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The Enemy's Hideout

Good morning world. This is Expose 247 where we bring you the word of his power and the power of the Word. We've been in the Knock Out season on prayer. And if you are there wondering, why the knock out season? What are we knocking out? And if you feel like for your personal life and organization you belong to, you are so good with prayer, you know so much about it, you have that reputation for it, and you feel like, No! You've read a lot of books about it, and you even written books yourself, maybe you are the prayer coordinator and you are wondering what is it to knock out in prayer?

I just want to bring you back to the book of Revelation Chapter 3 where the Lord was talking to the Laodiceans church, he was telling them they already thought they are full, they are rich, they were wealthy, and they have need of nothing. Maybe you are full of knowledge and principles, methods and how prayer should be, and you've done it and use it and people come for what you know and you feel like you have no need of nothing, but the Lord was talking to them in verse 18, he was saying I counsel thee to buy from me.

And that is what we are saying to you today, bringing the same counsel to you this morning, that you will buy from the Lord. So you are just going to do away with all these held handover principles and methods and magic that you've been praying, and the tricks, the prayer tricks, that you buy from the Lord. So you drop that thing that is in your hand that is looking glittering. He says buy from me gold that is refined. He says your white garment, you might be covered, but what you are covering with is not the white garment, the righteousness of the Lord. Maybe you are covered with works, you are cover with formular, he said buy from me so that you can be covered, your shame will not be revealed. And anoint your eyes with *eyesalve* so that you can see, you though you could see, so that you can see.

So this morning we are offering you what the Lord is offering you. This morning we are offering you that gold that is well refined with fire. Offering you the white garment and the *eyesalve*, and I hope you will take advantage of the generosity of the Lord this morning as we continue on this Knock Out season on prayer so that we will see and our nakedness will be covered. And we will drop what is glittering, what looks like gold for what is actually gold that is refined by fire.

If you are with us yesterday, we are talking about getting dressed for the battle, being fitted, to be in shape with the belt of truth. I hope you are blessed by that. And if you don't know what we talked about yesterday, you know where to go. You hit the Expose 247 page to listen to that episode and all the other episodes we've been doing on prayer.

So we will continue from where we stopped yesterday. We are talking about the whole Lamb of God, do you want to bring our people up to speed about that?

Well, viewers thank you again for joining us today on this Knock Out series. Where we stopped in our last transmission, we began to look at the fact that Hebrews 2:14 simply says Jesus did not just destroyed the devil, Hebrews 2:15 then says he went ahead to minister to us, so that he can deliver us from the fear of death. And the reason why he did that is because, he said we are being held to a lifetime of bondage, am quoting Hebrews 2:15 not because of the devil anymore but because of the fear of death.

So we came to a conclusion yesterday, that is one thing the enemy was destroyed, is a whole different thing that the enemy has things he throws at humanity, and those very things are still keeping us bound in the power of the enemy even though the enemy had been destroyed.

So that is where we actually stopped. And we actually looked at the reason why the very first armor that Ephesians Chapter 6 talks about is the belt of truth. And we now saw the reason why that armor became the first that the Apostle Paul will make reference to.

But don't forget as you join us today in this transmission, as we continue to unfold these things, don't forget that what Ephesians 6 tells us is having done all to stand. The only guaranty you have to stand in this day is if you have done all. And the doing all, was to put on the full armor of God. That is why it becomes imperative that we begin to look at each specific details of each of those armor. And we've been talking about this belt of truth.

And today we are going to actually project further by the spirit of grace, because I think the Lord is not releasing us yet to move into the second armor, because we have to actually had to dissect this particular first armor deeply.

And the reason why we are dissecting this first armor deeply is because there is something that this first armor tells you about where your enemy hides. And again, don't have the wrong notion about who the real enemy is. Please if you are confuse or you need further clarification as it were about who the real enemy is, please check our

previous transmission where we talked about the reality or you need to know who your real enemy is and get out of the wrong fight. We've actually discussed this. Look out for that title, "**Know your enemy get out of the wrong fight.**" That will actually reveal to you who the enemy is.

Today we are focusing on, a slight different direction, which is we are looking at the hideout. That is what we are looking at today.

And then quickly follow us today which is John Chapter 8. Don't forget we are still looking into that very first armor, which is the belt, having your loins guarded with the belt of truth.

John Chapter 8 let's look at this quickly. Which is a very common aspect of the scripture. We quote this a lot. But let's see the insight the Lord will give us today.

Now if you can read from verse 30.

Now viewers join us we are going somewhere today. We are on a fact finding mission to know the hideout of the enemy.

Look at John 8 verse 30. You can read please,

John 8:30

30. As he spake these words, many believed on him.

31. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, if ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

32. And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

This is a very popular verse of the scriptures. People quote this a lot. In fact I think on average, a lot of Christians are familiar with this verse, that you will know the truth and the truth will actually make you free.

