrop of 2Corinthians 11.

You see, before you read verse 3, I want you to take note of one thing, viewers all over the world. If Satan truly came to the Garden of Eden which we know he did according to the Bible, think about it, what kind of attack can Satan bring on Eve and Adam? Don't forget the fact that the devil cannot probably tempt them with money. Of course, he wouldn't probably do that because they have everything they needed. Isn't it? Of course, not with adultery or fornication because all they had was Adam and Eve. Who will Adam fornicate with or Eve? There is nobody else.

Listen, the Garden of Eden has too much going for it, that most of the things that we consider satanic attack today could not possibly happen there because there was even no such opportunity for such things to happen. You couldn't even tempt Adam to steal or whatever it is, that can't happen. Adam couldn't fornicate or commit adultery with who? With his wife? Common! That is not going to happen. It will mean what will Satan do in the garden? What will be the most effective strategy of the devil? Some of the things that we think are the issues of the devil today, in fact they are not as critical as the main issue, it was the main thing that Satan did in the Garden of Eden. The main thing is, that is why you have to read through with us in 2Corinthians 11:33

See what he says

2Corinthians 11:3

3. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Apostle Paul said am afraid. Not because Satan has not been spoilt. Of course he told us in Colossians 2:14 & 15 that he had been spoilt. Apostle Paul couldn't be afraid

because Satan wasn't spoiled. He couldn't say that am afraid that the devil is going to destroy the people. See what he is afraid about.

my fear less by any means,

See that is the schemes, that is what Ephesians 6:12 says that all he has, he said take ye the whole armor of God unto yourself so you can stand against the wiles of the devil. Ephesians 6:12, and here Paul is calling those wiles means. Same thing, all plural again, by any means. That is the means of the devil.

Now go on please,

lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Can you see that?

Paul why are you taking the Corinthians church back to Garden of Eden? Why is the Apostle Paul taking the Corinthians church back to Garden of Eden? Well, Paul says in the same way, that the serpent deceived. If you stay with us on this transmission, on our next transmission we are going to come back to this in full, the same way the serpent deceive Eve, deception, lies, it's the same way that you as Christians, Corinthians which applies to you as a Christian, he said it's about corrupting your mind from the simplicity in Christ. How hard it is to look and live? He said as long as you lose that simplicity, you are back in the Garden of Eden talking with the serpent. That is what he is simply saying.

Now, he is saying, what is the simplicity? All he said to you and I in warfare, he said, simple! If the serpent is biting you (Numbers 21) he said can you look up please and look at the fact that Jesus made a public show of them. Can you look at the fact that they are just carcasses, they are specimen, they are **digma** according to the Greek word. **Digma** means, a biology specimen, they are just specimen hanged out there. He said, how hard it is for you, for you to look at the lifelessness of the enemy. How hard is that?

He said, but we don't do that, according to Ecclesiastes, God made men simple, men has gone after many complexities. We made the whole thing complex and we said No! Common the devil can't just be defeated that way, I would have to actually engage in this volume of prayer, or that kind of fasting, that kind of anointing, that kind of unction, unless I combine all these from this and this sources before I can destroy the enemy. The Bible says you are complicating that which is simple. He said

what the devil will try to do with the Christian then is corrupt our mind from the simplicity that is in Christ exactly that he did in the Garden of Eden.

Yes! As we draw this episode to a close, I just hope that you people are listening and you are getting blessed by this. I am just being drawn to the lyrics of this song, “Look and Live.” I will just make an attempt to sing it as you know that, living is about looking. Your real enemy will be anything that discourages you or distract you from looking. That is your real enemy.

So the way to live is to look. So let me just sing.

1. I’ve a message from the Lord, Hallelujah!

The message unto you I’ll give;

‘Tis recorded in his Word, Hallelujah!

It is only that you “look and live.”

Look and live, “my brother, live!

Look to Jesus now and live;

“Tis recorded in his Word, Hallelujah!

It is only that you “look and live!”

2. Life is offered unto thee, Hallelujah!

Eternal life thy soul shall have,

If you’ll only look to him, Hallelujah!

Look to Jesus who alone can save.

Look and live, “my sister, live!

Look to Jesus now and live;

“Tis recorded in his Word, Hallelujah!

It is only that you “look and live!”

It's only that you look and live. All you need to do it's recorded. Just like we made you know today, is just for you to look and live. Look at the devil, powerless and hung on the cross.

Let say this before conclude this morning. What we are trying to say by the Holy Ghost is, know your enemies. Stop being in the wrong fight. Your enemy is not as it were, the fact that you have to start trying to fight or spoil the devil. Your enemy will be schemes, will be antics. It's means. In fact 2Corinthians 11:3 says he has means, in fact he says by any means, and all his means is corrupting every simplicity that you have in Christ. That is your real enemy. And, this is the fight you have been called to engage in.

And then you have to stick with us as we go on, next transmission to see if that is the fight, so it means, when he say when he say we are called to wrestle against principalities and powers. The wrestling is the wrestling against schemes and antics and that is the wrestling as it were. And if you want to learn more about that, you need to stick us on next transmission.

So you can hit on us with your questions, comments, anything for clarification. And we are happy to welcome them as the Lord leads us, and with other people, other brethren as we will be able to provide solutions and provide clarification.

So we just want to encourage you as we leave this morning for you to embrace the simplicity of Christ. Come back to that simplicity and look up, stay awake and keep your gaze upon Christ. And that is your only job, how easy is that to look up and live.

So till we see you next week, Saturday 7pm UK time. We want to say look and live and please share this around.

Bye!