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Talk Back To The Devil

Good evening world this is Expose 247 where we expose ourselves, our thought, what we do and what we don't do to the revealing light of God's Word. So is good that you join us today. We thank you for making the time and investing your data to hear this. So we pray today that your steps will be ordered in God's Word. We are stranger in this place. The Lord will help us with his commandment this evening.

And so you would do well to sit back and pay attention as we delve into this Word of God today. We've been on a long season of prayer. And last week we talked about Crash proofing your Destiny and Armed and Dangerous. If you remember we are in the book of Ephesians Chapter 6.

So today we are going to continue from where we stopped. If you have missed any of our episodes, you know where to go. Go to our Expose 247 page where you will see all the topics we'll talk about on prayers and some other topics outside prayer that we've talked about.

So we don't know how far we still have with this prayer, is still a long season of prayer. And so we are going to take it as the Lord will leads it for us. We pray that today we will be the able minister of the New Testament. And so we are going to speak as God's oracle ministering with only the ability that Christ give. And we pray that there will be massive opening of the eyes and ears and hearts of the people being tune to the gospel. That these days nobody will be saying men and brethren what shall we do? They will know what to do with this episode.

So sit down as we continue with. Would you want to do a quick recap of what we did last week on Armed and Dangerous and Crash proofing your Destiny?

Thank you so much for the introduction.

Now, viewers who are just tuning in today on this knockout series. Let's do a kind of quick recap of where we are. Don't forget we'll be looking at Ephesians Chapters 6. And the reason we are looking at that is, we are simply saying that according to the

scriptures the responsibility of a Christian is not to gain victory over the devil. Because Jesus did that already on the cross.

The Bible tells us that Jesus said in Acts Chapter 1. He said all powers and authority in the heavens and on the earth has been given unto me. Jesus said that himself. It means you are not supposed to be destroying the devil, if you try to do what Jesus did, you are turning yourself against Christ.

We are invited as believers to take our stand in the victory of Christ. So the problem with lots of people is not the fact that we are not given victory in Christ, is that we are losing grounds to the enemy.

And so the Bible talks about the fact that, we have been called to take a stand. And that's why we've been exploring Ephesians Chapter 6, because Ephesians 6 gives us every single details of how we as Christians can take our stand and enforce the victory that Christ paid for with his own life and by shedding his blood. And that is why we are here.

And we've look about the fact that the Bible says having done all to stand. We need to take all the full armor of God. So it means the only way a Christian can stand is taking on the full armor. Not most of the armor, not a large percentage of the armor. Take on the full armor that is what Ephesians 6 says. And that is why we began to delve into each of the item in the Armory. We've gone through in the past, the belt of truth. We've gone through the shield of faith. We've gone through the helmet of salvation. We've gone through the feet shod with the gospel of peace. And we've gone through all these and today, we are going to go on with the last item in the armory.

So join us as we go on to Ephesians Chapter 6 from verse 17.

I read Ephesians 6:17 what does it say?

Now listen to this.

Ephesians 6

17. And take the helmet of salvation

That is what we did in the last transmission. Please look for that transmission where we actually talked about crash proof your destiny.

Ephesians 6:17

And take the helmet of salvation

And now watch the next phrase which is what we are going to focus on today.

He says

and the sword of the spirit which is the Word of God.

Now, let me just take us back memory lane in few minutes of the fact that the item in this armory have two division. There is a division where he did say that put on, put on. You see! We talked about the belt of truth. We talked about the breastplate of righteousness. We talked about the feet shod with the gospel of peace.

And all these are put on, put on. They are just fasten to the believers. But right from the verse 16, the Apostle Paul switch his vocabulary and talk about things we need to take on. These things we are taking on are things fasten to our body. They are things that we must lay hold upon in the battle. And he talks about the shield of faith and he talks about the helmet of salvation.

So today this is the last taking on. You can say this is a sixth item in the armory. Or the third item in the second classification of the items you are meant to take on.

Now, he says take on the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God

Now, what are the things that we begin to notice in this last phrase? He says take on the sword of the spirit. He is simply telling you and I, that the spirit has a sword. I know people talk about the Holy Ghost. People talk about the move of the Spirit. People talk about the power of the Holy Ghost. But you know for the Holy Ghost to be able to take charge, for the Holy Ghost to be able to do what He can do. The Bible says He has a sword. He has a weapon. The Spirit of Grace has a tool. And he says the spirit has a sword. So we are being introduced into this concept, that the spirit of grace, the Spirit of the Lord has his own tools by which he works.

Don't forget, I want to call your attention to 2 Corinthians 10:4. There is a weapon that we fight with, they are not carnal. They are tools that we fight with. So the Bible calls the attention of the believer, that the Spirit has a tool that He works with. And He says the Spirit has a sword that He works with.

Yeah I will like to draw your attention, Lawrence is asking, he said are you telling us not to take victory over the devil? Well, thank you for that question. Now, taking Victory over the devil is not the same as achieving victory over the devil.

Now, there is no place in the scriptures that the Bible asked the believer to achieve victory but we have lot of scriptures that tells us that victory was achieved in Christ. For examples 1John 3:8 tells us that “for this reason was the Son of God manifest to destroy the works of the devil.” Colossians 2 verse 14, verse 15 tell us, he says “Jesus having spoiled principalities and powers...” Have you noticed he didn't say Jesus in the process or Jesus over time and time will spoil. He said having spoiled principalities and powers that is a past tense. It means Jesus achieved on the cross, the victory over the devil.