And if you check some other translation like NIV, they will say set you free. But you will then understand in our yesterday transmission, using that as a springboard. You will wonder why would knowing the truth make a man free? When people today in our generation are trying to organize prayer meetings to bind the devil, to destroy the power of the devil, so they can make progress with their lives.

And Jesus is trying to tell humanity at this state that your problem as it were is not the person of the devil. Not the person of demons, not the person of principalities and powers. You might think this run contrary to Ephesians 6:11-13 that begin to say that we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers. Why

does it seem then in John 8:31 that Jesus begin to indicate that knowing the truth is what makes you free, not destroying the devil. Does that not sound a bit contradictory? It's not contradictory if you are with us on yesterday transmission where we said Hebrews 2:14 says the enemy has been destroyed, but the Bible says even though he had been destroyed, you now need a ministration of the truth of what actually happened. The reality of what happened, if you are going to walk free.

So walking free as it were is knowing the reality, knowing the truth of what the situation is. And the situation is that the enemy has been destroyed. The situation is, Christ has granted you victory. The situation is, you are sitted with Christ in heavenly places.

So the reality of what Jesus is saying is, what you really make you free now, is not that you want to destroy the powers of the enemy in your life, is that do you know the truth of what the situation is? He said, knowing that truth makes you walk free. In fact, that is why he said makes you free. He makes you free, he makes you receive and walk in the reality of what has been done.

So the major issue that Christ was raising here, that your freedom is not tie down to destroying Satan. Your freedom, Christ is saying here, is tie down to you knowing what the truth is. And you see that is the point. That is why we've been talking about putting on this belt of truth.

Your freedom, I repeat for the last time before we go on, is not tie down to destroying all the demons around your life. Your freedom is do you know the truth? He said, if you know the truth, you walk free. That raises a question, what will Satan then try to do then? If Satan knows that he has been destroyed (1John 3:8), if Satan knows that he has been destroyed by the death of Jesus, what will Satan use as a weapon? Lies... That is it.

Jesus said he is going to have to lie. Jesus said you knowing the truth is what makes you walk free. Can you see that? What is the truth of your situation? And that is what we can see in this verse 31. We know this but we are going to something much more deeper than this.

Now, this verse we know. But let's look at the things that happened after this verse. And may I say this, it doesn't seem that it actually end well this particular John 8:31

Let's go on,

Verse 33,

Now, don't forget verse 33 is a continuation, so it's the same situation, same event, same circumstance.

33. They answered him, we be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, ye shall be made free?

Now, who are the people that answered him? The people that he told, don't forget that. The very same people that Jesus told that if you know the truth, you will walk free. The very same people were the one that answered Jesus back. Can you see that? So please get this, the same people answered Jesus back.

They answered him, we be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, ye shall be made free?

Can you see that?

The very same people that Christ is ministering liberty to. The very same people that Jesus is ministering deliverance to, are the very same people saying well, we are not going to accept the reality of what you are saying.

Now, I want you to just sit back and look at this, and see how Satan works in our days, how he hides, if he has been destroyed, where is his cover? See the very same people that Christ was ministering liberty to, are the very same people telling Jesus we were never in bondage.

Go on please,

how sayest thou, ye shall be made free?

34. Jesus answered them, verily, verily, I say unto you, whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

35. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the son abideth ever.

36. If the son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

37. I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

38. I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

39. They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, if ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.

40. But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham

41. Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, we be born of fornication; we have one father, even God.

42. Jesus said unto them, if God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

43. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

44. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Now, look at that. Let's just quickly summarize what the background or the context of this particular discuss was between Jesus and these Jews that believed on him. Don't forget what really is very scary about this John 8 from verse 31 up to verse 44 that we just read is, the Bible said he spoke to the Jews that believed on him.

So if you are a believer, if you are Christians, and you are listening to this transmission, it means this is applicable to you. These are not unbelievers. These are not people who don't care about Jesus. The Bible says he spoke to the Jews that believed on him. And he gave them the way out of bondage.

Now we understand why they could not walk free. That is why I said, this particular John 8 we used to quote this a lot, that you will know the truth and make you free, but unknown to most of us, this Chapter did not end well for those Jews that believe on Jesus. It didn't end well because Jesus said I know what the problem is, he said your father lied to you. Can you see that? Your father lied to you. He said, you are of your father the devil and he is a liar. In fact the NIV translation says, when the devil speaks lies, he speak his native language. That is his language. That is tongue.

So Jesus offered them the way out. And Jesus said I suddenly realize that the reason why you guys are not free is because you are of your father the devil who lied to you. He speaks of his own which is lie.

So now we see, you know what they told Jesus, they said we are never in bondage. If you remember we said yesterday in our last transmission, that what Satan does to humanity is lie about the situation, and he works in both ways. He either makes people to have unhealthy interest in him, making himself all overpowering. He presents himself beyond what he really is, if Satan cannot achieve that with you, now

if he does that making you superstition, you see the demon under every rock in your life.

