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Weapon Of Mouth Destruction

Good evening world this is Expose 247 where we amplify and proclaim the whole counsel of God's Word. So we want you to sit today and listen to this Episode and you are feel free to invite and share with all your contacts so that they can partake out of this Word feast we are having this weekend.

I am going to take you through the book of 1John Chapter 1, he was talking about this word, this ancient word that is still much more relevant in our contemporary world today and will be relevant even when there is no time, when time ceases to be. The book of 1John Chapter 1 says that which we have from the beginning, that came from the beginning, the one we've seen, the one we have heard, seen with our eye, the one we have looked at and the one we have handled. And that is what we are proclaiming. That is the Word of life. So we call you to the Word of life this evening, please call everybody that you know to it so that we can partake of this.

If you have been following us we've been on the Knock Out Season and we've been on the long season on prayer and so for the past two or three weekends, we moved away a bit from prayer to warfare. We have topics that is talking about 'spiritual warfare: knowing your balance,' we have the one that talked about "Dress up: Put on your Belt," then to know that "Get out of the wrong fight" and last week, the last episode we are talking about your "enemy's hideout." for you to understand how the warfare, and we have been on that Ephesians Chapter 6, You know we have a long way to go in Ephesians Chapter 6.

So before we continue on Ephesians Chapter 6 today and from where we stopped last week, last episode, do you have a thing or two to add to what... maybe to bring our viewers to speed with what we've been sharing.

Thank you again for tuning in to this Knock Out season we've been having on Expose 247.

Now, well today we are making progress with what we actually stopped, where we stopped in last transmission. But in a nutshell, let's say this. What we are looking at the moment is to understand how to take our stand, that in Christianity, we are not being call in a way make an advancement because most people thing our journey in the place of prayer is to be able to destroy the devil and you know, people talk about

the fact that he want to take back what Satan stole. But let me tell you the reality, all we are being call to do in the kingdom is to take our stand.

Christ got the victory, he gave us the victory. And he said all our business is, in the realm of the spirit is to take our stand, which means giving no place to the devil. The devil has been destroyed. The devil has been completely wrecked down by the victory of Christ on Calvary. The responsibility of the Christians, the job of a Christian is not to try to destroy the devil, is to take our stand in the victory that Christ deliver unto us all by grace. And that is what we've been looking at.

Before we go on today, let us make one thing very clear, that the Bible says the only guaranty that we have to stand is if we put on the full armor. So I call your attention to the word full armor. You cannot just put on the armor, you've got to put on the full armor. Ephesians 6 tells us from verse 10 to verse 13.

And it's based on that we have been looking at each of the item of the armory. So far we have looked at the belt of truth, where he says guard your loins with the belt of truth (Ephesians 6:14).

Now, today we need to make progress beyond that. But don't forget is so critical and significant that we know that taking up not just the armor but the full armor is what guaranty that we shall stand at the end of the day.

So we want to continue.

So today let's make progress.

Now, join us quickly Ephesians 6:14, we are looking at the next item on this armory.

This is what it says, I read

Ephesians 6:14

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

That is where stopped last time, so today

and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

So look at the key word. He said put it on, it means take it on to yourself, the breastplate of righteousness.

Now, I want to call your attention to the word breastplate. You see breastplate for some us who are in this 21st century. That might not be very familiar with our vocabulary but for those in the days of Paul when this was written, it was common

knowledge that the Romans soldiers will put on something on his breast. It's call the breastplate. And he has to put on that before he can actually be ready for battle. And then that is why we could use the modern connotation where we talk about bulletproof, something they put on the chest to make sure that anything that is being thrown at you in the chest area, you are protected.

But let say this, if there was nothing that the enemy was going to throw at the chest of a Christian, the Apostle Paul will not ask that we should have on the breastplate of righteousness. So it means, putting on this breastplate or this bulletproof on our chest signifies that the enemy is throwing something at our chest. And that is one thing we have to know. And then if we want to look at it, what actually does the bulletproof or a breast plate protect? If you want to say the heart. Can you see that? That is the heart.

And then you see, before we continue today we've said this before but let's highlight this, that the devil doesn't fight a Christian fire for fire, contrary to what you might have been told that people say tonight we are going to destroy Satan, tonight we are going to wreck down the devil. The devil doesn't fight a Christian fire for fire. And the reason is simple, because according to the scriptures he is been destroyed.

Colossians 2:8, 15 tells us he has been destroyed. In fact Hebrews 2:14 tells us that Jesus destroyed him that has the power of the devil.

So we have no business fighting Satan. Our business in the realm of the spirit is to take our charge against his weapon, his schemes, his antics. So the Bible is telling us here, that the enemy has some schemes against our chest area. He has something he's throwing at us. He has something he is flinging at the heart of a Christian, the chest of a Christian. And the Apostle Paul says by the Holy Ghost, if we have to stand, we need to put something at the chest, or if you please, you can call it the bulletproof, the breast plate. And he tells us the name of this breastplate. He gives this breastplate an identity. This is where it's so critical now. He said this breastplate has an identity and he calls it the breastplate of righteousness. So it tell us that the believer must put on this righteousness on his chest if he will survive what the enemy is throwing at his chest area.

Now this raises some question which we need to investigate straightaway by the Word of God. What is coming at the chest of a Christian? What is the devil throwing at us? What is he flinging at the chest of a Christian? And what is the effect? What is the implication if this weapon actually touches our chest area? What happen to the believer? That is what we need to find out by the scriptures. Don't forget the only guaranty that we have to stand at the end of the day according to verse 12, verse 13 is if we take on this full armor. This is not a joke. We need to take this on, because

something is coming in our chest area. And that is what we are going to look at quickly.

And maybe we have to find out why it is call, it has to be breastplate of righteousness and not breastplate of some any other thing. Exactly! It has an identity.

