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Surgeon's Scalpel

Good morning world this is Expose 247. We invite you to another time where we share with you what we have received from the Lord. And yesterday I was still thinking, reflecting about what we shared yesterday in the last transmission. And this Word was just coming back to me like give the spirit his sword. And then there are some words that I cannot just get off from me like even though we are being called to share in this Word. We just know that it is the Lord. Because it is the spirit sword.

So we cannot...even no matter how skillful we are with the sword because yesterday we were being encourage to be skillful with it so that we can come with the Word again and again. As the devil comes at us, we can have the again and again Word. Being skillful with this Word.

Again we talked about how this sword of the spirit is, the precision and how it's double edge and we talked about that yesterday again.

And again we cannot have any form of arrogance on this because we know it is the sword of the spirit. And so if it is the sword of the spirit, we need to use it in the way of the spirit and to fight the spiritual battles. That is why we need to understand how the New Testament warfare works. And that is what we've been doing on some episode of Expose on Knock Out season on prayer telling you how the New Testament warfare strategy, the defense system, how it works. Because we are talking about the Sword of the Spirit. There should be the system of how the fighting in the spirit is being done.

We don't want to be like Samson that was using the anointing of God upon his life for personal battles. That is the thing. Because some people understand yesterday that this is the sword of the spirit but they are using it to fight personal battles. And they are even using it for battles in the flesh. How can you be using the sword of the spirit using it to fight battles in the flesh? So I don't know, what was your own biggest take away moment yesterday?

Well, what was quite significant for me yesterday as we began to explore this sword of the spirit was where we began to talk about the fact that the devil himself, would actually use the Word of God in some cases to keep us bound. And then that again Word that we must always come again, and Jesus said it is written again. So there is always the other side of the Word of God.

So the Bible is inviting us to be versatile with the scriptures. Can you see that? Be versatile which means, it doesn't matter what angle the devil is coming at us, we have the Word again for the enemy, a ready Word for the enemy.

So if you missed yesterday transmission. It was titled "Talk back to the devil." You really need to listen to it because we can only just do a quick capture of it because we need to go into what the Lord will have us to do today and some other episodes about... we are talking sword of the spirit, we need to know the battle in the spirit, how it is being done, warfare, all those terminology, you be familiar with it so you can be able to put that sword of the spirit into use and effective use

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So this morning where do we go?

Yeah, quickly viewers thank you again for this coming to join us this morning on this Knock Out Series.

Now, like we've been talking about yesterday, we are still looking at taking on this sword of the spirit which Ephesians 6:17 calls the Word of God. And I want you to understand that the scriptures says unless we take on all of the items that we are given in God's armory. He said we have no guarantee that we will be standing at the end of the day.

And I will call your attention to Proverbs 24:10 that says if you faint in the day of adversity, it is not the degree of the adversity that was your problem. It is not the fact that is an uncommon situation that you find yourself. It's not because your circumstances were strange, that is why it didn't work out for you. No! Proverbs 24 tell us it's because you are not taking advantage of the strength that is available. Because your strength is small. And that is what we are trying to do. Just taking advantage of the items in our armory.

And then the one we've dealt with last, is the sword of the spirit but we are not done with that yet. And that is what we are exploring further this morning. This sword of the spirit which is the Word of God.

Now, quickly you will notice that it's call a double edged sword and we began to explore yesterday the reason why it is call double edged. And we are going to further into that today why this sword of the spirit which is the Word of God has two edges.

Common join us quickly. Hebrews Chapter 4 verse 12 because it give us a picture of this sword of the spirit which is the Word of God. But before we read verse 12 which

is the main verse that gives us that description. It's good to get the background so we can do proper scriptural interpretation of this weapon in the armory. The Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God.

Now, please read from verse 10.

Now, the reason we are starting from verse 10 is because it gives us an insight into what verse 12 will be talking about. So join us.

Hebrews 4:12

10. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

You might even want to read from verse 9 please?

9. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

A rest for God's people. He says there is a guarantee that God's people will get a rest.

Go on please,

10. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

Ok. Now, I want you to take note of the analogy he is making between you as a believer and what happened to God in creation.

Now, the analogy is very important now because it is going to give us an insight into this sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God.

He says, if you have entered into rest, what happen to you is exactly what happened to God as well in Genesis. He says God also rested from his own work. He says if you enter into rest, you cease from your own work.

Go on,

11. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Now, who fight to rest? I thought if you are going to rest, you will jump on the bed and sleep. He says you've got work to do if actually you want to rest at all.

Go please, look at the next verse.

lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

That is the interest of the devil. That is all the devil is interesting in.

Yesterday, we mentioned something and I think, I will want to call your attention and amplified that thing because it's going to give us a very serious reason for why we should be interested in exploring further the sword of the spirit. The attack of the devil and the fight of Satan against the believer as it were is broader in scope and deeper in scope than we might think.

And the devil's interest in the believer is that the believer will be actually in a state of unbelief. That is why the Bible tells us in 1 Peter 5 verse 7&8. He says resist him standing in the faith. God is not just interested as somebody vying the devil. People as we said pray and bind and cast and loose and destroy and build up and do all sorts of spiritual gymnastics. They are very good. But the scriptures says if you want to even take any stand at all against the enemy you better do the standing in the faith.

So the interest of the devil, the devil was smart which he is. It will be to make sure that the believer operate in unbelief because he knows that as long as you are not in the right ground, you are no match for him. And that is why he saying here, the reason why am telling you to labour to fight if you are going to fight at all.