In fact there are times, instead of taking responsibility for your life. Instead of you looking at your background, your experience, your exposure as been responsible for some things that are happening in your life. Everything is about the devil. And if the devil cannot get people to be superstitious, then the second thing is he goes other way round, which is, he tries to make sure they don't believe in the fact that he is the one responsible even he doesn't even exist. And whichever one Satan can achieve, it does matter as long as he is lying about the situation.

See this people, they told Jesus we are never in bondage to anyone. Now, who told them that? Who told them they were never in bondage? Jesus exposes that, well, Satan that told them. He said your father lied to you. Your father lied to you. What am I talking about? What are we looking at in this place?

We are simply saying we now know the reason why Jesus Christ told them in verse 31 that all you need is to know the reality of your situation. All you need to know is the truth so that you can be made free. So if Satan will then keep you in bondage, all he has to do is to not fight you. It's not to attack you, all he has to do is lie. That is why John 8:44 says the devil lied from the beginning. He says ye are of your father the devil because he is a liar.

What are we talking about today? We are simply saying that, this kind of transmission we are having today is exposing the reality of Word. And unless we expose the reality of the Word, we would be exposed to the lies of the devil and it means the bondage of Satan, the captivity of Satan in the life of anyone will be hidden under the lies.

These people were kept in bondage because they were lied to by the devil. It means every time you don't expose your heart, every time you don't expose your life to the truth of the Word of God regarding any situation in your life, regarding any circumstances you are going through. What does the Word of God says in truth, unless we expose that truth of the Word, we give room for the enemy and the Bible says where the enemy hides, where the enemy put his head, is under those lies. And that is where these people were kept in bondage in this particular place we seen.

You agree with us that what we are sharing this morning is very important. Even in defense academy you need to understand the hideout of the enemy, you really even need to train in those area. So you see people they even simulate and go to places, if you are going to fight, if they have not fought in desert places before, they need to go

there and even understand the terrain and see where and how they hides in caves and everything.

So this morning we are talking about the hideout of the enemy. It's not enough for you to know your armory, and even know how to fight without even knowing where is the enemy hiding. So he can get to you at any point. Though you have all the skills, but he is jumping sprouting at you. That is what the devil does, he pounce, he is being like a lion, hidden in dens and he can pounce on you unaware. So this morning we are to continue to fish him out from the hidden place. I hope you will go with us on the trip

Thank you for that.

Now, it means, before we go to the next verse. What is the hideout of the enemy? It will mean then, it's not about what you are going that is the situation. It's not about your experience that is the really problem at the moment, contrary to what you might think. The major problem are the lies that the devil pumps into our heart. The lies of the enemy in our minds. Those are things that he hides under preventing him from being access by every single solution we are trying to find to our problem.

And that is why... have you notice, if you take your time to read this John 8:31, please read up to the last verse in that Chapter 8. You will notice that it never ended well. Those people just walk away in bondage.

Now, the question you want to ask is, how come these people in John 8:31-44 were not free? Jesus gave us the reason. He said the devil lied to them about their situation. Can you see that? Satan lied to them about their condition. So you cannot actually afford to be in ignorance of the reality of what the Word of God says about your situation. If you expose yourself to the lies of the devil, what happen is, no matter what solution you are trying to proffer to the situation. It never goes away. And that is why if you notice, Jesus was trying to help them. Can you see that? Christ came to them, ministered to them but yet they were kept in bondage.

Let's go quickly to 2Corinthians Chapter 10.

I may just want to say like they always says that the devil is in the details. Sometimes it's not actually the situation, because people already, they are prepare, they know when the devil possess something, so they know how to attack what they feel as the devil is in the object, the devil is in a particular, so they can say, Oh they wanted houses and everything like that they could know how to fish out. Some are really can see. They don't need anybody to tell them when the details. Devil being in the details, the details of the situation, not even the situation itself is something that takes some

skills or people to know. So is easier for people to say, this is a possessed thing, a possess object, a possess pencil. Actually they can pick out the characteristics and so they can know how to guide and how to know the defense and how to make attack on those.

But when it is about details, devil in the details, how do you do? That is the thing. And that was what happen to those ones, in that John Chapter 8. Because even the details lying to them. That they are free people when they are not free. That is what about... the devil in the details.

Thank you for saying that.

You know that brings me to what happen in most part of the Western World today where the enemy ensures that people believe that it's all natural. All this just natural cause, there is nothing about it. He knows that as long as people don't know the reality of the situation, then he's protected. That is what the enemy does.

Now, please I know some people are wondering, am not sure if you imagine before, they are saying if only Jesus can show up specifically in my situation, I mean that is when you pray, atimes you attend meeting and you say Oh! We are praying for the Lord to show up in his mighty power. If only Jesus show up in this situation, then I know that all my problem will be gone and I know everything that is afflicting my soul will lose its hold upon my life. Oh Jesus show up in my life.

