

## **Expose 85 K49**

### **Drug Abuse**

Today we will be sharing with you the abundance of life that Christ gives. The scripture says the thief does not come but to steal, to kill and to destroy but He came to give us life. And that we should have life not in measure doses, not just kick and go and start life. We have life in abundance. We are talking about the life that comes into you, and you can use it jump start other destiny. So that is what we are calling you into.

We are talking about causes of river inside of you, giving joy to situations. People are looking around to see why are you so joyful all around? But they don't know that the river is inside of you. It is not around just like we shared last week, we are talking about putting our treasures where the molt, rust, thieves does not break through and steal. We are talking about things reserve in heaven. And that is what we invite you to today, that you will partake of this. And out of your belly, rivers will flow even not for yourself, it's going to lend to nations. And so we welcome you again this evening.

So please feel free to send in your comments or questions as we go along, as the Lord give us the grace, we will be able to respond to that. And if not on this transmission, afterward we will be able to get on the page and still be interacting with you on this topic we are talking today.

And so if are following us, we've been on several topics on prayer and I want you to look at our page, Expose 247 page on Facebook and some we have on Youtube Channels. So we have all these videos for those who wants to download and maybe they find it easier on that channel. So we pray that will be able to reach out to as many people using all these platforms, Christ is being preached.

So today we will continue from where we stopped. And I will like you to do a quick recap for our brethren those who have been following, and those who are just joining us today, are just seeing us on their newsfeed and wondering what are we talking about.

Viewers, thank you again for joining us on this Knockout series and our Expose transmission.

Now, let us do a quick summary of how far we've come. Now, in this particular segment of our Knockout series, we've been focusing on prayer. From prayer we went to the fact that, the missing factor in prayer as Jesus said is faith. And beyond that, we began to talk about what undermines the Christian faith is unbelief. And from there we began to talk about how to drive out this unbelief. So we've been actually going through all this aspect of prayer in the past few weeks.

And then as we are doing that we've been knocking out all these false ideologies. You know when it comes to being a Christian in the body of Christ. Jesus said that the Pharisees they made the Word of God of no effect, because of their traditions. There are things we do, things we say, some kind of practices we've adopted in the body of Christ, that those practices they are not actually innocent like we think they are. What they do is, they deprive us, they in a way hinder us from laying hold upon what Christ paid for with his own blood. And these are the things we've been knocking out in this series. And we've been focusing on prayer as a basis for looking at that.

Now, today we are going to actually go into different dimensions. We are not through yet with the Knockout series on prayer. We are going to different aspects all together and bringing insight according to the Word of the Lord. The Bible says the flowers wither, grass withers, it is the Word of the Lord that will abide forever. There are things we do, we see, things that are actually popular fad today, spiritually speaking but they will soon pass away. What we are discussing on this Knockout series are the things that will stand the test of time and eternity, and that is what we are looking at.

And anything that will stand the test of time and eternity have to be something that is based on the Word of God. The Bible says the Word never passes away. He says heaven and earth might pass away, but not the Word I've spoken to you. Not a jot or tittle of the Word we go without accomplishing that which it has been sent to forth to do. So if we are wise in the realm of the spirit, we want to hang our life on to the values of the Word, not on any common or popular fad that is making runs in this Century.

So let's get on board with this as we said, we are going to different dimensions of prayer. And follow us quickly as we go into the book of Luke 11. Now we've actually talked about this aspect. Let me see we made an introduction but we did promise

many weeks ago that we are going to go into that fully. And today we have the liberty of the spirit to delve into this aspect today.

Now let's go to look at Luke 11, look at from verse 1 Luke 11 from verse 1.

You can read that please?

## **Luke 11**

**1. And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.**

**And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased,**

That's talking about Jesus who He was praying in a certain place.

**one of his disciples said unto him,**

Now, watch that! They saw him pray and one of the disciples said unto Jesus.

**Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.**

Ok! Good.

So they ask the Lord Jesus to teach them to pray.

Now, may I call your attention to the fact that, contrary to what some people think, they think prayer is the easiest thing to do. I mean what about teaching to pray? I mean you can just open your mouth and pray to God. Do you need to be taught to pray? If you notice the disciples, they didn't tell Jesus teach us how to preach or teach us how to lead the crowd, because today people are much more... if you actually go to a regular church today and you begin to list out topics of your seminar, and you want people to attend your seminar. This is not the kind of topics you will put in your seminar that you are going to get people. You put topics like how do I manage the crowd? Or finance management? Or crowd management or do I maximize my potential as a leader?