You know, we've been talking about spiritual warfare in the past weeks. If you are going to do spiritual warfare at all. If you are going to labour at all. The laboring you should do, the fighting you should do, the spiritual struggle you should engage in, is to enter into rest. Because once you are in that zone, the enemy is no match. That is why he says, so that we do not fall after the manner of unbelief. That is what the enemy is interested in.

Now look at the next verse, now we understand why verse 12 exist now, which is what we are actually going to zero in on.

What does he says in verse 12 please?

12. For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

For the word of God is quick,

He is saying even though I told you to labour. I told you to fight to enter into rest. I will tell you the tool by which it can be done. You see, again we are coming back to what we began to discuss yesterday but giving it broader insight today. That you need this tool of the spirit, is the sword of the spirit. It's the Word of God. So he says I told you to fight to enter into rest. Now this is how you are going to do it. You need a tool to do that. You need a weapon to do that.

Look at that weapon now. He says for... Can you see that?

Go on please,

12. For the word of God is quick,

That word quick is an old English for living. Something is alive. You see! He says the Word of God is alive. It's not like some theological or some kind of philosophical or ideological statement. This has life in it. That is why the Jesus said in John Chapter 6, the Words I speak to you, they are not theory. They are not philosophy. They are spirit and they are life. It means, if you take on the Word, you are taking on the very sword of the spirit. He says here, the Word is living. It's alive.

Go on please

And powerful,

You know people or things that are alive but not powerful. Things can be alive but not active.

In fact, the NIV says living and active. It's one thing to be alive, a whole different thing that somebody could feel the effect that you are alive. Those are two different things. He says this Word of God am telling you about, it's not just alive but you can feel that is doing something. It's living and its active or its living and its powerful. It's potent. It's doing something. Don't forget what is it trying to do? It's trying to help you in your fight to enter into rest. You are going to fight to do that. That is a fight. That is real warfare going on. It's a struggle to enter into rest. He says you need a tool to do that. You need the sword of the spirit. You need the Word of God to do that in your fight. He says is not just living, its active, its powerful, it's functional.

Now what does he says next?

and sharper

It is sharper as well. It means very decisive.

Go on please

than any two edged sword.

Now, we will then talk about why it's two edged? We talked about that yesterday. Now, another insight to that today is this. The reason why this Word of God is two edged, if you noticed it means if you point this sword at the enemy because yesterday we focused on one angle majorly when we talked about the fact that you are meant to take on the sword of the spirit so you can stand.

Now, when it comes to standing as a believer. You see, there are two types of standing that we do. **Any time you stand there is a standing against and a standing in.** Now, the reason you can stand against is because you are standing in. I will quote Romans Chapter 5.

Can you read Romans Chapter 5? We are going to come back to this quickly.

You cannot be standing against anything the enemy brings unless you are standing in. It is in and against. Both simultaneously.

Romans Chapter 5, you can read from verse 1.

Watch this!

Romans 5

1. Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We, not the enemy now. We are the one having peace with God.

Can you go on please,

through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

See! We are standing in a grace.

When the Bible talks about stand. You know Ephesians Chapter 5 when it talks about stand therefore... have you noticed he didn't say stand against.

I know every time we talk about standing. We are always very quick to think Oh Yes! Anytime Bible says stand, it means take your stand against the enemy. Take your stand against the works of the devil. We are going to take our stand.

In fact for some Christian to think about standing against the enemy is even a great thing. Because some even think we are supposed to actually achieve the victory over the enemy. Well, we said that yesterday and somebody asked that question. But what we are saying to day is, every time the scripture used the word stand. You take note, in some cases, it talks about we standing in, and in some cases he talks about standing against. Now, it doesn't mean it's the same thing, two sides of the same coin.

When you stand you are doing both. You are standing in and standing against at the same time.

Now, we cannot be too quick to say we want to stand against the enemy unless we are standing in what Christ did for us. That is why Romans 5 says in this grace wherein we stand. If we don't stand in that grace, there is no point standing against the enemy. And that is why he talks to the believer in Hebrews Chapter 4 before he began to talk about the sword of the spirit which is the double edged sword in verse 12. He says you need first to labour to enter into rest. If you stand in rest, then you will have no stress about whatever the enemy is trying to bring against you. It doesn't matter in any area of your life.

So here he invites us. He says we need to stand in the rest. And before we go further, he gives us an insight into how the sword of the spirit which is the Word of God helps us to labour.

And I want to call your attention to that word "to labour into rest." It gives us an analogy, and let us look at this analogy. This analogy provides the foundation for us to understand the surgeon's scalpel which is the sword of the spirit, the double edged sword. How does it help the believer to stand in rest so that you can stand against whatever the enemy is bringing?

Now, what's the analogy? He says...

I will take you back to verse 10.

Hebrews 4:10 see what he says?

10. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

Now, he is trying to tell you as a believer that don't be so confused about this rest thing we are talking about, this standing thing. This entering into rest, what is it? He is going to give you I will call the signs, the visible signs that can make you convince whether you've enter into rest or you've not enter into rest. He says you need to stand in that rest. Unless you stand in that rest. You have no business standing against the enemy. That is what the devil does. He tries to make sure that we fall after the manner of unbelief.

Now, he tells us how we can know that we've entered into rest.

See what he says in verse 10

10. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

How will he know? See what he says...

hath ceased...