Well, that is a very good thing. But you see this people, were right physically in the presence of Jesus. They were right before him. You can't be as closer to Jesus physically as they were, but yet the Bible says they left away, they left Christ with the same bondage. Why? Because whatever was keeping them bound, hid itself under the lies of the devil.

Jesus said your father lied to you, and then you don't even know the reality of the situation. See! It will mean that even Jesus ministering to them one to one, did not help them out of the situation. And that is the reason why some of us, we think Oh Yes! We pray, we do this, we fast, we bind, we cast, we destroyed, we build, we do all these spiritual gymnastics. We encounter anointing like these people encountered Jesus face to face.

But yet, they walk away. The story didn't end well in John Chapter 8. And we now know the reason. He said it's because they listen to the lies of the devil. That is how the devil protects himself. That is how the enemy protects himself.

And you see we are going to look at something that is going to drive this point deeper. Because we've come today to expose the hideout of the enemy. We've come to break out his hideout. Even if the enemy is hiding in any aspect of our lives, with this lies, it doesn't matter what kind of ministration Christ brings to them. See! Jesus was talking to them directly. But it made no solution. That is how critical it is. This is how critical what we are discussing this morning is.

Now, let's go quickly 2Corinthians Chapter 10 and begin to look at these things.

We are exposing the hideout of the enemy. Now, we see John 8 what it is, he lies about the situation. The lies of the devil.

2Corinthians 10, can you read that from verse 4.

4. For the weapon of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds

Well, thank you, there is a word that comes to mind. There is a word the Lord is bringing to our notice this morning. And that is the word stronghold. Stronghold!

If you are student of the Bible, this is not a very strange word, right from the Old Testament because you see David and the prophets and all these Old Testament saints saying the Lord is my strong hold and all that.

Let's see this word stronghold what it is? And let see how this apply in the context of 2Corinthians 10:4.

Quickly I want you to look at 1Samuel and let see what this stronghold was.

Don't forget there is a word strong hold and we need to actually expose what that word strong hold is, it's not just a hold, it's a stronghold. And what do we do with it? And what do the Old Testament says or the Old Testament prophet says?

Now look at this, there are lots of verses in the Bible where the word stronghold is mentioned, and unless we get the full dossier of what the word strong hold is, we might not be able to understand what 2Corinthians 10:4 is trying to pass across to us about the enemy's hideout.

See 1Samuel 23 verse 14.

Now watch this...

1Samuel 23:14

14. And David abode in the wilderness in strong holds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand.

And David abode in the wilderness in strong holds,

It means he says David abode in the strong hold.

Go on please,

and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand.

Why? Because David was in the strong hold. Can you see that? He said, Saul wanted to kill David and he didn't tried once, he didn't tried twice. Saul tried many times. Every day to get David but as long as David was in the strong hold, he was inaccessible.

What does that tell you about the stronghold? As long as somebody is in the stronghold, it doesn't matter what you do to access them, you can shoot arrows at them. You can try to attack them, you can try to shoot them. You can try to throw things at them, as long as they are in the stronghold. They are inaccessible.

The Bible says even Saul tried every day to access David. Saul tried every day to kill David, but it was just practically impossible, because David put a cover on himself. And its call not just a hold, it's a stronghold.

What we are trying to do this morning by the Holy Spirit is to paint a picture of the impenetrability or how the stronghold cannot just be accessed.

Now, it will then really be serious why the Apostles Paul by the Holy Spirit in 2Corinthians 10:4 comes up with this word stronghold. In fact, David had a place call the cave of Adullam. This is the place when the battle gets really strong, there is a place in the Old Testament, that says when David was anointed as king over Israel. The Philistine heard about it, and the Bible says the Philistine came enmass. They came enmass to attack David. When David saw the size of the Philistine coming at him, David did not even bothered to fight back or shoot back, Bible said he went straight into the stronghold

Now you see! What are we talking about? We are taking about the fact that the stronghold is not just being a New Testament word, is an Old Testament word that talks about where the enemy hides, inaccessible, impenetrable, you cannot access him it doesn't matter what you do.

Now let's go back to 2Corinthians 10:4 and see why the Apostle Paul is using the same word stronghold. And in the context in which the word is being used in terms of the spiritual warfare we've been talking about.

See what he says in 2Corinthians 10:4

Now we've painted the picture of what the stronghold is.

Now get this in 2Corinthians 10 what does he say there?

2Corinthians 10:4

4. For the weapon of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.

For the weapon of our warfare are not carnal,

Ok, what we fight with are not carnal.

but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.

Well, the Bible says if you believe in spiritual warfare. It's high time you stop fighting the wrong enemy. If you have believed in spiritual battle, you might have been so much distracted in your life fighting the wrong thing. He says, your business, my business in spiritual warfare is not actually to say Satan I destroy you, you cannot attack me anymore. What is your business? That is the job of Jesus. He came to destroy the works of the enemy. That is not your problem.

So the Bible says in 1Corinthians 10:4, if you ever engage in spiritual warfare, Paul said I will tell you who to fight. Let's deal with the stronghold. Let's shoot down. Let's tear down. See! He said for the pulling down of strong holds. The enemy has left strong holds in place.