There is no leader like Christ Jesus. He was the leader of leaders. You see, when the days without microphone or without any form of public address system, you see Jesus addressing thousands of men and women.

In fact there was a time they actually took, you know the five thousand that were fed without women and children. Imagine add the women and children to the five thousand that were fed. You might be probably talking about tens of thousands. And yet this was a leader but the disciples out of all the possible question they can asked Jesus to teach them to do. They think the most important aspect to ask Christ Jesus was still teach us to pray. I mean out of everything to ask Christ.

It will tell you and I, that does it mean that prayer is not as simple as we think it is? Does it mean that prayer is not just something you just open your mouth to say? I think the reason why today in our current generation we are not receiving answers to prayer as we should is because we are thinking is that basic. We are thinking we just open your mouth and say that.

So they are asking Christ Jesus teach us how to pray. And that should be the question everyone who want to get it right every time in prayer should be asking. But now much more importantly is the response of Christ to this question. And that is what we are focusing on today.

Now what did Christ says, they say teach us pray. Now hear what Jesus said,

Now hear this

**2. And he said unto them, when ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth**

**And he said unto them, when ye pray, say,**

Now, he's going to tell them what to say in the place of prayer. And then you see, this is what we have come to know in our generation, the Lord's prayer. I mean when we were in school, when we were quite young, where we are in primary school and I think most of you who are listening to this, if you are at least you are maybe at the moment you are a teenager or you are well over 20s you can attest to this, that if you went to a Christian school or anything like that, you will probably have heard about what we called the Lord's prayer. This is the popular the Lord's prayer. And these are

the prayer we were told to pray. And up to now, even those who are not in schools who are still adult, this is what we refer to as the Lord's prayer.

Now, today what we are looking at on this Knockout series is, is the kind of prayer for the believer to pray? Because a lot of people who don't pray this prayer exactly use this prayer a model for their own prayer life. And let see what Christ intend to achieve with this.

Now, before we go on to what Christ intend to achieve with this prayer. We need to lay some foundation. And I think this foundation is important for what we are going to be looking at in this Knockout series on prayer. The reason we are looking at this, is not because we just want to pick up topics to discuss. We are looking at situation where as a Christian we don't imbibe ideologies that deprive us from walking in the benefit of the cross. That is why we are talking about this things really.

Now, look at this, they asked Jesus to teach them to pray and Christ Jesus responded and said after this manner pray. Now if Christ is saying after this manner pray, I want to know two things that are important, and I think every Christian should be concerned about this. Who is the audience of this prayer, the Lord's prayer? Whom does Christ Jesus meant this prayer to be for?

For example if somebody gives a medication, can you see that? You see! You cannot afford to take somebody else's medication. If you do, it's potentially call drug abuse. Just because somebody use a medication to treat their situation doesn't mean the same medication will apply to you. Every time you actually use a medication that doesn't belong to you, you are abusing the potentiality of that medication.

So let's see, who is this prayer meant for, this Lord's prayer? Who should pray this prayer? And what is this prayer meant to achieve in the life of a believer? And that is what we are going to look at today on this Knockout series on prayer.

Now quickly, let's look at this. We know the audience of this particular prayer. It is for the disciples. That's one thing we know. And the second thing we know is the dispensation of this prayer, because this prayer was actually given by Jesus himself before Jesus went to the cross.

Now, let's check some things in the scriptures. Let's check some things in the Bible about this particular prayer. Can you go quickly to the book of John 16 verse 23 and let's see what he has to say.

John 16:23, we are talking about the Lord's prayer. Are you taking somebody else's medication? That's the question.

Now, John 16 verse 23 and let's see what he has to say there regarding this.

### **John 16:23**

**23. And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the father in my name, he will give it you.**

#### **And in that day**

Now, this is important. Jesus said what I am going to tell you now is not for today. Can you see? Jesus said whatever I'm going to tell you now, in this particular John 16:23 is not for today. It will be in that day. It is for the future.

Now, let's see what He has to say about that day.

Now, watch this!

**ye shall ask me nothing.**

He said in that day, which means in the future date you will ask me nothing. You will not be saying Jesus give me something or Jesus I ask for this from Jesus. Jesus said don't do that, you will not ask me for anything in that day.

Go on,

**Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the father in my name, he will give it you.**

Jesus said well, something will happen to you disciples in the future. You will be asking in my name in the future. Well, may I say this? This John Chapter 16 is actually the discourse or the exposition between Christ and his disciples, very close to the time He went to the cross. This was very close to the cross.