Now, the believer is invited to enforce or to maintain or take hold or to walk in the victory, if that make any sense. And that is a big difference from achieving the victory. For example if somebody gain something for you or in business or somebody achieve something for you. You can say well, I want you to come and just maintain what I actually gave to you.

So the believer is being called into the maintenance business, which means, Jesus is saying whatever I gave you don't lose ground to the enemy. And not losing ground is not the same thing as achieving. Those are two different things. So that is what we are invited to do.

I hope we've been able to answer your question Lawrence, that we are meant to maintain what we have obtained. Yes! That is it! That is the word! So you need to understand that you have obtained before you can maintain. You cannot be trying to obtain what Christ obtained. It is anti-Christ to try to do that. And that is why we see believer trying... is just like a dog trying to chase his own tail. You are trying to do the impossible. We have to take note of that.

Matthew 4

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

See! What we are looking at is, Jesus as a case study of a man in the flesh, because you have to understand the fact that according to the Bible, we know Jesus was God in the flesh. When he was God in the flesh he was hundred percent man, hundred percent God. So here was Jesus in his own days according to Hebrew Chapter 5.

Bible says he was full of the Holy Spirit. It tells you and I, that as a Christian, it doesn't matter how much volume of the Holy Ghost you carry. It doesn't matter how much grace you have upon your destiny. You are not immune to the temptation of the devil.

And the Bible says that we should take on the full armor of God against the schemes of the devil. I would have wish the Apostle Paul said well, you can get to a level of spirituality where you are immune against the wiles and schemes of the devil, that he doesn't even bring any scheme against you. But the Bible tells every believer to get ready for the schemes and antics of the devil. In fact, 2Corinthians 2:11 say we are not ignorant of the wiles of the devil less he takes advantage of us. That applies to every Christian, it doesn't matter what level of maturity they are at the moment in their spiritual walk with God.

Then here come Jesus who was full of the Holy Spirit. And that did not immune him against encountering the schemes of the devil. So here we are in Matthew Chapter 4 from verse 1.

led by the spirit to be tempted by the devil.

Now, please watch the very thing that Satan brought to Jesus. He told Jesus to actually turn stone to bread. Please I want you to encourage to look for our transmission that we title "The purpose of hunger." You want to look for that transmission to understand the exegesis behind this statement of Satan to Jesus. We are not going to focus on that today. What we are focusing on that today is how Jesus took hold of the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God.

So look at what Jesus Christ said back to the devil. He talked back to the devil and said it is written. That is the word I want you to take. It is written. It means Jesus said well, there is no point analyzing with the devil. There is no point trying to discuss with Satan. I have to just pull out the sword of the spirit.

Let me say this, why would the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 6 talk about this sword of the spirit? Don't forget I know a lot of people talk about this sword of the spirit is the only offensive weapon in the armory. But before we are quick to say that, let us notice this that all these items in the armory are supposed to taken by the believer to stand. Have you noticed, he said having done all (Ephesians 6:13). Having done all to stand.

All these items in the armory are for standing. They are not really as it were for achieving victory. They are for standing in the victory that Christ paid for.

So how does the sword makes a Christian believer to stand? It will means that as a believer, the sword is actually supposed to be held out by you against the enemy, to keep the enemy at bay.

See! Have you noticed that the other items in the armory like the breastplate of righteousness, like the helmet of salvation, or like the feet shod with the gospel of peace, they are meant to protect you when the enemy attacks. But the sword is supposed to keep the enemy at bay. That is why the Bible says in 1Peter Chapter 5 from verse 7 and 8. He says categorically that resist the devil and he shall flee from you. So the scriptures is saying there is something you can do that you can keep him at bay. And that is what the sword does. Put him in his place.

You know he doesn't even allow him to even throw anything to hit on your armory. It keeps him at bay. So here was Christ Jesus taking out this particular sword of the spirit. See! What Jesus said? He said it is written.

Now, if you are a student of the Bible. You will noticed that this was quoted by Jesus from Deuteronomy Chapter 8. It took out...you see Bible says He used this against the enemy. He says it is written. Take, this is the sword of the Spirit. That is what the Word of the Lord says. It is written. It will mean that a Christian then gets to a point where the enemy brings suggestion, brings ideology, brings principles that will undermine your victory in Christ. It is high time to take on the sword of the spirit which is the Word of God.

So Jesus didn't engage in kind of diatribe or dialogue or conversation or analysis or philosophy with Satan. All Jesus did was he just held out the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. He said it is written and that is what we see in this place.

Am just trying to wrap my head around this truth in Ephesians Chapter 6. Trying to see how God is so committed to this relationship with his church, with his bride. You know, some people are still trying to grasp that he has made all things for them. How much more will he not give you this and this? Because hardly can you find people that is ready to trade their secret. People can share their spoils. So trading the secret... the secret is his sword of the spirit. But's he is giving it to us to share that, sharing the secret with us, not actually sharing the spoil.

Some people are still work about on the spoils. They are not really open to really take the spoil. Because having lead captives, he gave gifts unto all men. So we are telling you the gift of the spirit now that is earnest, people are still struggling, grabbing it, is

it for me? They are not even willing and open to all of these gifts. Now, he is going beyond the gifts. So you can produce like me. You don't really need to wait. Take my sword and use it. Who does that?

