

Expose 73 K37

Dress Up- Put on your Belt

We welcome you to another weekend of exposition. We are praying today that the Lord will use the foolishness of the preaching to bring illumination, you know where he was talking with them, he said, open their eyes. So as we go through the scriptures from the Old Testament and New Testament trying to understand the Prayer in the New Covenant, we pray that your eyes will be opened.

Last weekend if you are with us, we were still on the Knock Out season on prayer and we have so many episodes on that. In case you are just joining us and you don't really know where you are with us. The way you can know where you are is to go to Expose 247 page and see the episodes, the ones you've missed so you can go back and listen to them and some other series. Of course, we still have this question on where can we get other topics? and everything like that, so am just reminding you again and answering that question. You can find it on our page and some of the other teachings as well.

So last weekend, we talked about finding the right parlance in the place of prayer, and we went to the book of Ephesians and some other books in the New Testament. And on Sunday while we stopped we talked about knowing your enemy, you know that is the thing. Don't get on the wrong fight. Am not sure, if you are following, there is a going to be a one boxing match tomorrow and everybody is talking about it, and I think we can really apply it to what we are saying that no matter how one opponent is training or something, no matter what you are doing to prepare for a fight, you need to even understand the game of your enemy, to understand how he works, so you can build a proper defense.

And last Sunday we are talking about it, knowing the wiles because we reconcile the two facts about are we fighting the enemy or are we fighting the wiles or the schemes? So we really know how to know the play the game, how he play the game and know his wiles, so you don't get in the wrong ring, so you don't get in the wrong fight. So that is what we talked about last Sunday.

If you have not listen to that, then you can listen to it on our Expose page. So we are going to continue from that. Do you have anything to add to that?

Well, viewers thank you again for tuning in to this Knock Out series.

Now even though we've been going through Knock Out Series for quite some weeks, we don't want our viewers to forget the vision behind this Knock Out series. We actually stated from Colossians Chapter 2 verse 8 where the Bible says **be aware that no man spoil you of your inheritance in Christ through vain philosophies and the traditions of men.**

Again, if most of us have a thief coming to our house to steal our property, we will not take it lightly, we will put up a fight. But notwithstanding, in the body of Christ, people listen to things, we heard things, and the Bible says in Colossians 2:8 that things we listen to, wrong ideology, false mentalities, they can steal your goods and steal the inheritance that Christ use his life and sacrifice to pay for. And that is what we are targeting, those false ideology, knocking them out by the reality of the Word of God. And so if you are wondering, what we are wondering? That is what we are doing.

And today we are going to carry on from our last transmission, where we actually talked about the fact that you need to know your enemy and get out of the wrong fight. Most Christians have listen to warfare spiritual warfare, in fact there are books written on spiritual warfare. But unfortunately most of those books, and most of those teachings and messages are actually focusing us on the wrong enemy. And that is why we are redirecting and refocusing you back to who the real enemy is. How do you win a battle, how do you work in victory if you are fighting the wrong person? And that is where stopped.

And today we are going to carry on from there today and we are looking at something deeper, and something more insightful.

So we've been looking at Ephesians Chapter 6 and that is where we stopped.

Now you see, before we carry on today, I want to give a kind of backdrop so you can know what actually happened. If you notice, Ephesians Chapter 6 from verse 12, when he tells us we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers, you see, what you will notice there, we said something in last transmission, you are wondering what are we talking about? We said the devil is not the actual thing we are fighting against. Because Ephesians 6 tells us one thing, he said there is a who that we are fighting, and there is a what that we are fighting. And don't get them mixed up. There is a who and there is a what.

It tell us that of course, we are fighting and we are wrestling against principalities and powers, against spiritual wickedness in high places, against rulers of darkness of this world. That is the who that we are fighting. But you see, there is a what. A what

means, Bible says **take on the full armor of God so that you can withstand the schemes, that is the what.** It means our enemy doesn't actually come at us force for force, our enemy doesn't come at us, fire by fire. He doesn't do it. What he does is, he comes, he come with schemes. It is the schemes that we actually fighting. We've established this thing in our last transmission, please if you missed that, do check up on that.

And today we will carry on, and I will say follow us quickly to Ephesians 6 verse 13, that is where we are going on with today.

Now look at what he says,

Ephesians 6:13

13. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand

Now please, if whatever translation you have, some translation will use the word full armor, some will say whole armor, some will say complete armor. It means, the scriptures leave us no option of saying am going to pick few of them, or I pick 90% of the armor. He said we need to take up all of the armor of God, so that you can withstand in the evil day. It means, he says if you are going to stand, if you are going to actually walk in victory, if you will not be a victim, it means you have to take on, not almost all the armor. You've got to take the full, the complete armor. But you see, there is something he says there, which is quite very encouraging for those of us who know the victory of Christ.

See what he says,

And having done all to stand.

You know, people talk about the fact that you couldn't guaranty that you will not be a victim. Some even says well, if it happened to that pastor, or if it happened to that Minister, or we've heard about it happened to a Christian that the enemy had a few day in their life or something happened to them and they became a victim of situation, and they say what makes you different that it won't happen to you? What makes you case different?

Well, the Bible tell us having done all, to stand. You know what it means? Its telling you that if you do all, if you take all the full armor, the Bible says I give you a guaranty, that having done all, you are going to stand. Can you see that?

It means this is not a matter of probability. This is not a matter of chance. He said, well, the reason why somebody will end up not standing is they did it, but they didn't do all. See! Having done all to stand.

God has guaranty. The Lord God of glory has guaranty. That is why you see, if you read the book of Peter, he said something, he said, he gave us guaranty. He said, if all these things are in you and they abound, he said they will guaranty that you don't fall. (2Peter 1:8) So there are guaranty of the realm of the spirit. Guaranty that you can take to the bank and say well, you know what? If I do these things, the Lord told me that having done all, I will stand.