Let's go quickly to Isaiah 54. Now, we are on a fact finding mission by the Holy Ghost to see what this breastplate of righteousness is and what we are supposed to take on with it and how we are going to guard ourselves against what the enemy is throwing. Again, all Satan does to the Christian is throw something at them. The devil cannot attack you, he can only throw something at you.

So let's go quickly to Isaiah 54 verse 17

And you might even want to read... you can read from verse 15

Isaiah 54

15. Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake.

Now, the reason why we are reading this verse, you might want to understand that a lot of Christians, this is one of the most popular verses, especially for those who believe in spiritual warfare. This is one of our most read verses when it comes to throwing fire for fire to the enemy, this is one of the most popular verses.

Please this might not sound in a way that you know it to be, please receive this with meekness the engrafted Word.

Let's see what it says

15. Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake.

Now, let's see how they are going to gather against you, are they going to start punching you? Are they going to attack you whatever?

Let's see what he says,

Go on please,

16. Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals, in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy

17. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.

No weapon...

Now again, before you read that, I think we need to make this point known. You know verse 16 tells you that they will surely gather against you. Anybody that is going to attack you, the enemy of your soul will gather against you. But verse 17 is then telling you that the gathering against you might not be in the way you think it is. The gathering against you is not fire for fire. The gathering against you is actually by a weapon. That is why we again emphasize in our last transmission, the Bible says what you and I are called to take stand against are the schemes of the devil. He said, stand against the schemes, the wiles. (Ephesians Chapter 6)

And again, can you see this? This one is saying even though I say they will gather against you, as it were, this is how they are going to gather. They will gather with schemes, with antics, methods, look at that. That is why he says no weapon.

Go on please,

that is formed against thee shall prosper;

Can you see? It wouldn't hit his target. He is not talking about the fact that prosperity, because people talk about prosperity about money. Well, he is not saying weapon will have money. What is simply saying that is the weapon that is targeted against you will not achieve it's purpose.

Now watch this!

We are going to see what the weapon is, we are going to see what the attack is.

and every tongue

Ah! Ah! Now can you get that closely now. You now every time people quote this verse, people will quote this verses saying no weapon formed against you shall prosper. People say that when they talk about witches and wizard attacking them or somebody is trying to raining incantation or divination against them or somebody is attacking them in the realm of the spirit. People quote this verse and says yes! The Bible says no weapon fashioned against me shall prosper.

But in the context of Isaiah 54 verse 17, the Lord has something different or deeper than what we think it is. He is simply saying here that, if they gather against you, they

have schemes, is that ok? He tells you what schemes is, is coming from the tongue. Can you see that? It is in what they are going to say. Can you see that?

Go on please,

and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shall condemn.

He says the tongue that arises in judgment, if you read other translation. In fact I can simply read... if you read the Message translation. We need to read that, so that we can see what this has to say...

Now, because he will tell you that every tongue... you know what comes from tongue, that is words

Isaiah 54:17

But no weapon will be able to hurt you. You will have an answer for all who accuses you.

Can you see that? Again he tells you it's about accusation.

Can you see that?

I mean, you are wonder, if they are going to gather against you, I thought if somebody is going to gather against you, they should fire demonic arrow at you, or as it were in way throw incantation and tell you, you are cursed.

As Christians we have this strange notion and we need to talk about this clearly. If you are in Christ, the Bible say if anybody is Christ he is a new creation. Old things have passed away, you are seated with Christ in the heavenly places. Bible says far above principalities and powers.

May I say this, it doesn't matter any witch, it doesn't matter any spiritual darkness in the realm of darkness, as a Christian the Bible say you are seated above them. So it means there is nothing they can do to you. But they have a device.

And I think in the body of Christ today, we are a lot more concern about the wrong things. People try to hold meetings to destroy every witchcraft power. But I tell you something, they are much smarter than that. They know that if you are in Christ, you are seated far above them according to the scriptures. So the Bible says, they got weapon and not exactly the kind of weapon we think they've got. He says they got weapon, they got mechanism, they got wiles, schemes. You know what a scheme is? A scheme is deceit if that is the word I might use. A scheme is deception. A scheme... it means they got a scheme. This is the reason they got a scheme. They got a scheme

because they know that the one that dwells in you is greater than the one that dwells in the world.

The Bible says in 2Corinthians Chapter 4 that the devil is the god of this world. But the Bible says the one that dwells in the world is lesser than the one that dwells in you. So Satan knows your position. He cannot in a way destroy you as a Christian. There is nothing he can do against you. The one in you is higher than the one that dwells in him. But this is the point, he then has to use scheme and the Bible says he's got the weapon. He is got a scheme, something to throw at you.

And the Bible says all he has to do then he is accuses, in way to disqualify. In a way to condemn you. It means he uses that scheme, he said it's a device. The Bible say there is a weapon, see! When he says they will surely gather but not by me, he now gives us details of the gathering process. The gathering has a mechanism, and he say it comes with words. And what did they do. The very words are meant to accuse you. Now, you might say accuse for what? Let's go deeper, he says this is meant to accuse you or in a way to condemn you or in a way to disqualify you.

Now watch this

Go on please

This is what we should be concern about and we will see why the Apostle Paul in Ephesians Chapter 6, says you need to put on this bulletproof, this breastplate and we see what that breastplate is meant to protect.

This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord,

This is your inheritance.

Go on please

and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.

That is it! He said you will need righteousness revelation to deal with that weapon. Can you see that? He said you will need to have a bulletproof. You will need the breastplate of righteousness if you were going to survive the accusation and the enemy is throwing at you.