The Word of the Lord is not your sword, it is the sword of the Spirit. The Bible says you can take what belongs to the Spirit, and use. Use his sword. Use my secrets. Use everything that I use. Produce, make it happen just like... you don't wait on what I made happen. Share in this. Share in my secret. It is really we just see how he is so committed to us and how much willing, not even sharing the spoils. He is ready to share the secret. Would you not take advantage of the sword of the spirit today and get this and share what?... personalize what belongs to the spirit. Make it yours. He said take hold of the sword of the spirit which is the Word of the God.

It is an invitation to personalize it, what belongs to the spirit. Because like I said, that was what he used in the beginning when everything was confusion, when everything was darkness. The Spirit moved upon the waters and God said. You see it doesn't matter how long the Spirit moved, nothing happened. The place was void. The place was formless. It was empty. It was dark. It was nothing. It was confusion and the Spirit moved but nothing happened until the Spirit uses his sword. And God said let there be and there was.

It will mean that as a believer, if it's high time we want to deal with confusion. We want to deal with void. We want to deal with emptiness, darkness. We cannot just say Holy Ghost move. He has to use his sword to cause changes and be effective in the situation. And it is good that He mentioned that it is his. Nobody could claim that he thought about it. God said am going to lend you my sword to use.

And you see again, this is one of our items in our armory. And let me just call your attention to this, for those who are joining us live and for those who will watch this video later. Let me say this, the only guaranteed that God gives you, that you will stand at the end of the day is, he said having done all. It means he said, this is not something you can take with levity. It is not something you can say well, does it matter? It does! Having done all to stand.

So let's put it this way. Having not done all, you wouldn't stand. It means you can fall out in this situation or you can actually fall out and just get knocked out and you couldn't blame God for that. You couldn't say my God what are you looking at when this happens to him? He said well, I gave you everything. I told you to take advantage of every single item in the armory. And that is why we are on this transmission today. That's why we're here today to make sure that we break this down for us to take it practically on a daily basis.

So let's go back to this.

And then before we go back to this Matthew Chapter 4 and begin to look at how Jesus himself in the flesh took hold of this sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God. Before we look at that, a lot of Christians seem to have very strange notion about satanic attack. I call it strange notion, because we have been missing the point about the real satanic attack. Most people end up thinking as it were that demonic attack or satanic attack is about somebody being pressed down in the dream which is true. That is true, is an attack of the devil. Or somebody being actually manipulated by the spirit of failure. That could be an attack of the devil in some cases. We are not deny that.

But we are simply saying well, the biggest attack of devil on the believer is way beyond those things you are thinking about. The biggest attack of the devil on the believer is to make the believer discredit the validity of the Word of God in their life. Is to make a believer to give up ground to the victory that Christ paid for on the cross. That's what Satan is concern about most. That is what the devil is concern about.

The devil doesn't care whether you pray as long as your prayer is making you pray backward. You see, again we did a transmission some weeks ago. We call it "Stop praying backward." You want to go and listen to that transmission. The devil doesn't care you if you pray if your prayer is making you lose ground. Which ground? The ground of the devil that Christ paid for. So the attack of the devil in this case...

See! Look at Jesus, have you noticed the Bible says Satan came to Jesus to attack him as it were. Have you noticed, there were no bad dream for Jesus in this place? Have you noticed Jesus wasn't manipulated by the spirit of failure or witchcraft power? You cannot see that in Matthew 4. But yes he was an onslaught of the devil against Jesus. And then you want to look at things like this and understand deeper.

See what the devil said to Jesus, again he told him to turn stone to bread. He says man shall not live. So Jesus brought out the sword of the Spirit. So it means as a believer you cannot but do without this sword. As a believer, let me say something. Jesus said it when he was about to finish his earthly ministry. Jesus said when He, the Spirit of truth shall come He will put you in remembrance of these things.

Let us say this. It means the Holy Ghost can only quicken what is inside your spirit. If you are a believer who is not loaded with the Word. The Bible says let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly. Am quoting Colossians Chapter 3. He didn't say let the Word of Christ dwell in you. He didn't says that. He says let it dwell in you richly. And this is the reason why he says let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly. The reason he said that is because, He knows when the enemy comes at you, you will need

the sword of the spirit and the Spirit can only quicken that which is in you. If there is emptiness in you. If there is no Word in you. If there is Word but that Word is not rich. If there is Word but is not dwelling in you richly according to Colossians 3. What will the Holy Ghost quicken in you? Jesus said when He, the Spirit of truth shall come. He shall bring you in remembrance... remembrance of what you know. Not remembrance of what you don't know. It will mean the Bible says it is high time for you to take advantage of this item in the armory. Take on the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God.

And that is why we have been inviting you today to say, it is time to be loaded. Have you noticed, Jesus quoted the old statement? He quoted Deuteronomy Chapter 8. It means what about if Christ had not study Deuteronomy Chapter 8? What about if Jesus had not taken time to learn Deuteronomy Chapter 8. What will the Holy Ghost quicken in Christ to respond to the devil in Matthew Chapter 4 verse 4?

Yes, it is good that you brought that out, because I need to bring the attention of our audience to that word remembrance. Because we can only talk about remembrance when you are not hearing the something for the first time. We can only talk about remembrance when you are not engaging that information for the very first time. Sometimes the Holy Spirit has become inactivated in some people's life. He has no material to work on. Nothing to remind them about. Because they don't have the Word in them. They've not taken time to study the Word just like Jesus could pulled out Deuteronomy. Jesus must have read Deuteronomy Chapter 8. We see Paul pulling out so many (scriptures).