It means he has stopped. He has ceased from his own works. It means this person has ceased from his own works. I know we are wondering which works is he talking about? That is confusing still. See the next verse

as...

That is the word!

As God did from his...

He said, if you want to know what it means to stand in or to enter into this rest. If you want to know what it means for the double edged sword, which is quick and active in verse 12, how it will help you to stand in as your weapon. He says look at what God did as well from his own work and you will understand what you should be working in your own life.

So again, that takes us all the way back then to what God did to enter into his own rest.

Let's go all the way quickly to Genesis Chapter 2.

Don't forget we are looking at how this double edged sword of the spirit, as a tool in the spirit helps you and I to stand.

Let's read Genesis 2.

We are going to this because he says even as God ceased from his own works, that is what am asking you to do.

Read from verse 1 please.

Genesis 2:1

1. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

Mark the word **finished**. Please focus on the word, the heavens and the earth were finished, completed that is the word.

And all the hosts of them,

Everything about the heavens and the earth were completed.

Go on please,

2. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

Well, it means probably he was tired. The reason why you as a believer need to understand this today is simply because the Bible says even as God did from his own works, you need to cease from your work. And unless you do that, you've not entered into rest. And unless you enter into rest, you have no business standing against whatever the works of the enemy is because already Satan takes advantage.

Now if you notice, we've mentioned something in the past and I think I want to highlight that again so that we can see the connection in today's Expose. What do we say? The devil is an advantage taker. That is the devil's business. That is why Jesus said, the prince of this world comes and he has nothing in me. For the believer who became born again in the last second or the last minutes. The devil is no match for such a Christian. And the reason is simple because the Bible says that all power and authority, Jesus said that in Acts Chapter 1 has been given unto me. He said you therefore go into the world and preach the gospel. He is saying the power that is backing you is the power in the heaven and the earth. And he says it is with you as a believer. The devil is no match for any Christian.

What does he do? The scriptures says all he does is take advantage (2Corinthians 2:11). The Bible says we are not ignorant of the schemes of the devil less he takes advantage. An advantage taker. So it means the only reason why Satan gets an upper hand in the life of a Christian if that Christian has not even enter into rest, giving loopholes to the enemy to take advantage of them. And that is why the Bible says you will need this sword. This double edged sword. You will need the ministry of that sword if you will be entering into rest, give him no place, no room for the enemy. And that is why we are looking at this.

And he tells us, he says even as God rested from his own works. Ok.

So God is our perfect picture of what we should be experiencing now.

That is what he says.

So now he says about God, he says He rested on the seventh day. I want to found out, is God tired? Maybe if God was tired I should also be tired so that I can also enter into rest. Was God tired?

Isaiah 40 let's see this. He said even as God rested. He says you must ceased from your own works even as God rested from his own works.

Let's look at Isaiah 40 because I need to know why God rested? Was he tired?

Isaiah 40: 28 what does it says please?

Now watch this about God's person and God's personality.

Isaiah 40

28. Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

I like that word "the creator" because he is taking us all the way back to Genesis because creator of the heavens and the earth...

Well, he doesn't get tired. There is no fatigue with him. God is spirit. God is not a man and they that worship him must worship in spirit and in truth. He said there is no fatigue in him. Don't forget he links that with creation again.

What is the next thing?

neither is weary?

Well, he doesn't get fatigue. He doesn't get weary. So I want to know why then he rested? Because the reason why you rest at the end of your job or task is because you are tired.

In fact, I know some people who are very hardworking, and if it was possible that sleep doesn't exist. They will be so happy that sleep never exist they will just keep on working.

The Bible is saying here, the reason why God rested on the seventh day. Isaiah 40:28 demystify and say it wasn't because he was tired. He says he never know what is call fatigue. He is a spirit. Ok. If He is never fatigue, if He is never tired (Isaiah 40:28). I want to find out why He rested? Why did He had to rest in Genesis Chapter 2 from verse 1-3? We need to find out. Because why are we finding out, the Bible says you must enter into rest in the same way as God enter into his own rest.

It is very interesting to hear from Prophet Isaiah in verse 28 of Chapter 40 while he was linking the strength of the Lord even to his creation bringing us back to that. So we will be clear about it without leaving any doubt that even the creation work does not make him exhausted. No! He wasn't exhausted at creation. Because he used the word "the creator of the heavens and the earth." So reminding us of about that part, that is the picture in view when he was doing the creation, he wasn't tired.

So we cannot say the seventh day Sabbath rest in that Genesis Chapter 2 is link to physical exhaustion or mental exhaustion. He wasn't! Why the rest?

So we need to really understand what this rest is? Why do we have to understand it? Hebrews 4 says you will have to cease from your own works even as God also cease from his.

So unless the believers understand why God rested and how God rested. Unless you do, you will not also rest. Because his resting is your resting. He says why He rested must be why you also rested (Hebrews 4:10). He says he that has entered into rest hath ceased from his own works even as God ceased from his own as well.

So it means if a believer doesn't understand how or why God cease from his own works. How can he understand how and why you will cease from your own works? And unless you cease from your own works, you've not enter into rest. And unless you enter into rest, verse 11 says you might fall after this manner of unbelief and if you fall after this manner of unbelief, Satan perfect's opportunity, that is a real spiritual warfare we are talking about in this case. And is all connected.

Now, let's go all the way back.