So it means, the reason why such a transmission today is not something you can take with levity, the reason why such a transmission we are having today is not something you can take for granted. The only guaranty that the Lord gives you and I, is he said, if we do all. We have Christians who are putting on the armor of God, we have Christians who are taken on God's armor, that is not the problem. But what seems to be the problem is people don't take up the full armor.

And Ephesians 6:13 repeat, he said, having done all. Please I will want that word, **all** to be magnify in what you are hearing today. He didn't say that if you do it, if you put on the armor, he didn't say you will stand. He said, having done **all**. It will mean that you and I will have to know every single item of the armory. You and I will have to know every single detail of the armory if we will guaranty that we will stand in this day, this evil days.

So please what he says is, having done all to stand. Now if you want to flip that backward, having not done all, no guaranty to stand. That is why this transmission today is something you want to sit back, meditate on and listen to and lay hold on it.

Now, that is what we are saying. Now if you notice, he goes to the next verse. Verse 14, now I want you to highlight that having done all to stand.

See what he says verse 14. He says

14. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

It means I will tell you how to do this standing.

Now don't forget again, we have what we are fighting. We said what we are fighting is the schemes of the devil. Please if you are wondering where we got that from. Ephesians 6:11 tells us. No Christians is directly fighting Satan. I know some Christians think that the devil is there problem.

We've established in last transmission, the Bible says in Colossians 2, you can read from verse 8 to verse 16 that having spoilt principalities and powers. Jesus spoilt them. In fact we went into detail of how he made a public shame of them. He spoilt them. He triumphant over him at the victory of the cross. Listen you have not been called to fight the devil. That is what the Lord Jesus did. If you want to fight the devil, you want to take up the work of Jesus. 1John 3:8, you know what it says? For this purpose the son of God was manifest that he might destroy the works of the devil.

So listen destroying the devil is not your job. Don't take up Jesus's job. He's done it already over 2000 years ago. What is your job? Your job is to take your stand not against the devil, against the schemes of the devil. (Ephesians 6:11)

So let's get back to business. Ephesians 6:14 then says, I will tell you how to do your job. Jesus did his job, let's talk about your job. Your Job is to deal with his schemes. See what he said you should do about dealing with it.

Now Ephesians 6:14,

Stand therefore... can you see? **having your loins.**

Now you see, there is something I want you to take note of, of this armory. And don't forget you couldn't even take four out of six or five out of six out of these armory. The only guaranty you have today to survive is all.

Before you go, I just want to drop this. Before we go into verse 14, is not enough to just know about the armory that do exist and know the number. You know some people don't even know the full list. Some are already familiar with one or two. Some are specialist in one or two and because of that they want to run off, because that is the one they know. But we find out in verse 13 that we are been encourage, the only guaranty we have of standing is when we have all of these. Having taken all, you take it up all, even understanding, working in that full armory.

And we now see verse 14, which is very important, is about how to use it. Of what use is when you have an armory and you don't know how to apply it, how to use it, the correct application, is just not having it at all. If somebody cannot use what they have, if you don't even understand the knowledge of how it should be, is wrongly use. It's as good as not having any at all. So that is what, I think verse 14 want to tells us and what to do with these all. And how to go about this all, not just knowing, not just mental assenting to it, and accepting that yes, there is it, am going to take up, how do you do it?

Thank you for that insight.

Now, you see before we actually go to verse 14. Verse 14 is where the real business start. How to put on this full armor. Before we go into this, don't forget that we are still laying emphasizing on what we are fighting, which is the schemes of the devil.

Now look at verse 14.

Now I will do something like a snapshot of this armory and begin to show you why they are different from each other, and the uniqueness of each other. I will start to break them down one by one, so that our viewers can understand what it means to take all these full armor and don't forget, that is the guaranty that you will still be standing, the last man standing. After all have been said and done.

Now look at verse 14.

I will read verse 14, 15, 16, 17 in snapshot and I will come back again because I want to point out something very important.

Look at what he says,

14. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

If you notice from verse 13, to verse 14 and 15. Have you notice that we mentioned three armory there. The first one is your loins girt with truth, the breastplate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the gospel of peace.

Now have you notice that there is a shift of language from verse 16.

Look at verse 16,

16. Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

Have you noticed the verse 16 and verse 17 keep saying take, take. That is to tell you a shift of language. The first three that he talked about were things that you were supposed to have on 247. It is your stand point, your position, your mentality. Your way of life. Those first three armory, the belt of truth, it talks about breastplate of righteousness, and also your feet... these are your perpetual state. And then if you notice from the next verse 16, 17 he says well, take these ones as situation demands.

You can see even though there are six armory, the first three seem to be the ones that your current state, the state you should be perpetually, your stand point, your position 247. The last three were supposed to be taken as situation demands.

So you can see that, that is why he began to say that you need to take up the full armor. One those not even make up for the other one.

So let's kick start the first armor which is the one in verse 14.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth,

Now the question am asking is, why would the Apostle Paul come up with this armor as the very first one? Does it sound to me that if somebody put on the belt on your loins, am not sure whether if you see someone coming from afar, that the very first thing you see on them will be their belt. It doesn't really sound like that. Isn't it? Why will this be the very first armory that the Apostles Paul said well, if you want to talk about this at all, this is the reason, and that is what we are going to focus on today. He says have your loins girt about with truth. He says this is the principal thing, this is the first thing. This is the first principle of the warfare. It has to be truth. It has to be you taken on truth. Why would he talk about this?

Now, let's say this quickly, because we said the devil has been defeated. In fact Satan has been put to shame on the cross. But let's us point out something about the name of Satan. You see the word Satan, if you have a Greek Concordance, and if you check out the word that was translated devil or Satan. It's the word the **diabolus**, where we get the word in in English diabolical. And what does that tell you? That is what Satan is. He's in Greek. And the word **diabolus** which is where we get the word **di**. You know the word **di** mean two. The word division. Anything about di has to be two.