But I don't know what the Holy Spirit is doing? Is he idle in your life? Because there is nothing... His job in John 16 was like He is going to remind you of everything. So what are those things? Are there things that you want the Holy Spirit to remind you of, in which you know, you want the Holy Spirit to bring into your remembrance. Because those things we do forget them. So we need a reminder and that is the work of the Holy Spirit.

You need to put your spirit to work. Put the Holy Spirit in you to work. Let him have tools to work with. Don't forget we said, the Bible says the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. That is all the Spirit can work with. That is the only tool He can work with it.

I know people talk about when I pray and I fire hot prayers, the Holy Ghost will go to work. But let's say this, the Bible says the Holy Spirit has a tool which is the... you know He did say which is a Word of God, that would have been good which means He has other tool to work with. But the Bible says the sword of the spirit which is **the**

Word... He says nothing else works. It is a definite article. Give the Spirit his sword. Let him have a sword in your life. It means eat the Word. Meditate on the Word. Let him have something to remind you about when the enemy shows up like in Matthew Chapter 4. Let him have something to throw at the enemy in your life.

And that is what we are talking about today. You cannot cover up for this with anything else. You cannot use spiritual activity to cover up for this. You cannot even use fasting to cover up for this. Some add prayer points and say Holy Spirit come and work. Prayer is very important in the life of a believer. But sorry to say, it cannot make up for the fact that the Spirit need to have his sword, for him to go to work when the enemy shows up.

So the Apostle Paul is inviting the believer in Ephesians 6. He says you need to take hold. Take up the sword of the spirit which is the Word of God.

So let's go back to Jesus experience. So we see Jesus he took out his card, the wild card you might want to say that. He took it out and show the devil. I know what is written. The Holy Ghost just quicken this in my spirit, that is what Christ was telling. Hey! Devil let's take it out to you. Man shall not live by bread alone but by every Word that proceed from the mouth of the God.

Again, Please I want to tell you, look out our title "The Purpose of Hunger" to understand this discuss between Satan and Jesus.

Let's go to the next thing. Now, this is going to be really interesting as we go to the next verse. You would think that when Jesus said that to the devil, the devil is going to disappear and say it is time to leave Jesus alone. But look at Matthew Chapter 4 verse 5.

Bible says,

5. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple.

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

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

Now, before you read Jesus said unto him. Please again, if you want to understand this discuss, the second temptation of Christ. I will invite you to look for our transmission

that we titled “**Are you testing or trusting God?**” Look for that transmission on our page and understand this discuss between Jesus and Satan on the second temptation.

So that is not our focus today. Our focus is the response of Christ in this place. Now, before you read that response of Christ, have you notice the devil...

Now watch the devil now. Watch this old serpent. The Bible calls him the old serpent. Watch what he did! He knew that Jesus quoted the scriptures. Jesus used the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God in Matthew Chapter 4 verse 4. So when Satan noticed what Jesus did, Satan re-strategize.

Now, let says this, the Bible calls him the deceiver, the schemer. In fact, the name old serpent, the name devil in Greek means the deceiver, the accuser. That’s what his name means.

Let us say this deeply when Satan knew that Jesus quoted the scriptures and brought out the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. Satan recalculated. He recalibrated. You know what he did? The next temptation he quoted the Word to Jesus. He said well, if you want to play the game of the Word... I didn’t understand that the Word is going to be your strength. As soon as Satan knew quoted the Word, the second temptation of Satan was that he quoted the Word.

Now, please listen to this believers for those of us that believer in the power of God’s Word. For those of us that believer that the Word of God is effective. We need to listen to this. If Satan knows who you are. Satan know what makes you thick. He will recalibrate based on your person and on your personality. If he knows you are the person that likes quoting the Word. Ok! Then he is going to come with quoting the Word.

That is why when he noticed that Jesus quoted the Word, you see the first temptation, he never quoted any Word. The second temptation he re-strategize because he noticed that Jesus was taken a particular stand point, so Satan was going to work with what he had. This is what we need to understand about the devil. And that is why the Bible tells us to take our stand against the schemes.

Now, the Word schemes there, is from the Greek word, methodia. It means the devil doesn’t have just one scheme. He has a unique scheme for every person. Even if you master one of his schemes, he re-strategizes. And that is why the Bible says let him that think he stands, let him take heed less he falls. Because by the time you think you are standing because you had a victory over a particular scheme, the enemy re-strategize. So when you thought you are standing, he already form. He had recalculated the whole thing.

And that is why we are inviting you today to look at this. The Bible says the second temptation, Satan decided to quote the scriptures.

Thank you Linda for bring that verse John Chapter 14 verse 26 stressing out the Word remembrance. If you remember how we started today, I was just saying that the Oh Lord should order our steps. We are stranger in this place, help us with your commandment. And that is what I used as opening line. Because if he don't, we don't know our place around. When you say you are a stranger. We don't know our place around. We will need to you to recalculate for us. We need you to re-root us and that is what the Word of God can do.

In Psalm 119, he was saying we can be order by it. And so there will be no disorderliness because of the order that comes from the Word of God. We can fall back on this. And say we have the navigation, the sword of the spirit in place to re-root for us. As he change the strategy, we have somebody that can recalculate and re-root all the time. So give the Spirit his sword.