Now, the fact is at the point in Luke 11, when Jesus was teaching them the Lord's prayer. That was right close to the beginning of the ministry of Jesus. I am trying to call your attention to two different dispensations. The Lord's prayer as we know it popularly was a prayer model that Jesus gave to the disciples at the early part of his ministry.

Now, this John Chapter 16 where the very last few words of Christ towards the end of his ministry. And Jesus said to them up till now, you've not prayed in my name. It will mean the Lord's prayer as we know it to be, was a prayer that was given to the disciples who have not prayed in the name of Jesus. How did I know this? Jesus Christ said to them, it is in that day that you will have to pray in my name. So let's say this, the Lord's prayer was not a prayer that was been prayed in the name of Jesus.

Now, the question you want to ask if today why is it important to pray in the name of Jesus? Well, I know some people think the name of Jesus is meant to be a chant upon their prayer. After we have bound, after we've lose, after we have declared, we say in the name of Jesus and we think it is meant to be an icing on the cake, like a rubber stamp on what you are praying for. That cannot be more than far from the truth. That's not what it means to pray in the name of Jesus.

Well, to pray in the name of Jesus is to come in the very person of Jesus. Let's break that down and make it simpler to understand. It means Christ is saying I want you to pray like it is me that is praying to the Father. Now, it means He says when you pray don't come in your name. Don't come on your pedigree. Don't come on the strength of your character. Don't come on the strength of your good behavior. Don't come on the strength of your nice personality. Don't come on the strength of all your assets or the things that you think will actually become the basis for why God must answer.

Jesus said don't pray in your name, pray in my name. Use my standpoint. Whatever, how far the Father loves me is how far He loves you. Whatever Jesus deserve from the Father is what you should deserve when you pray. Pray in my name. Come to the Father like I am the one coming to the Father. And then this is what He's talking about praying in somebody's name.

When the government of a country decides to send somebody in their name or somebody sent you and give you the power of attorney. The person is simply saying whatever you do, do it in my name. So Christ is saying when you pray in that day, you will pray in my name.

So we now know that, at the time He gave them the Lord's prayer, it was not in the name of Jesus. They were going to come to the Father in their own name. Jesus said up till now, you've not pray in my name. May I submit to you, every single prayer they've prayed right up to the time of Jesus in the flesh, all those prayers were in their own name. It means they will have to come and make a claim before God on the basis of their own personality.

Now, Jesus is saying this prayer in my name will happen in that day. Now, He's calling the disciples to look forward. Can you see? To a day when they will stop praying in their own name. Now, what does it mean to pray in your name? See! What makes the most terrible thing in our 21st century is, we have Christians who are actually putting themselves in the same category as this disciples. When Jesus Christ said the system you have at the moment is not good. In John 16, Christ was saying to them you are still praying in your name, but in that day you will be praying in my own name.

Now, how then terrible is it for us to still be praying in our name. I know people don't say in the name of myself, John or in the name of myself, Peter, I'm praying to God. We don't say that. It's not about what we say. It's about the mentality or the approach in which you bring to the Father. So Jesus said there will be a big difference between when I am talking to you and in that day. It will be the fact that you will be able to pray in my name.

Now, it means you cannot be rejected. It means the Father cannot reject you. Now for the Father to reject you, He has to reject Christ because you are coming in the name of Christ. And that is what we see there.

So what we are simply saying now is the Lord's prayer when it was given, it was never given in the name of Jesus. Because Jesus said praying in his name is for the future, before actually He had to go to the cross. So that is what we see there.

Can you go on please?

Verse 24,

**24. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.**

**Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name:**



Now, again He's emphasizing that up to this moment. Nobody has asked anything in his name. Can you see? Again that is still reiterating the fact that the Lord's prayer was not in the name of Jesus.

Go on please,

**ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.**

Go on please

Verse 25

**25. These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.**

Now, let's summarize this before we go to the next ... It will mean that if you want to pray the Lord's prayer, you want to start using that as a model for your own personal prayer, we want to call your attention to the fact that Jesus said in John 16 that right up to that time in John 16, all the prayers they've prayed, they were never in his name. So the Lord's prayer is not in the name of Christ Jesus.

Now, the reason we are laying this foundation today is because we are going to be delving into each of those prayers in the Lord's prayer. And we then see what did He try to achieve? If the Lord's prayer in Luke 11 and Matthew 6 was not a prayer that was meant to be in the name of Christ. I want to find out the reason why Christ gave them that prayer. What is it meant to achieve?

And the reason we need to know what it is meant to achieve is, we don't want to actually begin to abuse that drug, that medicine. Because if you use a medicine in the way it should not be used outside the right prescription, it amounts to drug abuse. And that is why some Christians today still want to hijack this so called Lord's prayer and use it as a basis for their prayer life. Well, the danger there is you are praying a prayer that Jesus said up till now, every prayer I gave you was not in my name and that is what Christ is saying there.