So it means then, the reason why Apostle Paul then said in Ephesians 6 verse 14 that a Christian will need to put on the breastplate, the bulletproof or righteousness, he said something is coming, there is weapon that flies around, and he is flying for your chest and he says you need to put on the breastplate of righteousness. This Isaiah Chapter 54 then tells us that actually, he said, their righteousness... mark that word, their

righteousness is of me. Now, what is the antidote? What is that meant to do? It is meant to do with the weapon of accusation the enemy is throwing at you.

Now, to start with, now we begin to see the very first step into this understanding of Ephesians 6:14.

The very first step is he says their righteousness is of me. That is the word. That is the reason why the Apostle Paul says you need to put on the breastplate of righteousness. He is simply saying you must come to a point in your life, where you begin to say as a child of God, as a Christian that whatever right standing, that whatever righteousness that you do have, that whatever qualification that you do have, has nothing to do with him. It is of him. It is of God. So that you get to a point where you can simply say, everything I have to qualify before the Father. Everything I have to qualify in my life has nothing to do with my performance. Has nothing to do with my credibility. Has nothing to do with my integrity. It has everything with what God has offered me in Christ Jesus. He said, unless you have that revelation put on your chest. What will simply happen is, the devil will have an inroad to throw accusations at you, and when he throws accusation at you, he disqualifies you. He condemns you.

Now, can you now see the reason why the devil has very little job to do on a Christian upon which he has thrown accusations.

That is why it is self-defeat. That is why the Bible says we need to put it on. The breastplate of righteousness because the enemy will surely come to accuse. He will surely come to condemn you. He will surely come to disqualify you. In fact he will simply tell you, why are you different from your family? Why should your situation, why should your condition be anything better? You are not better than them, you are all the same. He comes to disqualify you from whatever Christ paid for on the cross. And the Bible says, if we are going to deal with, you need to know your righteousness is of God. (Isaiah 54:17)

Unless we put this on all the time, he said the devil's weapon of accusation, will hit our chest

Maybe I will like to submit to our viewers to know that this particular weapon, the second weapon which is the weapon of the breastplate of righteousness is being overlooked. I think most people do not have the problem in picking this Word, they feel like it is very important.

Yeah, important just like we know that everyone is important because we are asked to take all to be able to stand in all. You know, that is it. We cannot overlook this breastplate of righteousness.

And more so we have talked about how the enemy is coming, that the warfare tactics has changed. And it's not about that attack. We see that he is coming wiles, schemes... and he is going to talk you out. That is the thing. Then we saw today in Isaiah 54 verse 17 that is going to use the weapon of tongue to talk you out. You know, it looks nothing serious like that. Just tongue! How can tongue be something that we need to really prepare for? Can we see as a strong object of offense? But yet is a powerful weapon here because he is going to come and say when they gather, they are going to use something. So we need to pay attention. And what he is telling you they are going to use is the tongue. So we cannot overlook and say what is tongue? It is the tongue they are going to use.

And then we are being prepared for how do we respond because he said you are going to do it. You are going to condemn those tongue. He said the responsibility is on you. The burden of that responsibility of attacking those tongue is on you.

So you are not going to look around your past or anybody or somebody you assumed is a spiritual giant to do this. So running to prayer meeting, running to this, unless the prayer meetings is going to help you to be able to do it yourself, who is promote you to do it yourself, provoke you to do it yourself. He says you are going to condemn those tongue. So you don't need to panic, you don't need to just go and cower and hide your face and hide yourself, you are to respond and that is why you are going to condemn, you are going to use the tongue too, the same way they come with the tongue. They are coming with the tongue, you are going to come with your own tongue and your coming and what you are going to speak is based on the understanding that you have the righteousness is of the Lord, it is not yours. It's not your performance. It's nothing about you now. It's nothing about your pedigree or where you came from, or your family background, or your exposure, or your experience, he's got thing to do with it. But the devil will try to change your focus of that righteousness and he is going to change that focus and try to place it on your pedigree., He will try to place it on your performance. He will try to place it on your background He says No! don't ever allow him to do that. Always place it back on where you know it came from...of the lord. And if it is of the Lord, it means it is perfect, the enemy has nothing to accuse you about.

So your premise of difference is not knowing that the righteousness is of the Lord. So that is the answer for every accusation. Because he said they will accuse you with the tongue, so he is going to accuse you... And you only have one answer to it, your righteousness is of the Lord. So nobody can talk you out of that righteousness. And that is why it is of that breastplate. And we can now see, it has answered the question why is the breastplate called the breastplate of righteousness?

So you really have to have a breastplate of righteousness and that righteousness you must know that it's of the Lord. So it's not borne out activity, it's not borne out of what you do. Because the devil might want to say because you do not do something, so he talk you out of it, talk you out of that weapon of defense.

And if you know that your righteousness is a not about what you do, so when he says you do not do this, you know it doesn't make any senses. Because the righteousness is of that Lord. So it is not of you, so you cannot say because of what you do, the righteousness is of the Lord.

And is such an important weapon we need to pay our attention to and know that we need to arm ourselves to it using this breastplate of righteousness. We need to have it again the accusation and condemnation of tongues. We gather with tongues and want to talk us out of the righteousness that is of the Lord. We must put it on all the time, we are kitted in the full consciousness and awareness that we have the righteousness that is of the Lord. That is not borne out of what we do or what we qualify or what we choose not do.

Some is not about they have the righteousness based on what they did not do, they were not doing something that is why they have some righteousness. And some believe that they have the righteousness based on something they are doing. Whether what you do or what you do not do, that is not the righteousness we are talking about. The breastplate of righteousness we are talking about is the one that comes from the Lord.

Thank you for that insight. God bless you

Let's say this, why would the enemy if they will surely gather against you, I thought they are going to in a way like some people think they are going to throw javelin or they are going to gather against you and in your dream they will try to stifle life out of you, or in your dream they will like to put failure upon your life. Some people think that what the devil does is, cause you to fail or the devil tries to bring curses upon your generation and bring it upon your head to make you to fail in your life and destiny.