Thank you Linda for actually mentioning that. Because of course that brings a kind of responsibility to us as Christians. We can only be reminded of what we know. You don't remind somebody of what they don't know. It means the responsibility or the onus lies on the believer to let the Word of Christ dwell in them richly. So that the Holy Ghost can have something to remind them about.

Again, let's go back to this. We see Satan in this Matthew Chapter 4 verse 5 recalibrating his steps. So he is going to use what Jesus loved, quoted the Word back to Jesus. And then if you are wondering where did Satan quoted that Word from? It is in the book of Psalms. So if you like quoting scriptures, Well, Satan has something for you as well. And if you don't like quoting scriptures he has... if all you like to do is pray 247... Some Christians they didn't even like the Word of God. They just like anywhere they pray 247. They like praying. If that is what you like to do, Satan has something for you as well. It doesn't matter your stand point. It doesn't matter your mentality about the spiritual life.

Whatever it is that you like to do, Satan has something for that. So there is a customized temptations. Bible says is schemes not one, its divers. Schemes! You have to understand that about the enemy we are dealing with. That is why nobody can afford to say I think am standing. I think am perfectly fine. You can't! It is true you are standing but the enemy has already change his strategy. He's already change. He has metamorphosed.

And then we see Jesus in this place, Satan then quoted scriptures. Some Bible will tell you where the devil quoted that from. I might want to tell you, he actually quoted Psalms 91 verse 11 to 12. Satan quoted Psalms 91 verse 11 to 12 to Jesus. Then see the response of Christ.

It means when we are talking about taking hold upon the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. In fact, you might have to take hold. Watch this! Take hold on the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God against a quoted Word of God.

I will say this again, just because Bible says if you are going to survive this. If you are going to take your stand, having done all to stand. Even though we said you have to take on the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. In some cases, you might have to take up the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God against a quoted Word of God.

At this point I want to say we have scriptures that encourages us to say casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalt itself against the knowledge of God. Most people actually think that most of those imaginations may not be Christian based. You know there are some theological basis that you have to cast down with the Word of God... because some people actually think that those imaginations are outside the place of worship or all those concepts, ideologies are things from outside of those things.

So you can have imaginations. You can see private interpretation to clear scriptural text. You see ideology that people have formed around the Word of God. All those imaginations covers everything. So you will have to cast down some imaginations against the Word of God, that people have used, religious people have used, religious imagination. So they are using Bible and there are imaginations in the heart of men.

And that is why Apostle Peter was saying that this scriptures was given and they are not of private interpretation. Because some can come with private interpretation. They can quote it and impose their own personal experience upon the Word. And so when you are coming in contact with the Word, you are just reading their experience. You are just hearing their own voice on it. And those are imaginations.

So you need the sword of the spirit to go to all those imaginations. Whether religious imagination, religious manipulations of scriptures. We can see the devil doing that. Manipulating the scriptures. So you really need the sword of the spirit to be able ...you know the sword of the spirit he was talking about is a two edged sword...He can pick it.

If you noticed look at what Jesus said. Look at the response of Christ. Satan quoted Psalms 91 verse 11 to 12.

Now, if you want to understand what Satan was trying to achieve by quoting Psalms 91 verse 11 to 12. I would call your attention to our transmission that we title “**Are you testing or trusting God.**” If you listen to that, you will understand what the devil intended to achieve by quoting Psalms 91:11-12 to Jesus. But see the response of Christ. This is what really get interesting here.

Look at verse 7,

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

Now, why used the word again? This is where the robber hits the road. Now, what she was trying to say the other time by the Holy Ghost, Hebrews Chapter 4 verse 12. He says “the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any double edged sword.” A version says shaper than the surgeon’s scalpel.

The surgeon they have not manufacture that will be that high precision, high precision that nothing can deceive it. Because we can have something that is quoted with religious words and logos and everybody is talking about it and it looks like oh! This must be the Word of God. But he is telling us that this one can pick it up, can separate. That is the Word of God, with that precision. He can set it apart. Oh it looks like it. 90% scriptural but there is 10% of man’s wisdom in this, man’s ideology in this. If you allow the sword of the Spirit, it can do that.

Thank you for that insight.

Now, he says the sword is double edged. The question is why is the sword of the spirit which is the Word of God, why does it have to be double edged? That is the question you want to ask.

Now, let’s talk about this double edged. The writer of Hebrew which most people was Paul, why did he used the illustration of double edged for the Word of God? This is the reason. You see according to historian, you can double check it. The double edged sword was invented in the battle. In fact, the Romans were credited with inventing the double edged sword. The reason they did that was because, before it was invented. If you are fighting the enemy. Because the sword was one edged, by the time the enemy comes at you in the front direction and you point the sword at the enemy. What happens is if the enemy comes in the back direction or comes at you in the opposite direction, you might not have enough time to switch the sword to hit the enemy in the opposite direction, and people were fallen victim of this.

And then the Romans invented the double edged sword. And the reason they invented that was because, they said if the enemy comes at you in the right direction and you hooked at him in the right direction even if he re-strategies in the opposite direction, you can just switch it backward because the sword is double edged. It is sharp on both ends. It means it doesn't matter what angle the enemy is coming at you, you can always swing it and it works either way.

The Bible talks about the Word of God being a double edged sword. How is that relevance to this response of Jesus who took hold...? Jesus is in his own days. Hebrews Chapter 5 says in the days of his flesh. This Jesus, He is taking up his own sword, which is the sword of the spirit which is the Word of God.