So today's episode is just about giving us the stability and structures to our prayer life. And we title this episode as “**DrugAbuse**” and there's something I want to bring to our audience that if you abuse your medication it brings about resistance, maybe that is why there is resistance in receiving, our resistance in our prayer life could be that you are using the wrong medication. We are trying to pray the way is not for us to pray.

And some even go and said that they know themselves they cannot pray in their name. They know they don't even feel worthy to pray in their name but they are praying in the name of saints. They pray in the name of some of their pastors and they say oh! Their pastors and everything, they have those names, if you could do this. They believe so much they can go through his name. So some people have already... they chant name of Jesus, they put those names of their pastors into it, as say they want to pray in that name, they don't even have confidence and they're shifting it. But today we are being call to know about praying in the name of Jesus, in the way He want us to pray as if He is the one asking. And I hope you will pay attention as we go further into this exposition today

I think I have a strong perception that the Lord want us to break this down in practical terms to people. Now for example, if you come to the place of prayer you're saying Father imagine how I have been serving you all this years, most of my friends are not even serious about the kingdom. They are not serious about the things of the spirit. They are not serious about evangelizing the gospel. You are saying Father I have been doing all these for the sake of the kingdom. Why are you watching my life going the way it is? When you say things like that you are praying in your name.

Yes, but some people might have evidence for that. They see Nehemiah, they see those prophet, they will say Lord remember me based on this work I have done. So really people find evidence in those place and they have the reasons to pray such. They said remember my works. That is fine.

Thank you for making reference to that. That is why we did say the Bible talks about in the book of Timothy, he says study to show yourself approved unto God, a work man that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.

Now, if you couldn't divide the Word wrongly, he wouldn't say rightly dividing the Word of truth. The reason why rightly dividing the Word of truth exist is because you can wrongly divide the Word. Now, this is what we are talking about today, what you have make reference to that. People go into the scriptures and pick verses of the Bible

and start to pray. And then what people do is, they are... what we call drug abuse. You are taking somebody else's medication. That is what you are trying to do.

For example if Jesus himself told them that in John 16 that up till now, you've not prayed in my name.

Ok. Let's break it down. It means look at all the saints, Moses prayer, Abraham's prayer, Elijah's prayer, Nehemiah's prayer, David's prayer. David! That great prophet, that great Psalmist. David's prayer. Now, Zechariah's prayer, Hezekiah's prayer, I mean how people use Hezekiah prayer as a basis for their prayer. I mean Hezekiah's, Micah's prayer, Malachi's prayer, mention all the saints in the Bible. Right up to the prayer that Jesus taught them, the Lord's prayer in Luke 11 and Matthew 6, Jesus told the disciples in John 16 up till now, nobody has prayed in my name. He said up till now, you have not prayed in my name.

So why will you then want to go all the way back and pray in your name? When Christ told them in John 16, up to now you've not prayed in my name. If you asked Jesus when will we start praying in your name? Jesus said in that day, in that day.

Now, we are going come to where is that day? What day was He referring to that they have to pray in his name.

Yes, I am sure one or two people might have this question and say does it really matter? Because they've seen result with it. We see Elisha prayed in the name of the God of Elijah so not actually coming into this kind of revelation. Does it really matter if some people have results for praying in such?

That is a good question thank you for making reference to that. I mean people talk about God of Elijah, God of this person, people even use the name of the man of God or General Overseer and say in the name of the God that this person serve and believe that those things should make our prayer potent. The question you want to ask... because God is a loving Father and because God doesn't just look at the words that we actually say. He looks at the heart from where we are praying.

But what He does is, once we begin to pray on our own pedigree or trying to pray in our name and not pray in the name of Jesus, what it does is it does something not to God. God is not going to sit in heaven and say because you are not praying in the name of Jesus, I will deal with you. That is not the God that we serve. The Bible says

in 2Corinthians 5, he says God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself not imputing or counting the sins of men against them anymore. God is not in that business anymore. He's put all his anger, all his wrath on Jesus. He's not going to hold you and say because you are not praying in the name of Jesus, I will not answer your prayers. God is not that God that we serve. What it does is not to God. It does nothing to God. It does everything to your heart. That is it.

When you pray not in the name of Jesus, in most cases your heart condemns you. Your heart disqualified you, because by the time you begin to count all the reasons why God must answer your prayers on the basis that God looking at the works of your hands, and you are saying God I have sacrificed for you, you say God I am living Holy for you. I am not polluting myself. And I'm not contaminating my destiny, just because I want to be in a position where I can be confident that you can answer my prayer. If that's your basis, you have come to God in your name and not in the name of Christ.