So if you believe such things, it will mean that believing in those things, is even the problem because you are simply saying that Galatians 3:14 doesn't apply to you, you don't even qualify to walk in that reality. The Bible says Christ has redeemed you from the curse of the law, for it is written curse is every man that is hung on the tree. Even if witches and wizards will attack a man's destiny, because they know you are seated with Christ in the heavenly places, all they have to do is come back to this

Isaiah 54 and come with this weapon, all they have to do then is simply to make you understand why you don't even actually qualify to get the benefit of the cross. To get the benefit of what Christ paid for. Because the devil knows anyone who stand accused, anyone who stand condemn are unable, they don't have the capacity to lay hold on what Christ actually did on the cross. That is why the Bible says in Romans Chapter 8 verse 1, **there is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, for the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death.** The reason why he says that, because as long as a man stand accused or condemned or why the devil can make you think that this is the reason your life cannot be better than others or this is the reason why you cannot walk in the victory that Christ paid.

As long as he can get you convinced and condemn you and disqualify you, that is it. It doesn't matter what Christ paid for in the cross. It doesn't matter what Jesus shed his blood for. As long as the enemy can put that on your chest, that condemnation and disqualify you, it means you cannot walk in that victory, and that really is the true spiritual warfare.

You see, as Christians if you've been following us on the past few transmission, we've been knocking out all the false ideology that people have about spiritual warfare. Spiritual warfare that some people do is just not spiritual warfare in the context of the scripture. It's just personal feeling, it's just somebody psyching you up to pray hot prayers. Real spiritual warfare comes from you taking your stand in what Christ paid on the cross.

Now if you look at this, let's continue quickly,

I want to add that if you feel you don't understand this, if you stand condemn, there is no way you can have the confidence, so if you don't have the confidence, you will need to approach the throne of grace with confidence, everything you want to get in Christ....

To process you need the faith so you will not cut yourself off the benefit. So you are condemned already, you cannot. You've take yourself out of the equation and that is what devil wants... your own free will, you remove yourself from that benefit of Christ and talk you out of it. That is what the devil is going to without throwing anything at all, just using the tongue to talk you out of it.

So you need to understand that even with the tongue, hearing all that alone, and you don't have the proper defense knowing that your righteousness is of the Lord, you just walk out of all the provisions of Christ that he has made. You just walk out of all the

feast of fatlings that he set on the table for you, you walk out of it because you feel condemned.

In fact, some people they go to places of prayer and they talked about praying spiritual warfare prayers, and you wonder think about it, as you begin to pray, somebody tells you the reason why evils has begun to happen in your life is because of the fact that your fore fathers or your fore great grandfathers because of what they did wrong, that is why evil has to happen in your life.

If that is the premise of what your prayer points, you automatically first disqualify yourself because the Bible tells you, in 2Corinthians he said if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature but you are simply saying, I don't I am a new creation, whatever what was done and all the evil and atrocities committed in my lineage is upon my life anyway and that is why am failing.

Now, all the devil has to make you believe is disqualify you from the benefit of redemption And that is why the Bible says, this is the true attack on our soul. He says every tongue that arises against you. Tongues are arising against you, words that are being spoken.

Now we are going to look at a case study in the scripture very soon in the scriptures, words are spoken against you and the purpose of those words is to condemn. You see the word condemn it doesn't sound like most time we think to condemn something means to say you are bad. But actually the root Greek word of condemnation mean to tell someone, that they are of no use, they don't qualify, that is what it means. No use...

It will mean then, what the devil will do then is to tell you is to say No! We know the Bible says you are a new creation, we know the Bible say you have been redeemed from the curse of the law, no! It can't be that easy for you like that. And once the devil can convince, he knows you cannot lay hold on what Christ died for. And that is what we are talking about. It is an attack.

And the Bible says you don't need to turn back on the enemy and say, listen Satan, the righteousness is of the Lord. It is not of me. Even if the enemy comes to you and tell you because you've done something very bad in the past, because you've done something evil in the past, because you've offended God in the past, now that you have repented and come to Christ, and the devil is simply tell you the reason why you don't expect great progress in your life, the reason why life cannot be that easy for you, is because of those things you have done. That is the tongue coming against you. That is the tongue attacking you.

And the Bible says, you need to tell you, hey! devil my righteousness is of the Lord, put on the bulletproof of righteousness. Put on the breastplate of righteousness because arrows are being fired at your heart.

And that is what the Bible is telling us today.

Now, let's look at a case study straight away and see how we can take our stand in putting on this breastplate of righteousness.

Let's go to the book of 1 Kings Chapter 19. This is the case study in the spirit. We are going to look at this evening.

Let's look at verse 1

1King 19

1. And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

Well to slain all the prophet with the sword is not a joke. This man Elijah is not joking, he is on fire. Is that ok? He is on fire. That is the background of 1 Kings 19. He destroyed those prophets of Baal and Ashtoreth. So this man is on fire, can you see that?

2. Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, so let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.

Now, those are words! those are words spoken. So the enemy... you see Jezebel is the type of the spiritual witchcraft. I mean without even too much details, if you go to revelation. The book of Revelation told the church there and talk about, they tolerate that woman call Jezebel. We know in the New Testament, this spirit is at work in the New Testament according to the book of Revelation.

So this woman Jezebel, releases words unto Elijah, this words were meant to disqualify Elijah because... don't forget this same man Elijah who slew the prophets of Baal and Ashtoreth, Elijah is a man on fire, on mount Carmel. This man is not joking. This man is a warrior of the Lord. And yet, a woman... what will Jezebel do? Jezebel wasn't even coming with weapon of mass destruction. I will say she was coming with weapon of mouth destruction. Coming with weapon of mouth destruction. All she had to release was word to disqualify Elijah.