So now, we know God didn't rest because he was exhausted. So says the Isaiah the prophet. (Isaiah 40:28)

Let's go back to Genesis 2 then. I want to know why He rested if He wasn't exhausted? I want to know why God rested when he wasn't tired?

Now, again let's reread Genesis Chapter 2.

Now we have a different insight for why He rested.

Let's now read it again for why He rested.

Now, what does he says then?

2. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

Mark the word ended his work.

and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

So now, we can now say he rested because he ended his work not because he was tired according to Isaiah 40:28. So it means God says it's finished. Because it's finished. I will rest to show people and to show the whole world that it's finished. If I didn't rest, they will think is not finished.

Now, I want you to see the motivation behind the rest. The motivation behind your rest every day when you go to work is not the same motivation behind God's rest.

You rest because you are tired and worn out. But the Bible says God is not worn out. (Isaiah 40:28).

So the reason why God rested was to signal to the heavens and the earth, to signal to devil, to signal to principalities and powers, to signal to the powers of hell and the powers of heaven that it's ended. I cannot and I will not improve on what I have done. If I don't rest, they will think the work is still in progress. So the resting was to signal that I've finished. I completed. That is why God rested. It was to paint a picture.

Now, why is this relevant to us today? We are not doing answers in Genesis today. Why are we doing this? Thank you. You may ask. We are talking about this today, the Bible says **even as God rested you will need to rest as well**. Go and see how He rested. Go and see why He rested. And you will understand what you should be doing in your faith so that you don't fall after the manner of unbelief. And he says if you are struggling with resting, you will need a tool in verse 12 which is the living active Word. He says the tool is the weapon for you to do that.

We are going to get to that very soon. Let's go back again.

Go on please,

3. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

and sanctified it:

Set it apart.

because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

Well, it can't be more clearer than that. He said He rested from all his works, from all that he created and made.

Now, if I may ask you the question, it means when God created everything in the heavens and the earth. When God created all the animals, when God created all the plants. When God created all the elements of this world. When he made everything and created everything. Have you noticed even if you are a student of Agriculture or a student of science, you will understand the fact that God did not have to start recreating and recreating the whole thing all over again.

If you think about it, when animals actually eat plants, the animals die, go into the ground, decay. The plants used what the animals have decayed into and the plants grow up again and the cycle continues. He says God said I have set something in motion. I have completed this work. Am not going to improve anything more on this

work. The system is in motion and the system will produce by itself. That is why the Bible says he created every herb bearing seed in itself. God says it's completed.

Does this not explain the reason why Jesus said at the cross it is finished. And the scriptures is inviting the believer, he is saying go and see how God rested. Go and see why God rested. You will need also to labour ... that is why the question is, the labour you will need to fight. You will need to struggle using the tool of the sword (Hebrew 4:12) to be able to enter into that same rest.

It means you have to cease from your works. It would mean that everything that you also need for life and godliness. Everything that you will need to be the person that is in the picture of the Word of God for your life. Everything that you will need to actually actualize destiny. Everything that you will need to reign in life. The Bible says it's all there giving to you finished. All sorted out.

And he says, there will be things coming at you every day that will tell you otherwise. So you have to labour now. That is why you have to fight. That is why God... am wondering in verse 3 of Genesis 2. Why did God has to blessed the seventh day? And God says well, you know what? This day am going to bless the seventh day because it is the day that I cease from my work. It mean that God hijacked that seventh day. I mean, think about it. He label it. He put a labelled on the day and said nothing can take the fact away from this seventh day because this day signify that the work is completed.

And he says in the say way, you as a Christian, you've got to labour.

Now, the reason why the labouring comes in which takes us back to our spiritual warfare. He says you have to fight, things will come at you every day. Circumstances will rule your mind every day. Events will take place every day. The news will come at your face every day. Things will come at you and all the word they say to you is you don't have what it takes or it means you don't have everything that you need to for life and godliness.

They will come and tell you that you know what? You are in a disadvantage position. They will tell you are you sure that you have the new life of God in Christ Jesus? This thing will question this finished work. And the Bible say you need to labour. You need to fight your way using the tool of the sword of the spirit as refer to in Hebrews Chapter 4 verse 12.

So today we are just drawing the parallel comparison with what happen in Genesis Chapter 2 with what happened at the cross, where it's a declaration of the redemption

work, the completeness of the redemption work. It is finished. It is from that backdrop that this episode is.

It's based on today to understand that it is completed just like this. And then you need to set that apart in your thinking. You need to fight for it. You need to really sanctify that thought. It must be a sanctified thought. Now, you may not need to sanctify a particular day like that but he is something you need to set apart in your thought. You don't let it be mopped up thinking about this. Sanctify it in your heart that the redemption work is complete. It is that serious. It is that serious for you to accept it that it is finished because we found out even if we look at history and present day people being to celebrate days, workers days, children's day. They set apart some days and that is it. Just like the example that the Lord set apart that seventh day.

So we can apply this too and set apart in your thought that the redemption work is complete. You have to mark it like that. Permanently mark that it is finished and accept that it is. And that is the basis for your rest and you have to fight for it.

Now, you see like when I said when we started. I said who fight to rest? I think if you are tired, you just jump on the bed and sleep on the sofa. But the Bible says for the believer to rest, it's a fight. It's a labour to enter into... that is why we need the tool to do that.