And then what it does is, it condemns your heart because the devil or your mind will still give you one more thing that you have not done right. And so we are saying this is the reason why you cannot pray in your name. It does something to your heart. Is that the question you are asking? It does something to you.

And that is why there are times when we pray in our names, at times one second we feel so confident God will answer the prayer, the next minute your heart is condemned and disqualified simultaneously at the same time. That is what it does. It puts such a Christian in a sinusoidal mode, up and down mode, zig zag. And that is why Jesus told them in John 16, up till now, you've not prayed in my name. In that day you will ask the Father in my name.

And we are still going to break this down further anyway as we go on. But what we are simply saying is the Lord's prayer is not a prayer in the name of Jesus. And so if you want to put your mouth and start praying the Lord's prayer as a model of prayer, you have to be concerned about the fact that you are not going to be praying anyway in the name of Jesus and Jesus said it will happen in that day. We are going to look at that the very soon.

Yes to stress the point further because if you are praying in your name or in any other name as we learnt in our previous episode. You know that the devil is an advantage

taker. So you are giving him the premise to look for reasons why even though you are having some point to disqualify you from having that.

And then we remember the old contract was about if you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good of the land. So if you come in your name is about your willingness and obedience, and you are coming on that confidence, in that strength, the devil as a lot of things to come around to tell you why you are not fully 100% willing and the places where why you are not 100% obedient. And you know it can deflate your confidence. And you don't want to play that risk of coming in your name. Why you know that there is somebody that has a perfect obedience, which is Christ. So why do you want to take the risk?

The Bible says in Hebrews Chapter 5 verse 7 and verse 8. He says Jesus learnt obedience by the things He suffered. So instead of going through your own obedience and everything why not use the obedience of Christ. The Father said this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased.

Now, this is one of the reasons why at times when we come to the place of prayer, it is very hard for us to build faith. We've been talking about this prayer and unbelief today. This is another dimension to it today. Some of us when we pray the reason why we can't build faith... don't forget Hebrews 11:6 says he that comes to God must believe that He is and He is a rewarder of them that seek in diligently. He says for without faith it is impossible to please God.

Now, the question you want to ask is, if God needs be pleased for you to build up faith in your spirit then that is a very easy thing to do in the realm of the spirit. All you have to do then is actually hide yourself inside the one that the Father said in whom I am well pleased. If the Father is well pleased with him, that is in Matthew 3 when He came out of the river Jordan. He said in whom I am well pleased, hear ye him, go through him.

And Jesus said up till now, you've not even asked anything in my name. Now, we are putting the Lord's prayer in that same category. Up till now, you've asked nothing in my name. Jesus is now then giving the believer a dimension of revelation. He says every prayer, up until before that day. He was talking about that day right? Every prayer prayed by any saints, it doesn't matter which saints it is, from the beginning of time right up to that day that Christ was talking about, all those prayers were not in the name of Jesus.

They were not in the name of Jesus and we've talked about it today and say well it must be in the name of the person praying. That is what you don't to do. You don't want to come to God in your name. If you think you have enough reasons why God needs to answer. That is why some Christians anytime they pray and their prayer are not answer or they've not receive answers to their prayers then you hear some Christians saying, after I've done for God. After all the sacrifice I've made in my life. After all the holiness I've pursue in my destiny. When you say things like that, those words reviews the state of your heart that you were actually praying all this while in your name and not in the name of Christ.

And it is good that you mention that, because some people when... the really why it is important because you cannot just say you want to use trial and error, and go through your prayer life with trial and error. I'm going to pray my name or any others name as long if I get a result or not let me just try maybe I will I'll get out of five or seven at least you have some evidence in the scriptures, in the Old Testament where some people still pray and they got all the result.

And the reason why... the prayer does to your heart is for you not to... you know some people when they come after places of prayer and they couldn't get a result, don't get answers to their prayer they begin to look into themselves. Because actually they pray their name why they don't. Even some of their ministers will tell them, the reasons why God did not answer you is because you did not do this completely, you did not do this, you did not do this.

So they begin to... they go back and start all over again. And they want to understand... that they will not even come to the full understanding that it is not in the part of God and God has fully given everything. So it is really deflating and affecting their understanding of who the Father is about receiving. So they really got it wrong by that because they actually used the wrong approach. That is why you cannot afford to leave your prayer life under trial and error probability and coming in your name. You really need to understand this and work through this revelation, this insight so that it is going to help you from against any condemnation that the devil might want to bring to stop you from receiving. Of course on the part of the Father. He has released all. So he is going to come to you, to stop you from receiving bringing all those condemnations and that is why you cannot afford to rely on your strength or the strength of such.