Now, go on please,

3. And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

And when he saw that,

Now, that is the word! He wasn't just what Jezebel said that was the problem. It's not the fact that there was tongue arising you. That is not the problem. Don't forget Isaiah 54 says every tongue that arises you against you. I have seen people saying, am going to quote Isaiah 54:17 no weapon formed against shall prosper. Anybody can quote that verse. It will prosper unless there is something that is shielding that weapon. That is why Ephesians 6:14, you need to put on the breastplate of righteousness. It has to be the reason why the Romans soldiers put on the breastplate is because they know something can be thrown at the chest area.

So the reason why he says no weapon formed against you shall prosper is because he knows in the next verse, he says every tongue arise against you, you will have to make sure it doesn't work, you shall condemn. You have a fortification against the weapon. If there is no fortification, the weapon will not just prosper. It will somersault you. He says every tongue that arise against you, you are doing something about the tongue. He says you shall condemn.

Here it is, the Bible say this woman release words straight to Elijah and the Bible say when Elijah saw that. You can see there seem to be a kiss between what she said and how Elijah received it. When he saw that, we might say when the weapon sank him. Can you see that?

So it's not the fact that weapon are being thrown. It's about are you seeing that? Are you receiving that? Or is there no fortification against the weapon. Can you see? When he saw that. When Elijah took it in, when the weapon of this woman's words sank in into him.

Now see! When he saw that... that is the word.

3. And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

He ran for his life. Now, this is a bit strange. This is very strange. Why would this Elijah be running for his life?

Now, it will mean this is a man that actually slaughter over 900 false prophets. He is a man on fire. A man who has the strength of the spirit. A man on fire for God's kingdom. But yet when this words were released against him and he saw that, he took it in, the Bible says he began to pick race.

Now, he ran for his life. You know one thing, I want you to think about it as a child of God. The devil doesn't need to chase you. The devil doesn't need to attack your destiny. He can't even anyway if you are Christian because you are seated with Christ in the heavenly places far above principalities and power. So what does he do? It's simple. All he has to do is you make you run when nobody is chasing you. All he has to do is actually in a way limit you or restrict you from laying hold on the benefit of the cross.

Here was Elijah, the Bible says he was running and I began to look and I began to search, I said where were the chariot of Jezebel chasing Elijah, there was none. There was no chariot from Jezebel chasing Elijah. He began to run. The Bible says he saw what she said. And that is what we can see there.

So it means, there is something about words that are being spoken. And the Bible says if words are spoken by the enemy to accuse you, to disqualify you, you have to do something about it, by putting on the bulletproof of righteousness.

So can you go on please,

4. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, it is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree:

So that is what we are telling people out there. Please look at verse 4. Now watch this!

Because if we begin to look at it, you begin to wonder, what did Elijah see in the words that Jezebel spoke to him?

and he requested for himself that he might die; and said,

Why? Let's watch his comments.

Watch that word.

it is enough; O Lord, take away my life; f

Why?

or I am not better than my fathers.

So we know what the accusation is. We now know what Elijah saw of what Jezebel said was condemnation. It was disqualification. How do we know that? because

Elijah's commentary by his own mouth, he said am not better and disqualify, I don't even actually am not better than my fathers.

And here we come again to tell you as a child of God, that what a greatest weapon that the enemy throws at you, which is why we needed the breastplate of righteousness. All he tries to do, is to make you come to the understanding of why you are no better from having the same experience that your generation has always have. Why you are not better, or why would you think that you will be different or why would you think that your spiritual experience will be deeper? or why you think that you will actually lay hold upon on the full benefit of cross when actually you are coming from such a background, you are coming from such a lineage? That is the very thing he speaks to your mind, that is what he speaks to your heart on a daily basis.

And the Bible says you need to put on the bullet proof, and simply says the listen devil, the righteousness am claiming. The right standing am claiming. The reason why am enjoying every single benefit of Jesus death and resurrection is not because of what I have done. My righteousness is of him according to Isaiah 54:17

Yes, for any doubting Thomas out there who is thinking little of the weapon of mouth destruction, we can see this is a man that slew hundreds of prophet all alone by himself. And then he just got somebody saying something and he is running for his life, for us to know where that running is, originated from and what the running is about. He is not running marathon race. He is not running for fitness. He said running for life, running to survive just because somebody said something and those words injected, you know, the words formed images and they became the weapon.

So that is it, what become formed. So you cannot just say those are ordinary words and... that is why the scriptures is drawing you to Isaiah 54, they are weapon they are using, don't just take words that it is word.

So for somebody to single handedly slew hundreds of prophet was running when the weapon that came from the word came to him, he saw it. It was projected. So that is why you should take serious, the weapon of this mouth destruction and know that the breastplate of righteousness knowing and you see that he ran because he was defeated because he allowed the accusation to sink in to him.

And that is why he was sayings, am not better, I don't even qualify anyway. He stand accused. He got the accusation and there was, he couldn't summon a defense, bring the breastplate of righteousness, am better because am ordain, am better because of

the righteousness of God. He never had that. Because there was nothing as a defense for that. So he stand accused.

And that is why we are telling from Ephesians Chapter 6, you need to take up this, you cannot afford not to have the breastplate of righteousness against the tongue of accusation coming. You have them in gathering. They will gather. It's not just one, It's not just like oh I have done one, and then you need to have it all on all the time because you are going to have gatherings, several gathering, several thoughts coming at you and it doesn't matter defeat. You can succeeded with this and this. We saw Elijah, he actually slew hundreds of Prophets before, so we really need to. Because you might run from one tongue, after several victories and breakthrough and success you have recorded after several testimonies, yes you just have to put on the breastplate of righteousness because you can run from Jezebel despite all the breakthroughs and prayer you've been praying.