That is why we said in Hebrews 2:14 yesterday and verse 15. We simply said even though the Bible says Satan was destroyed by Jesus (Hebrews 2:14). The Bible says Christ Jesus had to minister to those who were held in bondage, not by Satan, but by what Satan left. He said, they were held in bondage. Satan dropped something on humanity. The enemy dropped something on people. And he said, that is very thing that Christ also came to minister to us. He destroyed Satan and ministered to humanity.

Here he is saying that, if you are going to engage in spiritual warfare, you need to know that your enemy has put a strong hold in place. I can give you an illustration. An illustration will be for example, if somebody walks into this room where we are with a

very strong perfume, now even if the person leaves the room, in most cases, the smell, the fragrance of the perfume still lingers in the room.

The Bible simply says the enemy has been destroyed, Satan has been taken out of the situation. In fact the Bible says if you are a Christian, if you are a child of God, if you are a son of God. Colossians 2:15 says Jesus spoilt principalities and powers. The enemy's power crushed, but you know what? He left a perfume. The enemy left a fragrance. The enemy left strongholds. And the Bible says if you are going to fight in spiritual warfare, the weapon of our carnal are not carnal. What your weapons of warfare should do is to get rid of the scent. Get rid of the perfume! Get rid of the strong hold!

How does he call it a strong hold? Don't forget we saw David that the stronghold was meant to be a place of hiding. He calls it a refuge. A refuge, if the stronghold is in the positive, but in the negative is also a refuge for anyone. The stronghold is a place of refuge. Refuge for the enemy as well. A place of cover. So he says, let's us pull down what? What stronghold? Let's pull down the cover. That is what he is saying. Let's put down every single cover, whose cover? The cover of the enemy. Let's put it down. And that's what he says.

He says the weapons of our warfare are not carnal. They are for pulling down every cover that every cover that the enemy has use to hide himself. And that is what he is saying there.

Now go on please,

Verse 5,

If you are wondering, the question you are asking then is what is this stronghold? What is it? What is this cover? What is this that is protecting the enemy? What is this stronghold? He is going to give us details, much more information about what the stronghold is.

What does he says then?

5. Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

Casting down imagination.

Now, we now know these things, whatever they are, they are imaginations.

Now you see, I want to call your attention to the tense, to whether is singular or plural. Can you see what he says?

What does it says there?

Imaginations...

If you've been with us from our previous transmission we highlighted Ephesians Chapter 6 that says that take on the full armor so that you can take your stand against the schemes, again the word plural is coming into place. The enemy has schemes, wiles.

You might be wondering why in the world that Satan has schemes? Why does he have wiles? Well, this is the reason. The reason is, what works for Mr A doesn't for Mr B. That is why the enemy cannot just afford to have only one tool. Because why? The uniqueness of everywhere demands that Satan knows what works for every person. That is why he got tools and schemes.

And this one says there are imaginations. Is not one of them. That is why the Bible says to us, we have to take on the full armor. Do you see reasons? Because if you take armor one on, the first armor on, and Satan switches the method and tries the second method, that is why he said, if you take on the full armor, you can be guaranty against all the schemes. So you need full armor. You need a complete armor because there are many schemes.

And that's is what he says there, he says casting out imaginations. It's not one imaginations. If one doesn't work for you, the enemy tries the next imagination, the next imagination, the next imaginations.

So what he is simply saying here, now we understand that the stronghold which we know is a refuge that protects, that covers the enemy, he says actually these things are imaginations. The things that the devil left behind even though he had been destroyed. Can you see that?

Now can you go on please?

and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God,

Now, think about it. If you are wondering what every high thing is, that scriptures illustrate what every high thing is. He said the thing exalt itself up against the knowledge of God. So that thing too has to be a knowledge. That is it. It's a knowledge versus knowledge.

The high thing is a knowledge because is exalting itself against God's knowledge. It's also a form of knowledge. Can you see that? It's a version of knowledge. Again we come to the fact of why the belt of truth has to be in place.

He is simply saying don't forget all these imaginations, all these knowledge exalting itself up against God's knowledge these are stronghold, that is the castle. The protection custody that the enemy put his head under. That is what he says there. Can you see that?

So the Bible says, take up his cover, remove the cover of the enemy. That is it! Cast it down. Pull down the strong. Nowhere to hide anymore. So we now know that it is imaginations, we know its knowledge.

You see, like you said yesterday, in the realm of the spirit, there is no vacuum. If you don't have the truth of the Word of God, something else, some kind of information is there, some kind of knowledge is there in your life.

And go on please,

and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

It cannot be more clearer than that. It is your thought, your thinking pattern. Your reasoning, what your knowledge based is. And the Bible says all these things is where the enemy hides as the stronghold.