Why is it double edged? Watch it! Satan came at Christ in the opposite direction. The devil was quoting a scripture to Jesus, asking Jesus to jump down and the angel will give charge over him. See what Christ said, it is written again. Jesus came in the opposite direction that it is written again. The same scripture that the devil quoted to Christ, Jesus said is it not the same scriptures that also said thou shall not tempt the Lord your God. It's double edged.

Now, let me call your attention to why this is very practical and relevant in your day to day life.

Yes, I need to stress this verse 7 that Jesus said unto him it is written again. Because to help our brethren who have restricted vocabulary. That you have to come of age and come to the position where you have the again and again word. No matter the enemy is coming and turning, you have the again and again. You can boldly say it is written. You cannot be one word. One verse for everything.

You know, some people they just only repeat what their Pastor says. It is only the experience and exposure of their Pastor. Some people live on the anchor that the church declare for the year, that verse. And that is the only verse they are going to hold on to...But Jesus here was saying again and again.

So you must bring your life to a point of maturity. You have again and again Word. Whichever way you are going, there is again and again Word. Come out of restricted vocabulary today and get all the multidimensional facets of God's Wisdom and let the Holy Spirit help you to bring them into remembrance as situation demands.

Why does a believer need to tell the enemy it is written again? Why use the double sword against the enemy? This is the reason. The devil doesn't care if we quote the scriptures as long as quoting that scriptures makes a Christian to lose grounds of the victory that Christ paid for.

I will give you an example. There are people who quotes scriptures for example, who simply says, you know what? The Bible tells us that am a new creature in Christ Jesus and like Abraham I did not actually earn my righteousness. I believe in Christ. We teach that. We believe in that, hundred percent perfect.

But you know what? The devil can hammer that so much into the hearing of a Christian and tell the Christian it doesn't matter what you do. Whether you lie, whether you are dishonest, whether you are ungodly, whether you are adulterous, whether you sleep around, whether you do this, it doesn't matter as long as you are the righteousness of Christ Jesus.

Now, you need to tell the devil it is written again that Bible says that we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works. You tell him it is written again. You see! This thing is double edged. This sword! You tell the devil it is written again.

Thank you Satan. You are right, that we are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. For by his grace are we saved through faith. It is not of ourselves. That is correct but Satan you cannot used that scriptures then to push me to live anyhow, because it is written again, that we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works.

Have you seen some Christian husband, they will say to the wife and said well, the Bible tells us in Ephesians Chapter 5 that the man is the head of the woman and because the man is the head of the woman, you do what I tell you. You do what I say and am the head of this home. And they quote the scripture. Well those people are in Matthew Chapter 4 already because Satan suggesting scriptures into their mind, to make them to be garrulous.

And such a Christian husband can tell the devil that it is written again that, the Bible did say to you, submit yourselves one to another. He was talking about couples when he said that. See! You've come to back with the again Word when you talk to the devil. Because the devil doesn't care if you quotes the scriptures as long as you are bound. Satan doesn't care! That is why a believer must understand that the Word of God is double edged. You see! It is a balance Word. It will mean that when the enemy comes and quote the scripture that will make you lose grounds of the victory that Christ paid for. You need to tell the devil it is written again. You call his attention to that which is written again.

See! That is what we are talking about today. And there are some of you as well, even though you believe that the God demands holiness from you, and you are striving and striving and you are failing, and you are being disgusted and condemned in your mind. Tell the devil it is written again. Again that what? That the Bible says he that

knew no sin was made sin for you so that you can become the righteousness of God in him. You can tell the devil, my righteousness is not about my works.

So what am trying to tell you is this, the devil will quote scriptures as long as he knows it will keep you bound, and for you to lose ground of what Christ paid for. You must come back with the again Word and tell the devil, it is also written again. That Satan, I want to call your attention to the other Word as well. And that is what Jesus did in this place. The double edged sword!

So this is a charge for all Christians. Everybody running around with just one Word. You can't go with only one Word. People are running with just one Word and they can form a ministry and doctrine of one Word and they don't even understand the other things that are written again and again. Even on that aspect they are talking about that thing.

And so we so those opponent and proponent and abuser of grace, the gospel of grace, they just run off. Some don't even understand. They just pick one and feel that is what it is alone. They will not understand that the grace of God teaches us to deny ungodliness. You know that same grace... you just run off with one. So we are calling everybody home to orderliness with this Word. It is written again! That is the word. It's double edged. It is written again.

You cannot be *feasated* on just one word. You can't be *feasated* on one biblical verse alone. Even in psychiatry it is an illness, for some people they just have only one answers for every question. And that is how some Christian are living. You know, they have that mental distress. Having only one answer, have only one Word.

So you must come to the point of coming to the again and again Word. There must be again and again Word for everything. You need to really understand everything and that is what we are calling you into today. And then we have title this episode "Talking back to the devil." Answer him again. Again and again!

He shouldn't have the last word. Jesus did not allow the devil to have the last word as we see in Matthew Chapter 4. So He as talking back again. If he bring anything, there is a Word for that. So you must really be able to come to the position where you can talk back to the devil having the again and again Word.

Thank you for that insight.