And his name in Greek means the liar and the deceiver. The person that gives you the second option or the second opinion of whatever God said, is call diabolus, is call Satan. That is where the word, in fact when he was named Satan that was what God had in mind, that he that offer alternative truth to whatever I said. That is what his name means. Why am I talking about this?

Why does the Apostle Paul said, the very first thing you must take on in warfare before we talk about anything else is, you must have the belt of truth. This is must be your stand point anytime if you are going to stand in victory over Satan in your life.

Now this is the reason, let's scriptures interpret scriptures, why a Christian must take up truth and what is this truth is talking about?

Let read Hebrews Chapter 2 verse 14.

Now I want you to follow this as we begin to look at what the scripture has to say about Satan and how we can stand in victory against the devil.

Now let's watch this,

Hebrews 2:14

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil.

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That is Jesus himself.

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Can you see that? You know we've been taking about the fact that Jesus destroyed the works of the devil or Jesus destroyed the power of the devil. Colossians 2:15. Now Hebrews 2:14 tell us how he did it. He said, he did it by actually dying. I mean how do you destroy death by becoming what you destroyed? Now you are wondering how? Because I think as Christian, I have found out a lot of Christians don't seem to have a strong revelation of the victory of Christ on the cross. How can Christ destroyed the person that has the power of death by dying?

Well, for those that are involve in warfare in the realm of the natural. They know what they call infiltration. He infiltrated the camp of the enemy. The Bible says he died and he went into the grave. He took the keys of death and hell from the enemy. Jesus by his own death, by actually becoming like one of us, enter the camp of the enemy, infiltrated the camp of the enemy and destroyed him who has the power of death, that is the devil.

Now that is not even where am going to, we actually dealt with this in the last transmission.

Now look at what he says next, watch this!

He destroy him that has the power of death, the devil.

Now watch verse 15.

Now, don't forget, verse 14 says, Jesus destroyed the devil by dying as well. He destroyed him that has the power of death through his own death. He went into the camp of the enemy and destroyed him from inside. Don't forget that.

Now, look at what the next verse says, I think that should have been enough right? But see what the next verse say, this is where it concerns you and I.

15. And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Now, can you see that? He was not enough that Christ had to destroy the devil. It wasn't just enough that Christ had to destroy him who had the power of death, the devil.

See what he had to do next.

Go on please,

And deliver them

Now he delivered them. He had to do something to them. Who is the them? That is you and I. He did something to us. And I will tell you the reason.

Go on please,

who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

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Can you see the two way mission of Christ? It means it wasn't that he destroyed him that has the power of death, the devil, but he had to do something to people who were subject to bondage because of their fear of death.

It means, there is something about humanity, there is something about you and I, that makes us subject to the devil. It is not that the devil wasn't destroyed. He destroyed him that has the power of death, that is the devil. He destroyed him completely, but he says there is something in men that gives Satan the hold, the access to manipulate, to lie to them, to put them in fear and subjection. He said, Christ had to deal with the devil and Christ had to deal with men. Why? Unless he dealt with men, Satan will still have inroad. He says the devil hides, the devil covers himself with lies. That is why Satan doesn't have the power over you anymore, because he has been destroyed. All Satan is left to do is to deceive, is to lie to us about the truth of God's Word so that even though he had been destroyed, he can drag us into his territory by lying and going against the truth of the Word of God in our lives.

It means, in every aspect of your life, in every situation of your destiny, if you buy into the lie of Satan, if you don't listen to the truth of the Word of God, even though he had been destroyed, he can drag you into his territory and he can deceive you and he can lie to you.

That is why the Bible says one thing here that Jesus didn't just destroyed the devil, but he had to minister to us as well, so that we don't become subject because the devil is a deceiver, he is a liar. He hides under lies, and that is what Bible is telling us there.

Well, we cannot agree about how important how first principle has always been in Physics and everywhere. We know first principle is very very important and that is why the book of Ephesians is drawing us to it. And is talking about the belt of truth.

And thank God you mentioned it and showing the nature of Satan, and we even find Jesus who expose him and said he is the father of lie, and from the beginning he's been lying. Because we find him, he shrouded in secret sin throughout the Old Testament. That is why even some people today are still confuse about the nature of the devil, and they don't really know how he was even working then and even now. Some don't even how it is. And that is one of the purpose that Christ came to do. Apart from exposing him, he said he is the father of lies. He is the father of lies. If you don't know anything about him and some other things, you shouldn't forget that he is the father of lies and you cannot overcome his lies by not having his truth.

And so you can understand the important of the belt of truth today because we are talking about somebody who manufacture lies, he is the author of lies. So we are talking about what we are fighting at, the wiles and the schemes. In telling you that, we are talking about somebody that produces, he is the author of lies and so we know that lies is one of the schemes, and then that is what he does, that is the major scheme, that is the only scheme he has. He is the father of it.

And that is why is not appropriate for you to think that belt of truth is an appropriate weapon for what he does which is lies. And so you cannot afford not to pay attention to the first principle, this warfare which is the belt of truth to dismantle all the lies. He has been lying over the years, he is lying through Adam and Eve and he is lying and he is still lying now and then the only thing you can arm yourself, arm yourself with the knowledge of God's Word which is the truth and allow the Holy Spirit to lighten up that place and you don't allow him to hide in any other place again. The light of God's Word has come, Christ has come, so he should be exposed, and that is putting on the armor.

And if you will permit me to talk more about this belt of truth, why does it has to be like a belt? Why do we have to wear that truth? I will just say is not just about.... from that verse 14 he was telling you that loins girt about truth. So why? That this truth cannot be on your face like a face mask or something but he says this truth is like a belt, is something that you have to hold your loins together.

If you remember some of the episodes that we are talking about the fasting and praying about holding up our affections, holding up our hunger and you know where the loins is, is about the deceit and everything, the emotions, every appetite. Hunger, sexual anything every appetite is from your mind, is from your loins, everything together.