And don't forget, let me call your attention to this. We not know why stronghold are very crazy. The Bible says as long as David was in the strong hold, it doesn't matter whatever Saul did. It wasn't working. It doesn't matter. Does that then mean then, it wouldn't matter how far you are trying to provide a solution to your problem? In fact some Christians think with some very firebrand prayers, with some very... they call it fire prayers, or knock out prayers or prayers that actually... I mean very hot prayers.

Yes! If you do those kind of things... I will just go for seven days dry fasting, and that will be the end of the trouble. People says a lot of things. But listen! The Bibles says as long there is a cover, it doesn't matter how many times Saul wanted to access David. The Bible says as long as David was in the stronghold. There is no way. If the enemy is covering himself in the stronghold. I mean, the Bible says it doesn't matter no matter activity you want to execute, nothing is going to happen. No change in the situation, because there is a stronghold, is covered itself up in that situation. And this cover we now understand, they are thoughts pattern. We understand wrong knowledge, we understand imaginations. That is what they are.

Yes, we can see that even David and the other people borrow the idea from the Lord. Even in the Old Testament, we saw the Lord establishing and telling the people of Israel to build a place of refuge, like two in the cities, one in the middle, so even when the avenger of blood is coming. Even when some people are wrongfully murder somebody, accidental murder and you know for every blood that was spilt then, there really must be instant vengeance, he says run to that place of refuge. And not even the avenger of blood, if you can make it to that city. So they were been instructed to build that, something like a stronghold forth, to run and when you go there even lawfully, the avenger of blood cannot as long as you get into the city. And that is the forth. That is the forth we are talking about.

And so it applies anywhere be it positive, so is the tactics the enemy use. It's the tactics that the children of God can use. You can come into the forth. That is why is call a place of refuge. The name of the Lord is a strong tower, a strong hold. It's just common in military and you see them, they withdraw when they see... into their forth when it just look like they just go there and hibernate and hides and that is why people cannot get them and everything like that in both ways.

So we are just telling you this morning to exploit that. To exploit the stronghold. Remove the cover of the enemy, blow it off. To understand it, and you can even understanding it building your own stronghold to make it inaccessible. So in both ways we are calling you....

And then if you are following us this morning you will have seen that we are blowing the cover of the enemy. That is what we are doing. So we are compromising his position for you. Compromising his position and blowing off his identity for you to be able to see the enemy for who he is and see what he is up to.

So we've just compromise him and I hope that you are following.

Thank you for that insight, for what you shared.

Now, let's now get a bit deeper into this. It will mean that the most effective tool that Satan is using, you see if you were with us in last transmission, we said the enemy of our souls doesn't come against us fire for fire, like people think. That is why atimes when people reads Ephesians 6 that says we don't wrestle against flesh and blood it paints the wrong picture in our minds.

We see people trying to write caption and for programme saying tonight is war. We are going to destroy the devil tonight. We declare war on the devil tonight and we destroy everything in your life that is affecting your destiny. People says things like

that. And then such kind of titles for meetings then mean people don't understand what Ephesians 6:12 is saying at all.

We know we are wrestling against principalities and powers, but those are the people we are wrestling against, but that is not what they use. They come at us fire for fire. What they simply do, is the Bible say they have been destroyed (Hebrews 2:14). So what they left in place is they know that if they leave in place these stronghold, they can effectively provide a cover over or on top of any situation that you're actually going through. Once they protect it, it means it doesn't matter what you do, it doesn't matter how much prayer, how much fasting, how much things you want to execute, how much spiritual gymnastic you want to engage in, how much spiritual activity you do, they know they are well protected, there is a stronghold.

And then how did they do that? The Bible tells us that, they first come up with imaginations. These imaginations, every imaginations. So the question you are asking yourself is this. Do you have imaginations? Do you have knowledge and thinking pattern and thought pattern that don't line up with the Word? I mean, we gave some examples yesterday. But we might want to give much more examples today so that we can be practical with this especially for those people who are going through one situation or the other in their lives at the moment.

So I want you to check every situation, every condition you are in at the moment. I want you to look at it critically, and I want you to ask yourself a question, do you have the truth of what the Word of God says about that situation? Am not asking you for your experience, am not asking you do you have the experience? Am saying do you have the knowledge of the truth?

Don't forget, the Bible says casting down everything that exalts itself up against God's knowledge. I mean, do you have a false knowledge? and that false knowledge is exalting itself against God's knowledge. The thing is saying well, it doesn't matter what the Word of God says, this is what my experience says and from my experience, I've come up with a new knowledge.

The Bible says as long as you have that in your life, the enemy has a cover in your life. The enemy is protected. That situation is cover. There is nothing you do in a place of prayer, there is nothing you do in fasting, there is nothing in whatever you are trying to do that will access that situation anymore because there is a cover. It will mean that we then have a duty in the realm of the spirit to do what Ephesians 6:12, 13 tell us is the very first armor which is to access the belt of truth. That is the very first principle. That is the very first thing, you will have to access the belt of truth.