It means now, we begin to see the enemy of our soul that the devil doesn't care... in fact the devil is quite happy to quote scriptures to us. That is the point we are trying to make. He is quite happy to do that, as long as he knows that by quoting those very

scriptures to us, it will keep us bound. And that is what we see. So Jesus came back to the devil with the again Word.

So we want to invite you to an experience of being loaded with the Word of God, so much that you can come with again Word. You can always come with it. So when the devil says well, it's time for you to throw down yourself from the top of the cliff, simply because it is written in Psalms 91. You can then call the devil, come! It is again written that thou shall not tempt the Lord your God.

I mean there are some people for them to serve others, they said No! I can't serve and you ask them why can you not serve? They said the Bible says I will be the head only and not beneath, above only and not beneath. Now, they quotes those scriptures. And you wonder that is why they are so larger than life because they are the head only and not beneath. Who is quoting that scriptures to them? The devil. Now, they need to tell the devil, it is written again that Jesus said that, he that will be greatest among you, let him be the servant of all. It is written again. There is always an again Word.

Now, what are we talking about today? Satan will use everything he can use around your life even the devil will use your prayer life. He can use your Word life. The devil can work with anything. He is a ruthless fighter. He will work with anything he can find. He will work with anything. That is why the believer must be ready to take on the sword of the spirit. Now, we have said this sword has two edge. Can you see that? It comes in both direction because why? You need to know the again Word. The other direction of that Word, you need to know that. And that is what we see there.

So today we believe the Lord that where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. As we send forth the Word of liberty, there is deliverance today from any person or anybody under the subjection, they have used the scriptures and Bible verse to hold them in subjection, in servitude. They used one verse and they are holding it on them and they did not allow them with that their knowledge. They could not advance to other verse because of their own restricted knowledge of God's Word, so they just used only one Word for them.

So today we encourage you and we released you to the glorious liberty of the son of God by telling you there is an again and again Word for wherever they are holding you back. Because some are being held back in some ministries. Some people are using just one verse of God's Word on them and they are putting them in subjection, unlawful subjection. Today we set you free! because there is an again Word for you, for any experience that is not in line with the New Testament reality of what Christ died for, and using the scriptures on you. You know as a tool to hold you back. Today we release you by God's Word to know that there is an again and again Word. Come

out of whatsoever that is not of Christ. Every unholy alliances and unholy arrangement, to come out of it knowing that there is an again and again Word. And there is where your freedom is. Your liberty is in this Word. Your liberty is taking up this sword of the spirit. Giving the spirit his sword which is the Word of God.

Your liberty is in taking up this sword and walk out free with the sword of the Spirit, from every unholy alliance, from any relationship, from any gathering and meetings that does not honour the full counsel of God in your life. There is an again and again Word for that. There is an again Word. And the reason we need to have again Word as we have said is because we have an enemy who uses anything, even he will use the Word of God if given the opportunity to keep us from walking in the victory that Christ paid for.

And we see that today. We can now see that it is very pitiful for people that only rely on the devotions. We are not saying that those things are not helpful. But you cannot stay on that. Only devotions, they only stay on what they asked them to read and that is what it is. It is what the theme of the church or the ministry they are in, or what the supposedly man or woman of God is talking about. And that is from the point, they stopped where they asked them to stop. They read through their lens and their own interpretation of their national doctrine. You know you can't. You know the devil here. He has some many things up his slip. We started with the wiles, the schemes of the devil. So you cannot afford to do that, it's going to come in another way for you. And maybe the reason why you are not enjoying the full victory of Christ is because you have not known the again and again Word for the other strength.

There was a Word that was spoken to you from the Bible and that is actually what kept you from walking in the victory of Christ. I do remember the time that we did a transmission about Giving. I remembered one of the verses of the Bible that has kept so many Christians bound, that the devil keeps quoting to so many Christians is the one we have in the book of Luke where he says "give and he shall be given to you."

I noticed in our transmission that the devil over amplified that particular verse of the scripture, "give and it shall be given to you" and he amplified that in the hearing of some Christians and kept them bound so much, that these Christians don't feel they are blessed until they give an offering or these Christians believed they are blessed to the degree of how much they gave.

And it was amazing that there is so much captivity for so many people because Satan keeps quoting this scriptures. But by the grace of God, God help us to demystify that scripture. And we showed people by the Word of God, there is an again Word to that Luke 6. It's being misquoted and misinterpreted because 2Corinthians invites you. He

said, that “you know the grace of our Lord Jesus that even though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor that you through his poverty you might become rich” 2Corinthians tells you that the reason why you are rich is because Christ became poor. He didn’t even talk you giving any offering. So we brought the again Word to demystified Luke Chapter 6.

That is what we are trying to say is...we only gave that as an example to tell you that Satan will used the very Word of God to keep the believer from walking in victory. Your responsibility is to know that the Word of God is double edged. For everything Satan quote in the scripture, there is an again Word to deal with that Word that Satan brings against the believer.

So you are as the Word that you know. You are what you eat. You are what you know. That is it. So you can really explain your experience and your position of what is happening to you based on the Word that you know. And that is it.

Thank you for that insight.

So I think this is a good point for us to let our viewers know that today we’ve talked about the last item in the armory which is the sword of the spirit which is the Word of God.

Now, I want you to invite you to look at this as we close.

Look at the next verse, look at Jesus response.

See what he says in verse 7.

Matthew 4

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

Jesus too quoted the scriptures to the devil. And again look at verse 8.