So you really need to have the belt of truth, God's Word to hold those things in place. You have that belt of truth sitting on those. And those ambitions, where your emotions, and your reactions are, your aspiration, your hunger, anger for anything, you have the belt of truth in control in those place. What is informing you, what is informing your response, what is feeding you in?

So you really need the belt of truth on that. So is not coming as face mask, is not something you just use as cosmetic, is not something you just use around as addendum and assemblage, you can just add about it. It's to hold something together, and it is this belt of truth to hold you together, hold things in place, putting you in place and in shape, you know what belt does normally because some people might not understand that this gird means is like belt. So is to hold you in shape. You really need to be fitted and kitted...

See, there are two things based on what you just said before we go back to Hebrews 2:14. Have you notice that if you are dressing up to go anywhere, your belt perpetually stays in your cloth. If you don't have a belt, round your loins or whatever, what happen is your very cloth, if you have trousers on whatever you have, you can actually trip off by the very thing you are wearing. Somebody does not need to shoot at you. You don't need to have the enemy coming at you for you to trip off and fall. Can you see?

The very fact that you are loosely clothed and you are not held on tightly, the way you dress by their own very nature trip you off. It will mean then for Christians to actually fall and falter in spiritual warfare, the devil doesn't need to throw anything. If we are loosely held, if the cloth are loosely held, there is smartness, we are not guarded together with the belt. Even without the enemy shooting anything at us, we can trip off by the very fact that we are not smartly dress.

And that is why the Apostle Paul comes with that very first principle of warfare. Without truth, you don't need the enemy to shoot anything. That is why if you notice in that Ephesians 6, it was later he talk about the fiery darts of the wicked. There were not fiery darts. He said well, if you don't have the belt of truth around your loins, you don't even need Satan to come at you, by the very fact that you are loosely dressed and unsmartly dressed you can trip off by yourself. And that is what we see there.

So let the truth of the Word put you in shape, you know. That is the thing. Let the truth of the Word shapes you. Let the truth of the Word shapes your thought. Let it shapes your reactions. Let it shapes your response. Let it shape your ambition and every appetite. Let everything be held together by God's Word.

Whatsoever you are believing, whatsoever you are giving yourself to, whatsoever you want to put in or you want to put out, let the truth of God's Word, let it be the bedrock, let it be the one that is holding everything together, and that is how to be fully kitted. That is one of the armory, that is what we are talking about and the first principle about it.

And then you know how important truth is to life, you can only defeat a lie by the truth. That is why they said, there is a proverb that say, no matter how falsehood goes, it might even goes for year and decades, but one day that truth will catch up. You need truth, that is the only thing that you can use against the lies of the enemy.

And some thing you might be ignorant of, maybe you have allowed the enemy to run rampart in your life based on the lies, having a filled day. So today you are going to understand God's Word and going to bring up God's Word and lighten up and say this is the truth of God's Word. Because we are saying get out of the wrong fight, and your coming to the right fight is about knowing the truth and holding the truth of God's Word against, above all the lies of the enemy.

Now please viewers, we are going somewhere today and we don't want you to lose track again. I think the Holy Ghost still refocusing us back to Hebrews 2:14 and am going to take that, the second part of Hebrews 2:14 and going to have another dimension of this discussion today.

See what he says again, now if you look at that, that Hebrews 2:14 that you read, he says

Hebrews 2:14

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the devil.

So let's say this, the devil has been destroyed.

Now the question I want to ask you viewers is, did Jesus Christ died? Did he go to the cross? Did he suffer the suffering of death? If you believe that, the Bible says through his death he already must have destroyed him that has the power of death, the devil.

So it means, that is no more our problem. See! We don't have any problem with that anymore.

Now, you might be saying but please why are you saying this? Am I not still be afflicted? People are talking about demonic affliction. You might be listening to this transmission today and you are having demonic affliction. You might have satanic affliction. You might have things that are happening to you that cannot be explained by natural means, Oh Well, just wait a bit... especially for those who are asking for prayers, some are even specifically... you might say well, you have enough evidence to show that whatever is happening to you cannot merely be natural. You see! your experience cannot negate the reality of God's Word.

The scripture says in Hebrews 2:14 that, all that was needed to destroy the devil, mark the word, to destroy him, that has power of death, the devil. The **him**, is what I want you to take note of, to destroy him. It means he says, all that was needed to destroy him was for Jesus to die. So if you believe that Christ dies, then you have to believe that Hebrews 2:14 says him, that is the devil was destroyed. But I want to bring your attention to the next verse.

Look at the next verse I will take that slowly,

15. And deliver them...

Now that bring you to the equation. He says lets us talk about you. Verse 14 says well, we've talked about the person that was destroyed. Let's talk about you. Before the person that was destroyed was destroyed. He had two ministries. Satan has its own power, that is one thing. And secondly he was using something on us.

Look at what he said.

And delivered them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Do you notice that the reason they were subject to bondage was not because the devil was the one holding the power of death over them? No! He said they were all their lifetime subject to bondage, because something was thrown at them.

Now watch that!

They were all their lifetime subject to bondage, because something was thrown at them.

I will take this slowly because we are in a very deeper side of things now, so that if you are been held by the power of darkness, you will listen to this today and walk free.

Have you notice that when Jesus destroyed him that has the power of death, the devil. That should have been the end of the story. Jesus should have said, Oh Yes! I have destroyed Satan, everybody you are free. But Hebrews 2:14 says not too fast. He destroyed him that is the devil, and he went ahead to minister to them who were held in bondage, not because of the fact that the devil held them bound, if he was just the devil holding them bound, then they had no problem because him was destroyed. But he said, No! that is not all, not the end of the story. Then God had to go ahead in Christ, to say well, let's talk to people who have been held in bondage not because the devil had the power over them, but because of their own fear. The devil was throwing something at them even though the devil was not sitting on their head, he was throwing schemes at them.