Thank you for the last insight that you brought into this. And that is why we said the other time, I don't think we can belabored this and overemphasize this that the Bible says in Ephesians 6 from verse 10 to verse 13 the only guaranty we have to stand is to take on the full armor, the complete armor. Some other translation says complete armor.

Can you see? Just because somebody can use the sword of the spirit. Just because somebody can quote the Word and in a way say you can declare the Word of God, you can declare the sword of the spirit. In Ephesians 6: 14-16 doesn't in a way immune you against these things being thrown. Because here we saw Elijah display power on Mount Carmel, here we saw Elijah call down fire on Mount Carmel. He was a prophet on fire. But we saw that there was something that when Jezebel released those words, the Bible says not just the words were released by Jezebel, he himself took it in. It seems that this man was vulnerable. It seems that there was something that was not protecting him. Even though he had great feat in the spirit, he had great authority in the spirit, but heart area, his chest area wasn't protected. And so when the words came, we know what the word did, they disqualify him, that is why he say he was no better.

And let's say this, to those of us that believe in the power of prayer. I believe if you are watching this transmission where you are watching live or you are downloading and watching later. I believe you are part of the... I will call spiritual fanatics. You are the one that believe in the power of prayer. You believe in the believer authority, you believe in spiritual warfare that we need to take our stand in the realm of the spirit.

And let me say this to this people in that category, we wonder why a man like Elijah is running around? And I can say that again, why would Elijah be running around? It will mean that some Christian who begin to pray and say Father, fire, fire this and that, this one is chasing me, that one is chasing me. I know that woman chasing me, I know that man is chasing me in my family. I know that people that said I will not succeed in life, and you begin to say, they've been chasing me they are not going to leave me alone.

Listen! maybe in most cases, your life could be where Elijah was. He was just running around. And we look around Elijah, we could not find any chariot of Jezebel chasing him. We look around Elijah's destiny, there was no chariot of fire, there were no soldiers, there were no armies that were chasing Elijah. What was chasing Elijah was the turning. The word that was released and we know from his commentary in verse 4 of 1 King 19, was accusation. He said it himself, am not better.

It will mean, the reason why most Christians are jumping here and there. The reason why most Christians are actually claiming that something is chasing them is, what the devil does to you is simply to exclude you or disqualify you or to make you unable to lay hold of the benefit of Christ and you start claiming that the reason why your destiny is the way it is, it's because of this, is because of that, and you begin to look at so many things and you begin to discredit what Jesus paid for. You begin to discredit the victory of Christ. You are not putting the victory of Christ in focus.

The enemy will try to make sure that you are in that stage and that is the very thing that is chasing so many Christians really. The devil cannot chase you. The devil doesn't have what it takes. He that is in you is greater than he that is in the world. What will the devil do? What he did with Elijah. What will he do? What he did in Isaiah 54:17. That is what he does, he attacks us and the Bible says our immunity against that is the bullet proof of righteousness.

We can see the wisdom of the Lord in providing this breastplate of righteousness as instituted in the heart, in the chest region that is where the seat where we process thought and words. So we already have a defense for that. That is why the breastplate in the breast area, the chest area where you have the mind, where your mind, where you can process, where the thought and everything comes to you and you start thinking through and that is where we have that situated, when it comes at your heart because you have to take it in, and start thinking and analyzing the words, what they said and in your analyzing is coming and forming pictures and images

And now we are encouraging our viewers instead of running around from one place to another, from one spiritual house, spiritual gathering, under one cover to another,

running for your life, like Elijah was doing here. Just go and take up the breastplate of righteousness, There wouldn't be any need for running for Elijah. There was nothing chasing, it was the accusation, it was the condemnation from the mouth of Jezebel that was chasing him.

So there wouldn't be anything for him to be running for his life if he had the breastplate of righteousness so he can defend that accusation using that accusation and say it so of the Lord. So instead of running from one place to another today, just take up, just like Ephesians says take up that breast plate of righteousness today, you wouldn't need to run. That is it.

Thank you

See that is what we've been saying there.

If we go back there, Elijah did say, am not better than my fathers. Have you notice there, it will mean that he connected himself to the failure of his generation. You see that?

He connected himself to the failure of his generation. So it means any form of teaching, any form of motivation, some people say well in a bit to motivate you to pray, any teaching on motivation that connect you to the situation of your fathers.

Watch the word... Am not better than my fathers.

It means accusation, the spirit of accusation and slander is that spirit that connect you to the failure of your fathers. To the failure of your background.

And it tells you that your experience should not be any better. Because you are connected to your fathers.

Let me tell you, if you are child of God. The Bible talks about the fact that you have a different generation. Who can declare his generation? You have a different generation. You have a different background. In fact the book of Peter tells us that you are chosen generation. The word generation is where you got the word gene from. Gene ration

And we know in biology or does that do Medical science, that the gene is the one that actually determines, the characteristics of a child, whether the child will be black or red or whatever colour. It comes from the gene. And the Bible says you are chosen generation. It means what the devil would try to do, to accuse you or disqualify you is to connect you to that old man generation.

And he does that because he know, as long as you are connected to that generation. You are disqualify from laying hold upon what Christ made available for you. And that is why the Bible says, you need to reply the devil and reply whatever he is throwing at you, and saying listen my righteousness is not of anything about, is not about my background, it's not about my performance, it's not even about what I have done or not done. It's of the Lord. And the scriptures says as long as you take that on 247. He said put on, 247, if you do that, there is no way that is going to work for you. He is not going to work against you. He is not going to work in your life. Whatever weapon he is throwing will not work in your destiny.