Thank you for that insight.

Now, the question you want to ask us then if people are using Nehemiah and saying oh! Lord my God, look at all the things I have done for your house and please answer me. Look at all the sacrifice, I have made in my family because of the kingdom please answer my prayer. People use Hezekiah's strategy to pray and you're wondering why are all these things in the Bible anyway if we are not supposed to use them? Well the reason is what we titled today "**Drug Abuse**." Don't take somebody else's medication. You know that was then, and that is for their era. That was for the dispensation of Hezekiah. We really don't have a better deal. That was for Hezekiah's dispensation and that was for a dispensation of David.

Now, of course some of these saints, let us say this clearly. Some of the saints in the Bible, some of them had revelation of God's grace. There are some prayer points that David prayed and if you actually analyse those prayer points in the realm of the spirit without just using common sense, spiritually discern. Some of those prayer points are not even for David's time.

In fact, the Bible did tell us in the book of Psalms, Jesus quoted David. Even Paul quoted David and say there are some things that David said that, they were not meant for David even Isaiah. David said at times the Lord said to my lord sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool. David said the Lord said to my Lord. What Lord was David talking about? He wasn't talking about himself.

In fact, the Bible says when David said you will not suffer the body of your holy one to see decay. The book of Acts say David's body saw decay and corruption. So David was not talking about himself. He was talking about Christ. So we know David prayed prayer that didn't make any logical sense for his own dispensation. We know that. We are not denying that fact. But we are saying largely speaking, most of those prayer points David prayed, and how they approached God in prayer, definitely they are not your medication. Don't abuse that medicine.

Now, we are not saying... you are not wondering why is it then in the Bible for a Christian? Why is it then on the pages of the scriptures, if it is going to do me harm? Well, again that comes to the point of the fact that there are reasons why those prayer points were documented in the scriptures. And you have to use those reasons lawfully. If you don't, you will find yourself abusing that drug, that medication. Some medications in the Bible, they're not yours. Don't take them. If you take them hook line

and sinker, you can actually damage your spiritual system, and bring up resistance in your spirit. And that is why Jesus told them again in John 16, up till now nobody has prayed in my name.

Now, don't forget I call your attention, this was towards the end of his ministry. So He put the Lord's prayer everything, and say no! even the Lord's prayer in Matthew 6, in Luke 11, it's not your prayer. He said, nobody has prayed in my name. He said in that day, you will ask the Father in my name. In that day! What day was He talking about?

Ok! Let's see quickly, what day was Christ talking about? I mean He's asking them to look forward to that day. How should we look to that day? Are we going to look forward to that day as well? Or are we looking backward to that day? That is what we want to find out quickly from the scriptures.

Now, if you look quickly, let's see what he says here. If you look at Matthew 26:28. Now, we are trying to find out which day was Christ referring to? Christ said beyond that day, you can start asking the Father in my name. You make a big difference.

Look at Matthew 26: 28

Now, let's see what he says there. What does it say there?

### **Matthew 26**

**28. For this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**

Go on please,

**29. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.**

Well, we see there. He is simply saying, Jesus said the game changer, the reason why I kept telling you about that day. What we switch the day as it were, what will cause a division in all of time and calendar or chronology in human history will be this day. This day that Christ was referring to, that day... He said in that day up till now, you have asked nothing but in that day you will ask in my name. Which day was He talking about?



Then He tells them here, He says am talking about the day when there will be a New Covenant in my blood. And the reason why He pointed them forward because at the time of John 16, that day has not come. He says you will know. How will you know the day has come? Matthew 26 says you see there is a New Covenant in my blood. And that day of that New Covenant will be the game changer. It will be the day that will separate all of time and eternity.

In fact, up to now in our calendar that we use, we talked about before and after. A.D. After the death of Christ. I call your attention to the fact that, the shedding of the blood, this New Covenant in the blood of Jesus ushered in that day. It was a new day for humanity. And Jesus said when that day shows up your prayer point too must change. Can you see? He said when that day comes, it must reflect in how you pray. That was what He was telling them. So it means for them they were looking forward to that day for us and for you listening to this transmission you are meant to look backward to that day. Because as we know today, in this particular dispensation we are well over 2000 years beyond that day. Can you see that? So we are looking backward to that day.