Now, if you think this thing is not as critical. Look at what Jesus said to them in John 8:31 that we read before. Jesus was right in their presence, Jesus was the one ministering right to them yet they went away in bondage. Because Jesus said the enemy has exposed them to lies and they are not willing to drop those lies.

Now the question you are asking this morning is, how hard is it? How hard is it for people to drop lies and things that don't line up with the truth of the Word of God? Now if you think it's easy, you might want to check John 8:31 where they walked away and they just walked away in bondage and they refused to accept what Christ came to bring to them.

So let's say this, whatever thing you are going through at the moment. I mean we gave some illustration yesterday about even if you are going through any demonic attack. No matter what you are going through, you are going through a situation, familiar family patterns, it doesn't matter what it is. You cannot afford to listen to the lies of the devil.

For example, if you believe that what you are going through at the moment in your life is because of some curses that somebody placed on you, if you believe that it's because of family curses or somebody cursed you and all that, if you believed that and you think well, this is why this is happening to me, what you have done is, you have exalted the knowledge gained from your experience up against God's knowledge.

Now what is God's knowledge? If you want to ask me, what is God's knowledge in that particular situation? Am I giving you practical cases. In that particular situation, the truth of God's Word is in Galatians 3:13, 14. He says Christ has redeemed (past tense) us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse for us. It will mean that if Christ's was made a curse, the Bible says you were redeemed from the curse.

So it's now up to you to say well, am I going to take on the truth of that Word in this situation and use that as my knowledge base or will I like I respond to the knowledge that the enemy is bringing to me based on my experience. And the Bible says whichever choice you make at that time, at that instance. Whatever choice, you make. Whichever knowledge you want to go for at that time. If you go for the wrong knowledge imposed by the enemy, he says there you have a strong hold. There the enemy hides. That is his hidden place and it doesn't matter the volume of prayers you pray. It doesn't matter the volume of Bible study you do. It doesn't matter whatever you do, as long as that wrong knowledge is in place, the enemy has a hidden place.

And we have come today to blow the cover of the enemy.

Yes, in other word we are just saying that those imaginations as we find out in 2Corinthians Chapter 10 verse 4 they are the building blocks of the stronghold. And so you have to go at it, you know what it is now, don't forget imaginations! It is in different part of your life, imaginations

So block by block you pull down those imaginations one by one. So you go through all those imaginations, all those things feeding you with ideals. Every ideals that is running contrary outside the will of God and the purpose of God, to the victory of Christ, to the cross of Christ.

So every of those ideals, no matter how possible and plausible and how understanding it is. You know, it makes sense. It looks practical. It looks like it's a commonality. That is common. Everybody is having the same. So it does not make it genuine. You have to know that it's just been fed from the pit of hell and that is the stronghold the enemy has put in place. By breaking into your life so high because it has taken time and years, imaginations one here, another one there sponsored by friends, well-wishers and those like that. And all those imaginations are coming one by one and being reinforce over time. Just like we shared yesterday being reinforce over time.

So you are going with the hammer of God's Word, the truth, that we are talking about, the belt of truth against it because it is knowledge based. And you are going to pull it down brick by brick, imaginations by imaginations.

So you are bringing your imaginations in direct conflict with God's Word. And say imaginations versus imaginations, knowledge against knowledge, thoughts against thoughts. That is why he says I know the thoughts I have for you. For every... there is an answer for all those questions and those imaginations. You have the reality in the scripture, in the New Testament for those alternative figures and fact. You have the reality in Christ. So you are going to break it brick by brick.

So you are the one that you are going to do the exercise. It is your job, it is your duty. You have it all map out for you. All map out for you. You are going for each of the imaginations one by one. Just like we told you yesterday, it is not a lazy man job.

No! You cannot outsource it. That is it! For people that like to outsource their life and for anything. This is one thing you cannot outsource. And so if you are going for your covering to somebody that help you do the pulling down. You can't because people are going to exploit you and you are going to be in that racketing, you will be a puff for a long time. Because this imagination is a work, is coming to your head, its coming to your mind, the devil is projecting it. So you need to come at all time. That is why he was saying putting on that belt of truth. It's your normal wear. It's what to

have to be on all the time. And so you must prepare, ready, alert. You have your costume ready against those imaginations one by one as the belt of truth. So you have the truth of God's Word against every imaginations.

So look out for all those imaginations and look for the appropriate God's Word, the belt of truth against it. It is your uniform.

Now thank you for that. Have you notice that 2Corinthians Chapter 10 verse 4 that we read, have you notice that when he actually started, he didn't tell us what the weapons are.

He just said the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but they are mighty through God. But by simple deduction, you will notice that we can deduce what that weapon is. We have to know is the truth, because if you look at all what he actually call the building blocks of the stronghold. It's about knowledge, it's about thought, it's about... So we now know... that weapon must have been the truth. And that is what we have come to this morning.

And then you see, let us point out something very significant that the way the devil works. The Bible calls him the master schemer. What it means is all he has left now is just the schemes. We know he has been destroyed, his power has been destroyed.