In fact Ephesians 6 verse 13 tells us we are not ignorant of the wiles. The word **wiles** in Greek mean **methodia** or the **methods**. So it means some people were held in bondage of death because Satan was throwing something at them from a distance. The fear of death. The wiles of the devil. The schemes of the devil. The methodia of Satan. He was flinging something at people from a distance. And that is the reason why as soon as Christ destroyed him, Christ had to come and minister to us. There is something he is throwing at you and unless I minister to you and destroy that what is in you as well, what happen is, you will still be in bondage even though I destroy the devil.

Am not sure whether we are listening to that. I think you might need to take it again.

Hebrews 2:14, because we are going to come to you if you are having demonic affliction in your life. This is the reality of the Word. That even though Jesus, am quoting Hebrews 2:14. Jesus destroyed him that had the power of death, the devil. So the devil was destroyed on the cross. Colossians 2:15 attested to that. He was destroyed. 1John 3:8 attested to that, he was destroyed.

But before Satan was destroyed, Satan wasn't just attacking humanity directly he was also throwing something at humanity. He was throwing schemes, so the Bible says as soon as Satan was destroyed in Hebrews 2:14 through the death of Jesus. Hebrews 2:15 said, even though Satan had been destroyed, he said we are still not free. Can you see? Humanity was still not free. This is the kind of question people are asking today that if it is true that the Bible says the devil had been destroyed, if ministers are telling you and I or if the Word of God says clearly that Satan had been destroyed, how come

today you are hearing about things that the devil is doing? How come today Christians are still binding devils? How come today we are still casting out devils? If you are asking that question, herein is your answers.

The Bible says even though the devil was destroyed, but Satan was throwing something at us. Even though he is no more in charge of our lives, but what he threw at us is still in charge. The Bible says Jesus had to then minister to them who were held in bondage not because the devil sat on their head, but because of their fear of death. It means, Satan succeeded in throwing something.

Up till today that is what the reality is. That is why the Bible in Ephesians 6:13 says take on the full armor of God so that you can withstand what Satan is throwing. So you can withstand the schemes of the devil. So it means, this is what the Word of God says. You want to listen... that is the reason why we are here today, to expose this and to release you from what he is throwing at you. Because what he is throwing at you, is enough to keep you in bondage. (Hebrews 2:15)

We can rightly extrapolate that this fear that we found in this Hebrews Chapter 2 that he is sitting on the heads of the people is one of the schemes of the devil. That is why he has schemes, not one. And that is the product of his falsehoods. And the way that is about coming is not that Jesus need to die again, some might feel does he need to die again for that? No! is the knowledge, is like holding the falsehood on them. The fear is the product of the falsehood, Is not like Jesus need to die again for that to be accomplished. The way out is the truth, the way out of that bondage of fear is the truth of God's Word.

And so unless you know that, those ones who had that thing on their head, will not be able to walk free, that is why the truth of God's Word is just the antidote for that bondage of fear. You know, we have scriptures that says he has not given you the spirit of fear and everything, so if you have the truth of that Word, then you know that he doesn't have it on you again. Just like is war tactics and everything. Some people had something on people, so they hold them bound. Tactically they are not holding because they had some information on them, is one of the war strategy. War has move away from face me I face you, you shoot at this, we see nations, even cold war, people are using information against each other. Withholding information and said... they are going to hold some information about you and blackmail.

So if you are wondering what is the power of information as a warfare strategy... don't underplay information. You see nations are being surrendered when they should not maybe they had an information over and they are using that. So the power of

information is as binding as anything. And the power of information can liberate as the same.

So it's the power of God's information that can liberate a soul. And the power of information used by the devil can put somebody in bondage forever. So you cannot really underestimate what information is. So if they are being held, there is an information the devil is using over them, on their head. Even though had been destroyed, but he already threw something. He had something on them, using that thing on them.

And so many people had been held down, blackmail because of something they are being held today. And so they need the light, they need another information. It's a battle of information. He said he ministered to them who all their lives, can you see? Christ had to minister to them who all their life were in subject to bondage because of what was thrown at them.

And you see what we are doing today is a ministration to your destiny. Yes bringing the truth of God's word. Can you see? A lot of Christians are focused on wrong things. You are focus about fighting the devil, him that has been destroyed. You should be focused on the ministration upon your life that liberates you from that which is subjecting you to bondage and Bible says is the fear of something, the fear of death. It means you are being blackmail, information blackmail. This is why we are focusing on today in this Expose, in this knock Out Series today. We are releasing light...

It means that Satan doesn't have the power we are accustoming him, or the power we are giving him. You see, there is something that C.S.Lewis said in one of his books "The Screwtape," in one of the introduction in that book, he said there are two things that work on all humanity about the devil. He said the very first thing is, some people overestimate the power of Satan. We overestimate! Overestimation which leads to superstition. And he said which is what you find in lot of third world countries, in Latin America, in Africa, in Asia in most cases, people who overestimate the power of the devil. In fact some people even still think the devil is kicking and is powerful and has the power of death. The Bible says he destroyed him, that is Jesus, that had the power of death (Hebrews 2:14).

Ephesians 6:13 he said be strong in the Lord and the power of his might. And he told you the thing you will do that guaranty you will stand. Sorry! He is not that as strong as powerful as you think he is. You see, the other opposite is, the people that underestimate our enemy. And some people even says we don't even believe that the devil exists. Everything must have a natural cause. They try to explain everything off

by science and by philosophy, by psychology and sociology. Every disease, every sickness they try to give a scientific explanation for it. And it ends only there.

And you see the devil doesn't really care, the devil doesn't care whether people overestimate... in fact to Satan, overestimating him and underestimating him, both are good for the devil as long as we are not walking in truth, Satan is fine.

So we have come today to tell you the fact that the Bible says him that had the power of death is destroyed. He is destroyed. I don't care whether you are having nightmares, whether you are being attacked in the dream, whether you are being attacked demonically... I don't care what is happening to you.