So the question I want to ask is, when you are praying are you looking backward to that day? Jesus told them in John 16 to look forward to that day when they are praying, but you, are you looking backward to that day? It means your prayer life should all be wrapped up in that day. He says in that day you will ask me nothing whatever you ask the Father in my name. And that is what He's saying there.

So it is really on unlawful for you to be praying as if the day has not come. That day is a game changer. That day is what makes a big difference. So he is saying when that day shows up, your prayer life must change. It means if I look at my prayer life or you look at your prayer life and your prayer life is not actually being energized by what happened on that day. It means you might find yourself praying in your name and not in his name. And that is what we see there.

Now, if not for time you can look at Luke 22:20. You can look at 1 Corinthians 11:25, all saying the same thing about this day. It means this day they never happen until the New Covenant was shed in the blood of Jesus. So that was a game changer in all of humanity and time.

Now, let's go quickly. Now, we are talking about the Lord's prayer don't forget. If you are just joining us that is what we are going through. We've actually ascertain one

thing before we go to the next aspects that, the Lord's prayer was not in the name of Jesus. So it means as a believer what should you make out of the Lord's prayer? If it is not your prayer what should you make out of it? Why is it in the Bible? What are we supposed to glean from it?

And I want to call your attention quickly to what is in the scripture as we began to look at this. I want you to look quickly at Romans 15. If the Lord's prayer is in the Bible and Jesus said after up till John 16 they've not prayed in his name, so what is a believer, a Christian supposed to make out of the Lord's prayer? Why is it in the Bible? What are we supposed to glean out of it? So that we don't find ourselves using somebody else's medication.

May I quickly say that most people do not agree that, that is the Lord's prayer. They took the John prayer as the Lord's prayer but some people still call this the model prayer of Jesus. In case some people might want to go into theological argument about that. So for the purpose of clarification, that is why we are just saying this because most people regard that as the Lord's prayer.

Now, look at Romans 15. Now, some are wondering if it is true that we are not supposed to pray that, why is it in the Bible? Now we will tell you the reason. It's there for a reason. It's there for you. It's not just there to litter the pages of the Bible. It is there for a reason and unless we use it for the reason why it's there, we might find ourselves abusing the drug.

Look at Romans 15 verse 4 and see what he says there,

## **Romans 15**

**4. For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.**

Where he says, I know some people that always says one thing that, we are in the New Covenant. We are in the New Testament let's tear out the Old Covenant. In fact some Christians who claim to be New Testament grace believers, they will say let us tear out everything that is before the cross, everything that is before Jesus, let us just take them out.

And before we continue today so that we can give this more clarity. If Jesus said in this Matthew 26:28, this is the New Covenant in my blood at the point of his death.

What does that tell you about Matthew, Mark, Luke and John? I know some of us think that, the New Testament is from Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. So because we open our Bible, we think it is a matter of dividing our Bible into Old Testament and to Malachi and the New Testament start with Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. If that is what you think you may need to have a rethink about that. Because Jesus said this is the New Covenant in my blood. And the New Covenant means the New Testament. It means the New Testament or the New Covenant did not start until the blood was shed. I quote Jesus, this is the New Covenant in my blood. Without my blood being shed, there is no New Covenant.

So you couldn't then put the New Covenant to start at Matthew or John. You couldn't do that. You couldn't do that. It started at the death of Christ. And that is why Hebrews 9 tells us that the testament does not go into effect until the death of the testator. Until the death of the person... it is just makes sense, even in our natural world, unless somebody dies you cannot put the Will into effect. I mean unless somebody dies... until Christ died, the Will of Christ or the Testament of Christ did not start.

It means the New Covenant did not start until his death, when He shed his blood. And this Romans 15 tell us... if that is the case, if the New Covenant did not start until the death of Christ, and Jesus said in that day you will pray my name. Why the Bible then has to include Malachi? Why do they have to include Deuteronomy? Why do we have Leviticus? Why do we have all these scriptures in the Bible, if it is true that, that day makes a difference in how we should pray?

This is the answer. Romans 15:4 then answers that question. He says well, those things were there for our learning. The Lord's prayer (Matthew 6). He never say they are there for you to swallow. He didn't say they are there for you to meditate on. There is something you are supposed to learn from them. It does it mean they are supposed to be used for your own prayer life.

And that is why we today and beyond today, as we go on to the next series. We'll begin to explore what did the Lord Jesus want the believer to learn from the Lord's prayer? What does He want us to glean from Lord's prayer if it is not for you today? If it is not a prayer you should be praying, why is it then in the Bible? What must you understand about prayer using the Lord's prayer?