And it further shows that Elijah did not understand that and he did not take up that breastplate of righteousness because he was saying that, all the linkage were just for his earthy fathers, had it been he had taken the breastplate of righteousness, he will know that it's from the Lord. So he can only trace himself to the Lord and whatsoever, experience that is consistent with the Lord should be what he should experience. Because he did not have that, the only thing that they have brought him down to his fathers.

And so that is what he could say, he stand accused that way. But if he know that he is of the Lord... that is it... you cannot lay claim to this thing, to this earthly fathers and be the son and daughters of the soil and be able to claim the righteousness of the Lord, it doesn't work that way.

Thank you for that.

Now, viewers all over the world, I presumed that you've come to a point you been listening to the past couple of minutes, you will understand that what we are dealing with today is critical. And this is the reason, this is warfare, this is not a joke. This is warfare, this is true spiritual warfare. This is the fight we've been call to fight.

It means if any place you are, anything you listen to that keeps connecting you to your natural order, that keeps connecting you to your fathers in the natural. And they now say pray and pray to cancel it. What are you doing? It's like taken on step forward and taken one thousand steps backward. That is the point.

Now let's go quickly as progress with this putting on this breastplate of righteousness so that we can stand against what the enemy is throwing at us.

We are going to 1Timothy Chapter 3 so we can gain more insight on putting on this breastplate of righteousness.

There is something you were saying the other time, and I think that is very important for our viewers to take note of, that right in the chest we have your heart and the Bible says guard your heart with all diligence for out of it, comes the issues of life. The things that controls your life, the things that controls your destiny. He said that is where it is. You have to guard it. And when it says guard it, now we know from the scriptures is the breastplate of righteousness.

1Timothy 3, we are going to take it slowly from verse 5

1Timothy 3:5

5. For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?

6. Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

Now, please he says if a man knows not on how to take care of his own household, what does he say then? How shall he take care of the church of God?

We are looking into this scriptures to get the deeper insight of this bullet proof vest, the bullet proof of righteousness.

Let us give the backdrop of 1Timothy so that our viewers can understand this. This is actually given practical step per step instruction to those who want to take up the office of a Bishop. So he began to list the things they should take note of before somebody can be made a Bishop. And that is the background. But what we are interested in, is to look at this bullet proof and see the insight the Lord has to give to us.

So the verse that we started from begin to talk about some other practical qualifications that this Bishop should have.

He said he should be able to rule his own house.

Go on please,

6. Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

Now, the reason we are going there, this is about righteousness, don't forget that but he says whoever who is going to be made the Bishop should not be a novice.

Let's say this before we go on, so that we don't get it twisted.

How do you define a spiritual novice? It's not talking about age, you wonder why how do we know this? Well, the scriptures interpret scriptures very soon. It's not about age, it's even talking about length of years of being in church. We will see very soon why he call somebody a novice.

Maybe we can even read the scripture for us to see who is a novice.

Don't forget we are coming to the breastplate, the bulletproof of righteousness. But we are just trying to get insight.

You can go to Hebrews 5, we want to clarify this novice thing, before we come back here.

You can read from verse 13.

Hebrews 5:13

13. For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

Well, ok. You might want to read from verse 11 please

Verse 11,

11. Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

Well, he says some people are dull of hearing. Well this really then makes a lot of sense in this generation today. There are some people that if you began to dish out the reality of the Word, they can't even stand 5mins. But if it is about entertainment, yes! They are up for it.

Paul says, these people, these Hebrew Christians, He said I cannot even talk deep revelation. You are dull of hearing. You don't even want to hear anymore. You are tired already.

Go on to the next verse,

12. For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

These people were in a church. Can you see?

Go on,

and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

Don't forget they have been in a church. It needs they need milk.

13. For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness:

Now go on please,

for he is a babe.

So we now understand who a babe is? People talk about spiritual maturity and we make it so vague. Well spiritual maturity will start from verse 11. It's this person, somebody that is not dull of hearing, people that have lost appetite for the strong revelation of God's Word.

If you begin to teach the Word of God in depth and the revelation they become tired, well, it doesn't matter if you have been in church for 10 years or 15 years, the Bible says in Hebrews 5:11-14, you are a babe.

So we now begin to see, he said these people they have need of milk and he tends to swag, he said they are like babies because they are unskillful in the word of righteousness.

Again we see what a babe is? It means to be a babe, to be a novice, to be somebody who is a babe in the realm of this spirit, is not about the length of time you've been in church, it's not how long you've been in ministry. It's not how long you've serve the overseer in the ministry. He said well, are you skilful in the word of righteousness? If now, you are a babe.

Now watch the word!

The word of righteousness.

This thing we are talking about today, this breastplate of righteousness. The Bible says if you have not come to the point of being skillful or how to use it. You know he says being skillful. We all know when we talk about skill. When we say a footballer is skillful. It means a footballer can do with the ball what an ordinary person cannot do. Or when you talk about a soldier or you talk about a policeman or a pianist being skillful, it mean with the very tool that they have, they can do tricks, wonders with what they have.

The Bible says if you are not skillful in Word of righteousness, in which you've come to a point in your life when you can use this Word of righteousness. You are so skilful, it's a tool for you in the realm of spirit. It means when the enemy is coming at you from different direction, you can use this wonder with this tool of righteousness. The Bible say if you cannot do that, you are a babe. A novice.

Now, it's gone nothing with whether you have been in church for 10 years or 15 years. Babe in the realm of the spirit, has nothing to do with whether you are serving the overseer or you are the one carrying his bag for 20 years. For some people in the church, they said, we will not ordain a novice in our church, and you asked them what is your definition of novice? They only say a novice because he has just join their ministry one year ago, that is why he is a novice. That is not what the Bible says. Somebody can join a ministry today he might not be a novice and somebody can join a ministry 30 years ago and he is a novice. The definition of a novice or babe is somebody who is not skillful in the word of righteousness.