Now we give an explanation for your experience very soon from the Word. We will give an explanation for what you are going through spiritually, there is an explanation for that. But it cannot be because Hebrews 2:14 is a lie. Because Hebrews 2:14 say him that had the power of death, was destroyed him. How was he destroyed him? Through the death of Christ.

So if Christ died, then him that had the power of death destroyed. Now what is left? But he says before he was destroyed, he left something on humanity, he dropped something on us before he was destroyed. And that is the thing we are trying to get off now. He dropped something, the fear. Bible said he dropped on humanity, so even though he left the scene of power by the death of Christ. He's got something still working around. That is why the Apostle Paul made mentioned of the very first armor, the belt of truth. He made mentioned of that first one.

Now it will mean then anything you are going through couldn't be the fact that Satan made it happen. And now let's say this, from what we see in the Word of God and I think we should actually look up one more verse before we come to a conclusion.

Ephesians 4:27.

I want to show you like we said, how Satan works. Why must you and I take on the belt of truth? The Bible calls him a deceiver, a liar, **diabolus**. He is a liar.

Now see what Ephesians 4 from verse 26 please.

Now, watch this

Ephesians 4:26

26. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

27. Neither give place to the devil.

Now please watch that! He is saying something. He said you can be angry but don't sin. But he said let not the sun go down on your anger. He is simply saying if you are angry, nothing bad with it. But if you could sustain your anger for that long, could it then mean then you have a legitimate reason or you have convince yourself of the reason why you have to stay angry?

And he says if that happen, then there is about to be a foothold for the devil. Now why did I go to all this illustration? It will mean that when you are angry the Bible didn't talk about the devil. Can you see that?

I want to tell you about why we cannot overestimate the power of Satan and I will tell you how Satan works by the Word.

It means then when you are angry, the devil was not mentioned. What Satan does is to come in to the anger situation and lie to you about... that is why the Bible calls him the deceiver, the father of lies. What he does to people. Anytime people have any form of emotional reactions, emotional situations, the Bible says if you could still be angry till sun go down, it will have mean that you have held on to the anger based on a particular reason. You've convince yourself why you have to be angry. He said if that's happening somebody must have come to convince you. Somebody has come to lie to you. Somebody could have told you, you know what? Yes, because you are more important than that person, or you are much more significant than that person, or who is that person. That person is nothing, how can he talk to you like that.

He said the person that is ministering that to you he is Satan. He said don't give him... all Satan looks for is opportunity. All Satan looks for is a place and we are the one that gives him opportunity when we don't walk in the truth of the Word. Can you see? If Satan is looking for a foot, why would Satan look for a foot until you are angry? Why can't he just put his foot in like that. He cant! because he's lost the power. Satan lost the power in Calvary.

So all the devil is looking for are just loopholes. That is why he says if you are angry and your anger can be sustained, it will have mean that Satan took advantage of that situation. Don't give him a foothold.

How does this apply to Hebrews 2:14? It will mean that in our lives, Hebrew 2: 14, 15 will mean for those of us, who are going through any form of affliction at the moment. For those who are being attacked on every side by the devil. Sorry, you think is the devil. This is what he does. Every time you go through an experience, just like this Ephesians 4:27, what Satan is trying to do is take opportunity of that experience. That

is all he does. That is why 2Corinthians 2:11 says we are not ignorant (watch that!) of the schemes, the methodia of the devil, lest he take opportunity. That is all he does.

So every time you go through any form of experience. You have a kind of dream, what Satan does is, he wait to see how you think about it. And as long as you say, I think this is something that is running through my family that want to destroy me, or this is something that is going to destroy my life, or this thing will affect my job. As long as you take on that, what Satan does is, kick in and take opportunity and tells you, yes! You cannot make it. Yes! Can you see why you cannot ever succeed? Can you see because of the dream you had yesterday, you will not make it to your job today, even if you have an interview tomorrow, your interview is spoilt because of the dream you had yesterday, what Satan does is take opportunity. Bible says don't give him a foothold, how did you give him a foothold? If you don't walk in the truth of the Word. You give him a foothold. That is why all he does is he throws something at us. That is why he lies about the reality of the Word of God in our lives.

So don't forget this, the devil merely is an advantage taker. Ephesian 4:27 tells us that. He takes advantage of the situation and he throws lies. So it means all Satan does is strengthen whatever perspective people have taken already. That is why he says, if you are angry and you have your anger going to sun down, it will mean that Satan will take opportunity of the situation.

What we have done now is to show you how the fact that the enemy we are fighting is an advantage taker, he doesn't have what it takes.

Yes, taking you back to Ephesians 4:27 and adding more words to it. Let us know that just like we know that devil... we are being instructed not to give place to devil. We see the devil as the father of lies, and then connecting it to the scriptures that ask us to take up the belt of truth, telling us that the devil will come to fill our knowledge gap.

Some people are saying am not even doing anything, for you having vacuum of knowledge, knowledge gap not understanding, you are just inviting the devil, you are just luring him, because he is the father of lies, he is going to fill up those places, where you don't know, where you are short of the knowledge of God's Word on some of those issues of your life, take advantage and fill it with lies.

So you cannot afford not to understand, not to have the full knowledge of God's will in every aspect of your life. Because if not, you are just inviting... you enticing the devil who is the father of lies to fill up those places for you, so you don't give place by staying ignorant. Part of it is you don't give place to the devil by staying ignorant, you need to put on the belt of truth. That is the thing. You just really need to put on

the belt of truth. And don't feed him, because once you have the gap knowledge, he just fill the space. Can you see? Don't feed him, don't sustain him.

Because if this is what he's doing for those people because you might be saying that ok people that feel like they have the evidence, some people are in a place that they don't even feel the evidence, they don't have the evidence of the attack of the enemy, and that is why we are saying to you, you need to fill those knowledge gap, if you don't want the devil take advantage of that. And feel like, you have to be up to speed with all of God's will for your life, for every situation and what the Lord is doing.