Am just thinking might be the labour might be the struggle to accept. Well, that is it. That is why it's a fight. Struggle to accept that it is finished. Struggle to feel that oh! There is something I can do more to improve on it. Struggle to feel like maybe it does not cover all, it is not exclusive, so is there anything I can add and be reasonable? People want to be reasonable with it. They really want to be polite and they don't want to take it all. So a struggle of I want to still retain my dignity and so that I will not totally reliant on Christ and everything that he is done. So is the struggle to accept this. The struggle to accept the declaration... even Jesus was saying in Luke Chapter 4 to accept what he has come to do and the completeness of it.

So it's really a labour to even accept and cease from in trying to work out something and working yourself up, trying to gain... that is why somebody asked a question yesterday that is it really true that as a believer by achieving victory through ... Can we overcome or trying to achieve victory over the devil?

And that is why we said that we have not been invited to achieve victory over the devil. We are just supposed to rest and say well, Jesus said it is finished. If it is finished, it is finished and am going to labour and going to fight for that. Am going to

allow anything to take that from me. And that is why the Bible says we need this sword of the spirit, this double edged sword to do that.

I remember saying yesterday that, for that person that asked the question that we are to maintain what is obtained. And then looking at what Hebrew Chapter 4 was talking about today that we should labour to enter into that rest and linking up verse 12 that was saying that for that Word is quick and active. It will do the job. It is active.

So is not like you are going to have a passive mode about this resting we are talking about. It's going to take a level of work and effort to labor into this. And then the instrument you are even using is not just docile, it is active. So you have been labored and use an active instrument. That is it. In what we are talking about.

So you are being called to take your stand, taking your stand in it, in maintain this. In maintenance takes a great deal of effort. You know, you have to spend energy on this to accept this. And so you are going to use an instrument that is not just docile and passive. It is active, it is quick and powerful.

Thank you for that.

The reason why entering into rest becomes a struggle is because there are lots of push. Things are pushing you. And like we said, that is what the devil does. All the devil does is try to push us from our standing. That is all he does. Trying to push us with ideas, push us with perception, with the way we see things. Trying to push us from our ground. And that is what he does. And Bible says we need to take our stand not as it well. Just against the enemy but in this grace wherein we stand.

Now, look at this quickly. Colossians Chapter 2 verse 14, to 17 and let's get an insight into this. Don't forget we are looking at the instrumentality of the sword of the spirit. How does it actively do this job?

Colossians 2

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

Please this is what Christ did, the ministry of Jesus Christ.

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

I want you to take note of the tenses. He took it out, not in the process. He took it out of the way.

So what the scriptures is describing here in verse 14, verse 15 of Colossians 2 is what happened at the cross. No doubt. He says nailing it to his cross.

Go on please,

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

I, again call you to the tenses. Past tenses! Having spoiled.

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

Again I called you attention to the word **made**.

See! When you are reading the Bible watch the tenses, **spoiled, made...**

Look at verse 16.

16. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days:

Ok. He mentioned the Sabbath days. He says let nobody judge you regarding how you observe the Sabbath in the natural. What is the reason?

17. Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

All those things are a shadow of things to come. And he says if you some other translations. The reality is Christ. The reality of what?

Now, again I call your attention to the last phrase in verse 16. He says “of the Sabbath day.” So he is saying this Sabbath rest we are talking about. The reality of the Sabbath rest is actually Christ.

So when he says labour to enter into rest, we are simply saying labour to ensure that whatever was finished. Have you noticed from verse 14 down to verse 16. Talks to you and I about the finished work of Christ. And you can count them at your fingertips.

He talked about blotting out the handwriting that was against us. That is the law. That is the legal code of Moses which was contrary to us, He took it out of the way. He took nailed it to the cross. And verse 15 he spoiled principalities and powers. He says you as a Christian need to sit down and counts all that was accomplished on the cross. Colossians 2 verse 14, verse 15 gives you breakdown details of every single thing accomplished at the cross.

And then he made reference to the Sabbath and then he says the reality is Christ. In the same way that he says labor to enter into rest. He says you must labour. You must fight against every unbelief. You must fight against everything the enemy throws at

you to ensure that you make the enemy know. I know what was accomplished and am not going to give up. It doesn't matter what I feel in my body. It doesn't matter what I see in my dreams.

You know for some Christians, when they see anything in their dream, it's enough ground for them to jump out of rest. Whenever they see a dream that is contrary. Some people have a dream and say well, I saw a dream that I was actually sent out of my place of work or I had a dream and that dream I saw some demons chasing me and putting some things on my body.

And as long as you see that, what do you do next? The Bible says here in verse 15 of Colossians 2. He says Jesus having spoiled principalities. The very thing that is coming to put things on you in dream are the things that He spoiled. Now, the question is are you going to stay in that rest or are you going to jump out of it? That is why he says, let us labour to enter into rest.

Unless we stand in rest. Unless we stand in the grace of God, we have no business standing against the enemy. In fact, let's say this, standing against the enemy is automatically standing in the rest that we are called into. That is the real spiritual warfare that we are called into.

Yeah, I want to say it is good that we came to Colossians Chapter 2:14-17, because I know some people who do heard us in Genesis Chapter 2 might have run off and feel that oh! Sabbath days, Sabbath day and judging people using that Sabbath day or being judge themselves. So they really need to heard the again Word just as we shared yesterday, don't just run off with a verse like that.

You can see that, you can come to verse 16 was saying let no man judge you in respect of the holy days or the new moon or even of the Sabbath days. Because some people they are being judge and they are judging people in Genesis Chapter 2 not even knowing what is in Colossians 2:16, that the reality of all these things, all these ones are shadows. They are just mere observant. The reality is Christ.