And thank God they use the word, in the word of righteousness because some people are skillful in administration, skillful in the word of motivation, they know how to...

Now, we see the connection point. So let's run all the way back to 1 Timothy 3:5-8. that's where we are.

So we now know who the novice is.

So he says if you are going to ordain somebody as a Bishop he shouldn't be a novice. Now, in that Novice, let's fill in the gap from Hebrews 5 from verse 13.

It's somebody who is unskillful in the Word of righteousness. They don't even have the revelation of this righteousness. They can't use this tool of righteousness to their advantage in warfare. They have not come to that point. That is a novice.

1 Timothy 3:6

6. Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

Now here we go, we are trying to see this breastplate. This bulletproof of righteousness. He said somebody is a "novice." unskillful in the word of righteousness. He said, what happen? They are open to devil's attack. See! He said **fall into the condemnation of the devil.**

Now, the fact is, mark the word, **condemnation. Accusation. Disqualification.** That is the point.

So he says, if the person is a novice. And they have not learn how to use righteousness as a tool. They've not become skillful on how to use righteousness. What happen is, they are open to the condemnation of the devil.

Now, we begin to understand why we are being encourage in Ephesians 6:14. He says put on the breastplate of righteousness why? Because the devil is throwing something. We see in 1 Timothy 3:5 what he is throwing. We now know, he says the condemnation of the devil. He is throwing something. What is he throwing? Accusation, what is he throwing? Condemnation. What is the purpose? To disqualify. What is the purpose? To make you come to a point where you have a sense or a feeling where you believe that you don't even qualify to lay hold upon what Christ has paid on the cross for you.

And the Bible says unless somebody is skilful in the Word of righteousness, they can fall for the devil's condemnation. So this not a joke. This is warfare. I think we can carry on from there next transmission

Yeah, because some people will just be thinking that warfare is a thing... this people do they really understand warfare? See how the way they are talking quietly about it. Because we are not shouting and show that oh let's run around... Because we even some place of worship, people are running even in that compound, running like Elijah. Running like that and they feel like, Oh that is warfare and we, we just sat down on the sofa, what can you do? What can you say about warfare? But we can see that what we are saying is true.

We can see the consistency of the scriptures on this thing starting from Isaiah 54 telling you that this weapon of mouth destruction is coming with accusation and condemnation and that you will need... When you have condemnation like this, is coming to your heart, which you need your heart to be guarded. That is why we have the armory for that. You have to avail yourself of that and pick it up.

So before you rush up for others, the one that looks for obvious and that look so attractive, that looks like shield of faith and pick all those things, they are equally important, you must not forget the breastplate of righteousness

Because we have some gathering, and those ones they are not going to throw Javelin, those ones are not going to throw sword at you. Those gathering they are going to use tongue and so you need to be prepare for such. Surely they will gather. So it's not about probably they might or not. Surely they will gather.

So the gathering is not of the Lord but surely they will gather and then when they gather, they have just only one purpose and one purpose is to condemn you, to accuse you. And then the only way you can stand not accused is by putting on your breastplate of righteousness, because it is when you have the breastplate of righteousness, no matter the premise of their accusation, you know that the

righteousness is of the Lord and so whatsoever that is of the Lord, there is no way we can reconcile every argument about it. It is beyond their realm, their scope... you can talk to my lawyer, talk to my Lord, talk to my solicitor, my Jesus, Bible calls Jesus our advocate. Talk to him. If you have anything against me, if you claim that I am not blessed, if you claim that I need to sow a seed so that I can be blessed, well talk to my advocate. My Jesus who told me that he had blessed me with all spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus.

So all there premises, or whatsoever argument they have is beyond their... because you are... the righteousness we are talking about is not under their connection, it's not under their scope of understanding, is not even of you. It's not of their scope of understanding. It's not earthly. It's not what they can understand. It's not in their realm, it's not in their plane of their understanding. It's not what they can understand... They cannot grasp it. It's not in their bandwidth at all. It is of the Lord, it's not of you.

They cannot disqualify you for it because it's not what you are doing, or what you have done for it or what you have not done enough. So it's not the righteousness that can be tie down to all those things. It's of the Lord. And so it's only the Lord with your advocate.

So any question they have is for the Lord. So you have no point, they don't have any point asking you at all. And that is how important that breastplate of righteousness is.

And we had a case study of Elijah, we saw how it works. After he destroyed so many of those prophets. So we really need to pay attention to this breastplate of righteousness, because irrespective of all the victories you have recorded and accounted for, irrespective of your testimonies just like we saw in Elijah, he killed hundreds of prophet singlehandedly. So we cannot say he is just a small man or something like that. But yet, he is a novice. That is the thing.

So it's not about what you have as testimony. or what you have done and people are praising you for. You just have to know that the way not to be a novice is to be skilful in the word of righteousness. So you need to be skilful, know how to play around it, how to work with it, how to use it. How to produce with it.

So it's not just knowing the Word of righteousness, you must be able to do magic, do wonder with the Word of righteousness. You must be able to use it very well. And so to this week, we are sending you forth to go to that word of righteousness just like we open it so that you can understand and master it. Master the skills of that.

So you really have to master so that you can know how to, you will be able to use it to your advantage and stay defended.

So we really need to you to join us tomorrow 9am UK time as we continue on this, you know we just started. We've only talk about the belt of truth and the breastplate of righteousness.

Like I just heard now, we have not done with the breastplate of righteousness.

So you will need to join us to know where we are going, we are heading with this.

So tomorrow 9am UK time we are going to continue and so in case you are not there and you will not be able join us live on that transmission. You know our page where you can listen to it in your free time.

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So till we see you tomorrow 9am UK time.

So what do you want to say?

God bless you and we see you soon.

Bye!!!