And then so you really need to understand that you don't allow the devil and you understand it by the belt of truth. You cannot afford to say I can't afford it, you can't say I can't is not in my time line now. This is something you need to look into.

Now let's say this before we go to the next verse in Luke 22.

Let's say this so that our viewers can get this, have you noticed then, for most Christians, I strongly feel the Lord is ministering to someone, who is watching this episode or who will still watch this episode.

Have you notice that the more you actually think you are being attack demonically or you feel like you have something attacking you whatever, the more you believe it, the more it happens. The simple truth is, have you notice, Ephesians 4:27, he said what the devil come to do, is to strengthen that which we have allowed ignorance to fill.

Can you see? He says, this person is angry but the reason why he is anger went till sun down is because it's been strengthen, reinforce because the devil had a foothold. So it will mean that every time, what the devil does is he watches people who have a gap knowledge of the reality of God's Word. People who don't walk in truth, who have not put on the belt of truth. All he does is look for that loophole and strengthen it.

If you have some kind of like I said, you have some experience in the realm of the spirit, and you think that experience, if you have a bad experience, you have a nightmare or something happens, the devil is watching your very first thought process. That is the very first thing he's looking at for. The devil wait and see whether you will say, thank be to God who lift me in Christ Jesus. Are you going to say that Christ gave me victory? Are you going to say that all powers in heaven on earth has been given to you as a child of God? The devil watches, are you going to say that? Are you going to put on the belt of truth? He watches.

And if Satan think that the person says Oh! No, the reason why I have this dream is because of my interview tomorrow. That is why they want to attack my interview.

Once the devil get that, what he does is, he says let's strengthen this mentality. Let's strengthen it. The Bible says, he does strengthen your perspective.

First it wasn't your problem. It wasn't a devil's problem. It was a knowledge gap problem that you have. That was the first problem. There was no belt of truth. That was your first problem. All the devil came to do was let's empower this thing for him. The Bible says he just take opportunity. 2Corinthians 2:11 says he takes advantage. That is his business. An advantage taker.

In fact there was a time the Lord minister to me about the reason why he actually asked Saul to destroy the Amalekites completely with nothing left. And you see, the reason is, you might be wondering, the reason he asked him to do that, is because if you go and read the Old Testament, he actually says, the Amalekites had a form of warfare that is very bad.

What the Amalekites do is, when they actually are fighting any enemy, they look for the weakest, the ones who are at the back, the person who couldn't make it, the lame, the disabled, those that could not make and keep up with the rest of the pack. Those are the very people the Amalekites attack from the back. That is the kind of the warfare, it is a type of the devil. The Bible says all he does is look for a foothold. He looks for opportunities in our lives.

So the devil wasn't our problem in the first place, our major problem was a gap problem. It was the fact that we are not putting on the belt of truth. And what Satan does is comes in and strengthen that perspective in our lives. That is what he does, an advantage taker. So the Bible says you cannot afford to be ignorant of his schemes.

If you think what we are talking about is just theory, logic and everything you are just mistaken because these things we were walking in it ourselves. We have walked in it and we have seen the light of God's Word liberated us and we have walked free from what the devil is using and hold over our heads. And that is what we are inviting you to see. Most of the things you have ascribed to the devil, most people they say ancestral pattern and everything, is just the reinforcing by your gap knowledge. All devil does is reinforcing.

So if you actually believe, if you don't hold on to the belt of God's truth just like we shared in the beginning that it's just like positional, all these belts of truth is what you have all the time, you cannot afford to set it aside. He says stand therefore, having, is something that you have. So it's your normal regalia.

Can you see? He never says take on the belt of truth because when it comes to faith he said take on the shield of faith, but when it comes to the belt of truth, he said having the belt of truth, having your loins girt about with truth. That is the difference.

So the belt of truth is just your normal outfit. It's your costume, what you have as a Christian. That is your costume as a Christian. That is a Christian costume. That is what you have on it, you cannot afford not to be on your uniform. You cannot afford not to be on your costume.

We are call to this, to respond, so you have to have on all the time because the devil comes to reinforce what you don't know and then you now begin to establish the pattern, the ancestral pattern over years in the family. That is how it works. Can you see that? So you now believe that is it, and that is it, and that is it. And you still be praying the same prayer your parent has prayed before, And if you not careful your children and grandchildren will still be praying the same prayer.

Because you could have find out that what you are praying to, your parents might have pray those prayer. Some of it even you have prayed with them before. And your children have started praying this kind of prayer, and it will go on in cycle just because of the knowledge gap that the devil is reinforcing. Because we are not taken cognizance of the fact that we have to have the belt of truth. It's part of our uniform all the time. That is why we are filling ourselves with the knowledge, you have God's knowledge in every situation. Because some people, the devil is taking advantage, because you don't even understand, they do not accept part of the healing, part of all the benefit of Christ, he takes advantage of that.

We see then that the devil cannot hold them in some other areas, that is how the devil is, because he just look for that part. because the devil feel how can the devil with all that I have known, no! he looks for the ones you don't know. That gap.

So some cannot hold their sins on them because they know what Christ did for them. They understand that very well, but they don't know how to walk in divine healing, so the devil comes to that and reinforce it over the years and become disciple and deliverance and they don't even understand everything, mess up, and they don't even know is it the devil or the wiles or the schemes?

And that is what we do with Expose, filling those knowledge gap trying to encourage you today if you will yield to take the belt of truth. It's is your uniform, It is your costume.

In fact we are pulling the rod from the feet of the devil. Can you see? We are the on that feed him with opportunities. Can you see that? We feed the devil with

opportunities. And the Bible says the only way to stop feeding him is to just put on the belt of truth.

There is nothing to actually feed him with, there is no loophole, there is no gap for him to put his foot on in there. And truth is costly because like we said, you have to understand, you have to look, search for it.