Is just like when you see somebody's shadow. If you see a shadow what does that mean? It means somebody is around. Yes, there is somebody around. If you see a shadow of someone, if you sit in a room and you can see the shadow moving around, I presume you will be looking for the person not looking for the shadow. You will say Wow! Who is that person who walks by because you could see the shadow?

The Bible says when we see the Sabbath it should remind of the real Sabbath which is Christ Jesus. And that is why he mentioned that the reality, the body is of Christ. The body that has the shadow is Christ. So how people chasing shadows? You see people

chasing shadow. All the ideologies, all the principles and all they are working their life on, the beliefs in which they live their life, the principles are just shadow, running after shadow when they should run after the body which is Christ. That is the thing. Looking out for it. We can see that in verse 17.

And again I will like to say that this labour, because the labour sometimes, people feel it connotes something negative. We have to exalt and everything but you know it's a very good labour. Because it is labour to rest. Who will not like that? To labour to rest.

Then we find this consistently in the scriptures where we are being call to fight. Fight looks like a negative thing. But its being called a good fight of faith. We are being called to do a good thing, you know labour to rest which is very good.

And this fight we are talking about is not a bad fight. It's a good fight. It's a good fight to make sure that whatever Christ paid for, whatever Christ accomplished at the cross and gave to you as a benefit that you wouldn't allow any imagination. You wouldn't allow any experience of life to make you think otherwise or to make you negate and said Oh! I thought that they told me that principalities and powers were destroyed but from what I've seen, yesterday in my life I don't really think so. People won't say that with their mouth but the language of people do reflect that. In fact some people when they pray, their prayer reflect such kind of wrong mentalities.

And may I need to remind our viewers that the opening verses of our Knock Our Season when we started far back; forty-sixth episode away was saying "let no man spoil you." In the same Colossians he was telling that let's no man spoilt you... All these tradition, people spoil you out of, struggle to take you out of that rest into some other works. People take up and heap up burden unto you, labour that does not lead to rest. That is it.

You have to be able to distinguish the labour that leads to rest which the Lord has called you to or the human made labour. You know the same righteousness labour, there are some labour like that in the path of self-righteousness, and on the path of walking out your own salvation and earning your own salvation. Earning your approval from God. So there is a labour for that.

So you have to be able to know that labour you are calling to, and again you are not called to just fold your hands. Because some people really, all they hear is just like he has does everything. So I just fold my hands...No! You are really need to exalt this authority you have been given. You have to labour to enter into the rest. So we are not

being call to fold your hands. And then we are not being called again to do labours that does not lead to rest, to God's kind of rest.

And we understand this God's kind of rest is based on the premise of his finished work, the completeness of the redemption work.

Thank you for that insight.

And I think you mentioned something that I think our viewers might want to actually get insight.

If you look at Ecclesiastes Chapter 10, look at verse 15.

There is something there in terms of labour. Again don't forget this is warfare. When you labour to enter into rest, that is real warfare.

You've actually given the enemy no grounds around your life.

Look at verse 15 and see what he talks about labour.

Ecclesiastes 10

15. The labour of the foolish wearith every one of them, because he knoweth not how to go to the city.

Well, that is amazing and you can see that is a sharp contrast to Hebrews 4 that says labour to rest. He says well, there is some laboring that you do that make you tired. And that is what he say there.

He says the labour wearies every one of them. But this labour that we are invited to do in Hebrews 4 is the one that brings us into that rest. That makes us habitate and dwell in the finished work of Calvary.

So I know people think these things are easy to say, what we are talking about. They say they are easy to say. And I know in most prayer places, in most places where they actually pray and do prayer meetings. Am not saying every single prayer meetings. I say in some prayer meetings. What they try to do is, they try to use people's experiences and use people's emotions or circumstances to generate and create prayer points in synchrony with their experiences.

And what they do is, instead of trying to say to people, even though I know you are feeling this in your life at the moment. Even though I know that your body is ravaged by sickness and disease. Even though I know there are some things happening in your life that looks like they have a similar pattern to things happening in your background

and in your family. Even though those things are happening to you. Listen! The scriptures says that Christ Jesus having spoiled principalities and powers.

Instead of them telling people that even though you are feeling these things, let's drag you back into rest, into point of insistence and say I know in whom I believed. I know what Christ paid for. I know the victory of Christ. Instead of doing that. These people ponder to people's circumstance, ponder to people's emotions and throw them out of rest. And that is why such laboring that people engaging in, wearies everyone. That is why he say the labor of fool wearies them. There is a labour that we do that brings us into the place of rest. That is what he is saying.

Just like you mentioned in some prayer circles that is why we are de-emphasis on some prayer circle. We see prayer being generated year in, year out. People have been praying the same kind of prayer and is like the labour of the fool. There is weariness in the flesh. There is spiritual and physical exhaustion. Praying the thing they get deliver of the same thing over and over again over the years and they seem no...there is no end in sight even the way in the prayer because they pray the same thing. They just have to do that all again.

And we see the product of this kind of labour. It is fruitless and lead to exhaustion. It is the weariness of the flesh, weariness of the spirit and for all those kind of labours. And today we are giving you an appointment for good job and that is labour into God's rest. A labour that bring you to rest.