8. Again the devil takes him unto an exceeding high mountain and show him all the kingdom of the world and the glory of them and said unto him, all these things will I give you if you fall down and worship me.

10. And Jesus said unto him, get thee hence Satan for it is written...

It will seem that Jesus continued to **wild** this particular sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God. If there is somebody who never needed to **wild** the sword of God. It was Christ.

I will tell you the reason because the Bible calls Jesus in John Chapter 1 the Word of God. He is the Word of God in person. You can’t be more wordy than Jesus was. The

Bible says “In the beginning, was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The same was with God in the beginning.”

He said “we behold him as of the only begotten of the Son of God.” And he says “the Word become flesh and dwell among us.” The Word has come to the neighborhood. That is Jesus. But yet the logos who is the Word of God needed to take out the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God for him to keep the enemy at bay.

So if Christ which is the living Word could do that, what about you? You need to keep the enemy in check by wilding the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God.

Here he tells us, look at verse 11 quite very great

Verse 11 says,

11. And the devil gave up...

You see! The devil just let him. That is why I said to you, the reason why some Christians think that the sword is the only offensive weapon as it were, it's not just its offensive, it actually defensive but it is a defensive that frustrate the enemy. The enemy just leave. That is the reason why we think is offensive. The Apostle Paul never said the sword of the spirit was offensive.

In fact, he said all these items was you to stand. It's not for you to even walk. All these items were meant for you to take your stand. Ephesians 6 including the sword of the spirit. It means you can frustrate the enemy so much that he can simply say... Bible says in verse 11, the devil just left him. There is no point wasting energy and time on this kind of believer. There is no point, is not going to walk and that is what we see happened to Christ.

So we can see from this episode today that we charge you to talk back to the devil. Talk back to the devil and talk him out of his schemes. Bible says he left. Verse 11 says he just left him. You talk to the point, you replied back with again and again Word till you weary him and leave you alone. So some people are enjoying the life of this now because they have talked the devil out of it. The Bible says restrict him and you will frustrate him out. He says restrict him and he shall flees.

So they have talk the devil out of their family, they have talked the devil out of their situation because of what they know. Again and again, and the devil had left them. Three times! Jesus kept bringing out the sword of the spirit. Three times temptation! Three fold sword of the spirit. Three fold sword of the spirit that is what Jesus did.

So by your knowledge of God's Word today, you can declare peace independence for yourself. The Word of God is that freedom of independence declaration. So you can actually talk him out of any situation you don't like. And you might say, No! I don't come here again. You can't come into this place. You've talk them out and weary him out. You have talk back to the devil and again you have given him the again and again Word. And that is what we are challenging you to do today.

And we are not calling to memorization because some people might think maybe we just be quoting scriptures because they said let me be quoting scriptures. Mental accent of the scriptures. That is not what we are talking about.

We are talking about when you get the scriptures, you can apply the scriptures. Understanding it beyond quoting which you really understand what that scripture is. Because we can see in the second temptation, we saw the devil twisting something out of that scriptures. You know it was not actually quoted directly the way it was in Psalms. But Jesus was able to see that. It takes you to understand that it's not less at any time.

And if you don't understand this, we did it in the episode of **“Are you trusting or testing God.”** Please look for that episode, that will make you understand the second temptation. The first temptation you might want to look for **“The purpose of hunger.”** So we've done all these exegesis in the past.

So we are challenging you this evening that you will take up the sword of the spirit. We are not just saying to memorize it. You are not just memorizing and feel good about it. Is something you want to use as an instrument, as object of defense, object of offense. We are using it. We need to be able to understand and be able to apply it and walk in it. And that is it. Talking back to the devil again and again. And that is what we invite you to, and that is your instrument of deliverance.

So you need the Word of God to deliver yourself from unpleasant situation. You need it to talk the devil out of your life of your situation and leave you to live in peace. We need the Word of God.

And I hope that this has blessed you today. We want to appreciate those who have helped us with comments, Bible verses. Those who have shared. And thank you for the comments and every other person, we know you are there, you are watching and those that will still be watching. We want to say thank you. We want to encourage you to live the Word. We want to see the fruits of those Word. We want to talk like John that we are happy when we see you walking in truth.

And so we want to see you walk and being established in truth. We want to see you to frustrate the devil out of your life by using the again and again Word.

So if this blesses your heart we want to you to share it with your contacts. Share it with people you don't even know if possible. And you can come to our page. You can see from this episode we mentioned several episodes like **“The Purpose of Hunger”** **‘Are you testing or trusting God’** and some of the episodes on what we have shared on prayers.

So do well to go to our page, Expose 247. Please click on likes, follow the page view first so you can get all these benefits.

And we will like to remind you that tomorrow we will are going to start again. We will continue from where we stopped at 9am UK time to continue on this series. And again there is a ministration.

We do have a live ministration tomorrow. It will be at Word Harvest Christian Center in Manchester. We are ministering there tomorrow. So you could actually join us for those who are within the greater Manchester region. You could join us there in Word Harvest Christian center.

And also for those of us who cannot join us because of geographical restriction. You can also connect with us live tomorrow morning about 12 noon. You can join us live for that ministration.

So till we see you tomorrow 9am UK time. We want you to go and load yourself. Take up the sword of the spirit, load yourself with the Word again and again. And talk the devil out of your life. Talk him out of your issues, and your family. So frustrate the devil with the Word that you know, the again and again Word.

So till we see you we want to say, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.

God bless you.

Bye!