The Bible says in John 17, sanctify them by your truth, your word is truth. So you really have to...you might like to go to religious places where they entertain you, you know that kind of thing, make you feel good and everything. You have to look for where truth is. So it's not just truth on the surface, sometimes when you are getting to get a truth of some situation, you have to dig deeper, investigative journalism and the so.

So you really have to dig deeper and look for the truth of God's Word and make sure that you are standing in truth all the time, in all situation, you don't allow the devil to use anything, any information because it's a battle of information versus information. The devil is using the information on you, is holding something on you and you are going to liberate yourself by the information that you know. And that is why the temptation of Jesus, he said this, and he said this is it.

Can you see? The word liberate yourself doesn't really mean that you want to destroy the devil. Hebrews 2:14 says he is destroyed, but he is throwing something at humanity. And that is very thing we've come to minister to you about, what he is throwing at you. And that is the new warfare in this 21st century, warfare of propaganda and the rest. So the devil has his propaganda, he has propagandist and even some with them, there are even religious people they are propagandist, they are reinforcing the work of the enemy, because they are not speaking God's truth.

Anytime the belt is not there, the devil takes advantage that is all he does, an advantage taker.

And so what you need again to combat is the knowledge of God's Word. Information that you have of God's Word and it's just a battle of information. And I hope this our viewers will understand what this belt of truth is, and it's the first principle.

In fact if somebody told you that there is a familiar pattern in your family that people generally don't do this or do don't that in your family, and they said, well it's a family pattern. If somebody says that to you, now the question is what is the truth of the Word?

2Corinthians Chapter 5 from verse 17 to verse 23 will simply tell you **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. If you check the Greek word for that creation, it's a new specie.** Can you see that? He is a new specie, he has never existed before. So old things have passed away, all things become new.

Now that is the truth of the Word. But the devil waits to see whether you want to put on that note, or not. He waits and as long as you says well, I think is a pattern in my family am going to have to pray against it, if not it's going to happen in my life, of course the devil says this one already accept the fact that he is not even a new creature. He doesn't even believe the fact that he is a new specie. Let's strengthen that mentality in is life let's strengthen it and let's enforce it. That is what he does, look for the foothold and put foot there.

We are just going to round up with this belt of truth. I want our viewers to remember how we started and how we got into the place. We are trying to establish and to take you off the wrong fight. And to know to get you into standing to do all, doing all. The first principle is the belt of truth.

And beyond not even able to be to liberate yourself, you need this belt of truth to fight again. You need this belt of truth to stay in shape, you know some people are shapeless. You need the belt of truth, is to hold you, the reins, to hold you together, to hold your seat of emotions, to hold your seat of appetite, hunger and everything, ambition and everything together, your loins, so you need to be guarded. You need to be kitted, you need to be smart for what you are call to. And that is what you need the belt of truth for. And so it is the first principle.

I want our viewers to think about this. Take time to reflect on this, and take time to work on this and understand the wiles of the devil, is just taking the opportunity, knowledge gap and you know why you need the belt of truth.

I don't know if you want to add something about the belt of truth.

Yeah, in summary viewers, we've established one thing from the Word. And the fact is, Hebrews 2:14 says the enemy has been destroyed, but he says we need a ministration so that we would not still be in bondage and the reason why we are still in bondage is because of what the enemy threw at us.

And that is the very thing that Christ has come to minister to us about. And the Word of God says unless we take on the belt of truth, the truth of the Word of God in every situation, in every experience, what the devil does is, he waits behind and looks for any foothold and then takes advantage and strengthen the perspective.

So let's say this, the devil cannot make anything happen in your life. We have given too much power to Satan. He has been overrated. He cannot make anything happen in your life. All he does is the lie and deceit as his name says **diabolus**, to strengthen every loophole that we created because we didn't put on the belt of truth. What is the belt of truth? The Word of God in every situation. The truth of the Word in every condition no matter your experience is that belt of truth.

I repeat the word, no matter your experience. You cannot be an experiential Christians who actually tries to validate the Word with your experience. No! the Word must validate your experience, not the other way round which is what some people try to do today and that is why we open up the place for the devil.

So thank you for joining us today we are blessed that you are able to join us. So we do hope to see tomorrow 9am UK time as we continue on this series.

Now you don't want to miss this, because this is the reason, the Bible says the only guaranty you have to stand (I quote Ephesians 6) having done all to stand. That means having not done all, no guaranty to stand.

You want to listen to every single of the armory, having done all, your guaranty to stand is based on having done all. Not most all.

So find time to listen to this.

9am UK time we will be here tomorrow.

So find time to listen to that tomorrow and if you cannot make it, just know that you have something waiting for you to listen to. It's a must now as you can see, if you really want to stand. Who doesn't want to stand? But having done all.

All must be done, not most of them.

So you really want to stand, you have to do all, and part of the all, you really want to know what the all is as we continue tomorrow.

So if this blesses you, we will like you to share it. And all this Nicodemus we know that you are there, so you can secretly share it to get secretly blessed, you know everything to God's glory.

And so tomorrow we expect to see you again.

And if this blesses you, please pray with us. We are talking about prayer now, you can pray one prayer that somebody pray for us, he has been praying for us in 2Thessalonians Chapter 2 that was telling us that we should pray that God should

make this Word go viral, the gospel should spread and that people will honor God's Word.

Today we've been seeing people honoring men of God. Fine is good. He says we should honor those people, we should even give them double honor those that labor in Word. But people honor those men above the Word of God.

We just don't want people to just hear this alone, we want them to honor God's Word. They show the honor. And that the Lord will deliver us from unreasonable men, people that restrict God's Word.

So you can pray with us, we are talking about prayer now. We are talking about New Testament prayer, so we invite you to pray with us and pray for us on this program.

So till we see you 9am UK time tomorrow

What do you want to say?

Stay blessed God bless you.

Share it with your contacts, see you tomorrow.

Bye!!