Now, lets' see how the sword of the spirit which is the word of God. What tools do we then use to labour into rest? And that is what we have apostolic revelation in verse 12. He says **for**... I call your attention to that word **for**... he's saying **for** because am going to tell you a potent tool, a potent weapon of the spirit that will get this done.

Again, don't forget Ephesians 6:17 says taking on the sword of the spirit which is the Word of God.

Now we know the reason why is double edged. Because as long as you want to use it to keep the enemy at bay like Jesus Christ did by saying it is written you have to use it on yourself as well. That is why he say it's double edged. It will work that way and that way.

It means it works on the enemy. You can tell the enemy it is written but when you say it is written, it's not just affecting the enemy it's affecting you. Because unless you abide in rest you give loopholes to the enemy. You give room to the devil. Ephesians 4:27, he says neither... have you noticed Ephesians 4:27 did not say hey! Brethren I

want you to fire hot prayers at the devil. He says well, neither give place to the devil. What it means is, if the devil is walking somebody open the door.

So he says instead of we just completely saying lets' shoot the devil. Let's talk about you not giving place to the devil. It's spiritual warfare simultaneously at the sometime.

Yes, we can see the benevolent and the goodness of our Father in this Hebrews Chapter 4 verse 10 - 12. He is asking us to labour to rest but He is not leaving us to figure it out ourselves. And so he provided us with a very good high precision instrument which is life. We can just use the surgeon scalpel very close to it. The precision... and He was talking about this instrument that he is giving us for. It's quick. It is powerful it is living, it is active. You know all the precision for you to understand that you are not going to figure this out on your own. How to labour into this rest. He is not a bad father. He is not Pharaoh that will make you to make brick without straw. Our Father has equipped us, and He is not just giving us a blunt instrument. He gave us instrument of high precision. The double edged sword, and that is what He gave to us for us to do the labour. How easy that can be?

Thank you for that.

Now, you see before we talk about the instrumentality of this weapon. He says, living and active, sharper than any double edged sword, piercing, cutting the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit. He is telling us now, the specifics of entering into that rest.

Now, before I talk about the specifics. I want to call your attention to this Hebrews Chapter 4 that we are in. Because of the limit on time, we might not be able to go verse by verse in this Hebrew Chapter 4. But the reason why the Apostle Paul diverted to the Christians, he started with the story of Israelites in this Chapter 4. And he said something about them. He said they could not entered into rest.

Now, the question is how come they couldn't enter into rest? How come they couldn't enter into rest? He said because the Word that they heard did not mix with faith. He said, there was something that the Word didn't do into operation in them. He says the Word was supposed to do an operation in them and the Word that they heard. They heard the Word but the Word did not mix. It means it didn't achieve in them what the Word is able to achieve. He says that is why you see they couldn't enter into rest.

And he says therefore then there a remains a Sabbath rest for... the reason why we have the rest today that we can enter into is because they failed to enter into it. And he

told us why? Because the Word didn't do what it should do in them. He said, the Word did not mix with faith in them.

In support of what happened in verse 12 that was telling us about the nature of this Word that is quick, is able to do something. We are not talking about empty rhetoric. We are not saying to fill your head with some dogma, that things that people's philosophy, products of people's research and mental research that need to be improved upon and yes even get discard and get contradicted.

We are talking about something that is able to do something in them. The Word that is able to produce. It's going to make something because it is a living organism. It is active. It is powerful. It is sharper. I don't know what can come in comparison to that. And that was what Apostle Paul was talking about the Israelites when they received the Word. The word is about to do something. It has the capacity to do something but they said it could not.

So the Word we are inviting you to, the Word we are talking about, the sword of the spirit. It has ability to do something. He can make something. But you might make it inactive if you really don't use it. So it's just.....

Thank you of that insight.

We know we title this one, "surgeon's scalpel."

Now, think about it, I don't care how powerful, how sharp the surgeon's scalpel is. It doesn't matter how skillful the surgeon is, if you don't present unto the table of the surgeon. There is nothing he can do really. That is why the Bible says in Romans Chapter 12 that "**beloved I beseech you by the mercy of God that you present...**" Because if you present yourself, leave it to the sword. Leave it to this double edged sword, this surgeon scalpel. It can do and undo. But he says, you need a presentation. You need to present your body as a living sacrifice

So the problem that Israelites had why they couldn't not enter into rest is because they were not presenting themselves. Because the Bible says that you need to present your bodies. Unless we present ourselves even if the scalpel is so sharp, there is nothing the surgeon can do if you don't present yourself on the operation table.

In fact, that is the reason why have you noticed if you go hospital and they want to do surgery on somebody. They ask them to sign or they ask a relative to sign to give consent. Because unless the person gives consent and put themselves on the table there is nothing the surgeon scalpel can do to cut anything out of them. Even If he is the best in the world. It doesn't matter if he is the best surgeon in the world.

He say the Israelites got to a point where even the surgeon's scalpel, the Word of God could not help them. And Bible say they could not enter into rest. And then the question you want to ask is, what kind of rest could they not enter into as the Israelites? And that also give us a deeper analogy into what is being said to us in our times as Christians of the New Covenant. Is simple! You know what God told them in Egypt. God told them am taking you to the promise land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

We see them being delivered through the red sea, from darkness into light. From Egypt into the promised land. We can see the deliverance of God. And you see! for whatever God did for them. In fact look at the blood that was put on their door posts. And the angel of death passed over them on the day of the Passover. That is why they began to celebrate the Passover.