In fact have you noticed one thing, anytime I read this Acts Chapter 1 when Jesus was ascending to Heaven and he began to commission the disciples to go into the world and preach the gospel. Am not sure whether you notice, in Acts 1, the Bible says Jesus said to the disciples, all power (I want you to mark that word) in the heaven, on the earth has been given to me.

Well, when you used the word **all** in a statement. It means it's exclusive of any other possibility. All powers in the heaven on earth has been given to me, therefore you go into the world and preach the gospel unto all men or to all nations, starting from Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria to the end of the earth. (Acts 1:8). We all know that verse. It will mean when Jesus said all powers and authority in the heaven has been given to me. I begin to wonder, what does Satan have to use then on humanity? If all power and all authority, Jesus said was given to him, because Philippians 2 tells us that the Father has exalted him and given him a name that is above every other names. It will mean then, what Satan has left according to Ephesians 6 will them be schemes and lies. That is what he have left to use.

So the scriptures is simply telling you that you and I have to come to the real knowledge of the truth of the Word in every aspect. We cannot leave any stone unturned. And you see there is one thing that the devil does for some Christians as

well. Like we said, Satan doesn't mind if he can convince some Christians that everything about your life is about demonic. For some people who are at the moment... I use an example like poverty. You know some people who have financial challenges in their lives, in their families. I mean Satan doesn't mind if he can convince people that everything happening to you is all demonic.

In fact the devil can decide to hide from you, your own recklessness. He can decide to hide from you the fact that you are not taking hold of opportunities coming your way. That you are just leaving things for granted. That you are not laying hold upon chances that are coming your way. And that you are not being serious about things... see! The devil doesn't mind as long as he lies about the situation.

You see in John 8:31, the devil told those people. They were never in bondage. Satan can either tell somebody you are never in bondage even though he knows he is manipulating the person. Or he can tell the person everything about you, am responsible for it, even though he knows he is not. The devil doesn't really care whichever one. All that matter to the devil is that we don't have the reality of the situation. When the devil can do that, he's achieve his aim.

So we have come to the point where we are simply saying as a Christian, you have the duty, responsibility in the spirit to take hold of the truth of the Word of God in every circumstances in your life, and allow no lies of the devil to lay any hold upon your life. And that's what we have come to talk about this morning.

As much as we don't want you to overestimate the devil and the works of the devil. Actually we don't want you to run the same problem, the same problem by you underestimating. We see that in John Chapter 8, Jesus went into details about this, so that you know who you are dealing with. I think in John 8:31 they underestimated him, they said No! We are not in bondage at all.

He was telling him that they need to know who they are talking about, the devil, that when he deals with lies, he is a merchant of lies. What he tells is lies, lies, lies, lies... So what he has alone left to work with, just like we know that he has been defeated completely. So we now see what he is working with? He has only one product and that is lies. He says he is father of lies. That when he even speaks lies, he is so good that, is like his mother tongue, that is his native language. So you can't beat him in that game. And that is the only thing he has. And that is why Jesus has come to blow his cover, for some people don't know what he has been up to. Who is he? And everything, he's masquerading all through the Old Testament and Jesus blow his cover. He has only one thing, and that is lie.

So that is what he is feeding to you. Feeding your imagination, feeding your thought life and to your experiences. Injecting ideas into you, injecting his lies. So whatever he is bringing is just lies. So whatever he is saying, it looks like alternative deal to it. It is lie, it is pure lies. Because that is what he deals with. He's the father of it, he is the manufacturer. And that is the only thing that Jesus was able to talk about him in that John chapter 8. That when you talk with him, you are talking with a pro, you are talking with an expert on it.

He comes in shades of truth. So he can give you shades of it, variations of it. Some it will not become like that. He might not appear purely like that. He gave a shades of it, he gave you a different versions of it. Some are believable, you know that is the kind of a thing.

We are talking about a master here. And so those imaginations that come over years are being reinforced because it looks like it, it appears like it and those are the lies of the devil. So we are allowing you to see it as what they are to it. Those thoughts, those thinking, and those things you are looking at. Those alternatives approach and those things that looks like the reality. And those are being reinforcing, reinforcing your beliefs. And it has even affected how you respond to things.

It comes at your meditation and your approach to things, inform you, those are things that inform you and those are telling you, those imaginations and that is the only things he has now. That is the imagination, the lies, web lies into your thinking pattern. That is why you should know that, that is his hideout. Just like we promised this morning that, the Lord is going to show us his hideout. Where he is hiding, the stronghold. That is the forth. And that forth his the web of lies.

And so you have to bring the word of God, the truth of God's Word, to look for every of the truth of God's Word because we cannot to afford to walk and say Oh! I put that one imagination. No! He says casting down all. Putting on the whole armor, all! all of the armor for all of the imaginations. All of the armor for all those thoughts that arises up against the knowledge of the Lord. You know all those thoughts visiting you, you have to have the