The whole point we are trying to make is, despite all that which was accomplished, finished for them. Once they got into the journey to go into the Promised Land, they began to say to themselves, is God among us or not? They began to say to themselves can we see God among us? They even say it was better what we had before. It means we had a people who were not persistently drawing backward or should I say persistently drawing on as it were what was accomplished. That which was done.

So we as Christian need to understand that. That is why they could not enter into that rest because they kept on drawing their mentality back and not using what happened to them at redemption, at Passover, as a springboard to deal with their corresponding challenge. Whatever challenge they had, was not special. That is similar challenges we are having in our days. They got to a point where they were thirsty. There was no water to drink. They got to a point where they were hungry. Where they wanted manna to eat. They got to a point where they needed to have cloth on. Think about it. Everything they passed through are common life circumstances. But yet, they were expected to draw on the Passover period that they had in Egypt. But they never drew on that. And the Bible says, they didn't allow the Word to mix with faith in them and they fell after the manner of unbelief.

In the same vain, Jesus was even lamenting over the Pharisee and Sadducees that they made God's Word of no effect. God's Word that could bring something and produces something by their useless traditions and holding into some things, and they make that Word that could have achieve something of no effect. Telling you that the Word of God is active and has every ability to make things happen.

So you have the choice or by your choice of what you do or what you don't do to make what is active to be inactivated. And that is why you understand the power of

what we are talking about, the power of the sword of the spirit. That you can really inactivate what is that active and what is that powerful, you can make it powerless by your choose of what you do and what you don't do about it.

Why the surgeon's scalpel? In simple terms, why did the double edged sword? Have you notice the Bible says cutting asunder .Why the cutting? Why does it need to cut? Why do we need to go through this ministry of the Word if we want to enter into rest? Why do we need?

Now the simple reason is, think about what happens when the surgeon put somebody on the table and they want to cut. Why does the surgeon cut things? The reason they cut things will simply be, they want to make a division. They want to take something out and put something in. It means something is not right with somebody's body. There is a growth. There is a tumor. There is nothing that should not be growing there. And the surgeon get his scalpel and begin to say well, that doesn't belong to your body, that shouldn't be there and am going to cut this things away. And going to remove that, and am going to put that back in. The cutting is to make a distinction between what should really be in your body and what should not be in your body. That is what the surgeon scalpel does.

And the Bible says here, that the Word of God comes to a point where it begins to cut asunder the soul and the spirit. He says joints and marrows. If you are wondering, what does that all mean. See what he says next?

And he says

and the joints and marrow. and the discerner of the thoughts and the intent...

So now we know it's then make a distinction for you and say, that thought you are having, that is not a thought consistent with the finished work. That thought, that one is consistent. He discerns. It helps you to make a separation between that which you should be thinking and that which is anti-Christ.

He said the sword of the spirit makes a distinction. He cuts asunder. And said am going to cut that off your mind. That is not good thinking. And going to cut that off your thought. It helps you to discern. You see! Discern mean you can tell this is right and you can tell that is anti-Christ. You can tell this is a good way to think and that is not a good... every thinking that is not consistent with the finished work. If you start thinking those things, they take you out of rest. He says, the Word of God is so sharp. It will cut, it will slice out every thoughts and thinking pattern. Every mentality that is not consistent with rest in your life.

You can't be comforted by this, that this Word of God which is the sword of the spirit with his precision will be able to help you make a difference, distinction between the labors that does not lead to rest and the one that leads to rest in case you don't really understand where this. And fiber by fiber will pull it apart to be able understand every fiber, every thought, any suggestion, any exercise that resembles the finished work of Christ. Because some people they can just go and look for a Bible verse to support it, just not knowing the again and again. Just because they quoted a biblical verse to support any activity does not actually mean that is it.

So like yesterday, we talk about again and gain. But this is where the surgeon scalpel works. You are able to know all distinction, fiber by fiber and separate which is the one labor unto rest which is not. Which one that looks like it. Which one is not like it. And that is what the Word of God is.

And so if you are blessed by this episode, I will like you to listen to the other part that we shared yesterday about this Word of the spirit so you can have a complete picture. It is titled "Talk back to the devil." So you are just hearing this one today so you can hear the A part of the sword of the spirit which is "Talk back to the devil" and the other armories that we have shared in this Episode.

We want to say thank you for joining us today. We want to say thank you for your engagement. Thank you Julie, thank you Elizabeth. Thank you for people that listen to this live transmission and people that will be listening to this. We want to see you living this Word. We want to see you living it out. We want you to come and labour into this rest. That is what will give us joy.

We will like you to share this with other people. We will like you to share this with other people so that other people will be free from the mental exhaustion that they are and come into God's rest, and come into the glorious liberty of the son of God. And so they are able to stand in, in their standing in, they will be stand against and using the sword as a shield.

So equipped the people. There is no greater empowerment than this. Because if somebody empower you with business idea and it fails and finishes on this side of eternity. But this is a greater empowerment to take up the whole armor in which we have shared. In this, you know that you will stand, you will not fall by taking all. So this is an empowerment scheme. This is an empowerment episode.

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So till we see you next Saturday 7pm UK time. And if you have the time, this morning maybe from 12.00 Clock and you are in the neighborhood, we have a ministration at World Harvest Manchester. And we are going to do the live transmission.

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And some even if you have listen to them before, you can listen to them again. You know it is an again and again Word.

So till we see you whichever one, maybe today again or next week we want to say as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.

God bless you.

Bye!!!