Even in the natural world, in the Pharmacological world, even the drugs and medications that are being outlawed and discontinued. They are still there for student

to research, to learn. So it is not that day they tore it out of the pages of the pharmacology textbooks. So they are still there for us, even things that we know were harmful and even things that were discontinued. So people will be able to learn from where we are coming from, to even appreciate...and that is what the New Testament is.

So you cannot really discard the Old Testament. It is for you to appreciate. They are even shadows pointing to us, the reality. And for us to even understand where it is...we will be able to appreciate. Even if you don't understand the Old Covenant you cannot appreciate the New Covenant.

So you really need to be able to appreciate and what the difference it makes. So you really need to have that and for your learning. So you avail yourself of the opportunity, of the bundle of evidences in the Old Testament. It is a resource materials just like Romans 15:4 is saying that it is for your learning. So you really want to grow and be full of knowledge and for you to understand, that you will be really well equipped, it is something you need to bend your head.

Even Paul that wrote two-thirds of the New Testament books and everything were quoting copiously from Old Testament, even Jesus himself. So why would you want to do without that such a wealth of knowledge? You really need it.

Thank you for that insight.

Now, it will mean then as we begin to go through this today. Now, we believe the Lord that as many that are listening to this Knockout series on prayer. As we begin to explore the Lord's prayer in the context of you learning from it, not just for you to use it as your own basis for your own prayer life. We will trust the Lord for a revolution in our prayer lives. And that is what you are trusting the Lord for.

Now, if you look at 1 Timothy 1:8. Again, we are trying to lay a foundation for the next thing we will start doing regarding the Lord's prayer. Now, if you look at 1 Timothy 1:8

Let's see what he says there,

**1 Timothy 1**

**8. But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;**

Everything given under the Old Covenant is good. Can you see? I know this might sound a bit contradictory, but some people think oh! Yes the Old Covenant is not for us, is not for the believer. The believer is meant to live base on the New Testament. People say that, but you cannot stretch that too far, because this one is saying 1 Timothy 1:8 that the Law is good. There's nothing wrong with the Law. It's good. It's good but see what he say.

What does it say next?

**if a man use it lawfully;**

If a man use medicate on it correctly. Can you see that? He says the Lord's prayer is good, Our Father who art in heaven and all that. We are going to explore that Lord's prayer. He says it's good for you as a Christian. But he says there's a way you have to use it. He says the Law is good. Everything given before the New Covenant in the blood of Jesus is good, but it says unless a man uses that lawfully. It will mean that does it mean that some Christians as we are talking now, are actually using the Law wrongly? Unlawfully and then there by abusing a good medication? Can you see? Medication abuse, drug abuse.

And so what we are talking about today is, when you approach prayer and we talk about the notion of prayer on what basis? What are you using the saints in the Bible? Are you using the prophet or Hezekiah or Nehemiah what are using them as a basis? And you say well, because I must make a difference in the place of prayer. I want to receive answers to my prayer, then you open where Moses began to pray to God.

And for intercessors, I bless God for the life of intercessors. Those who are interceding in the body of Christ but what pains my heart is when I see intercessors going to open Abraham to intercede, when Abraham was interceding so that God will not poured out his anger on Sodom and Gomorrah and some intercessors use that and say yes it is time to intercede for my country. Father like Abraham, as Abraham stood before you. You cannot do that. You cannot do that. You can't!

Even though our Expose today, this Knockout series is not focusing on that. In just one or two minutes I can simply tell you what is wrong with that, because Abraham was standing as a mediator between God and Sodom and Gomorrah. He was! He was he was a mediator. He was standing between them and all that. And we see Moses do the same thing, he was mediating between God and the Israelite. There is a game

changer in 1 Timothy 2. The Bible says there is only one God and there's only one mediator the man Jesus. You cannot be a mediator and an intercessor. You want to mediate between God and your country? You can't do that. That is anti-Christ.

Now, what we are simply talking about is... and another thing about that is that they are counting it on the righteousness of the other people. Another thing about the prayer point. Abraham's was just going on negotiation. If you find ten righteous people and so when we have the righteousness of Christ. You can't use it in this dispensation anymore.

Are we talking about intercessors not needed anymore? No! We are not saying that because the same 1 Timothy 2 says that "I pray that first of all prayer, supplications intercession and thanksgiving be made for all men." Oh! He asked for intercessors. But he says even though I asked for intercessors, you cannot take somebody's medications. You cannot actually pray in your name. That is why he says John 16 is a game changer. John 16 says up to now, nobody has prayed in my name including Abraham, including Moses. They've not prayed in my name.

And He says in that day you must pray in my name. And we've ascertain from the Bible that, that day was the day when He said the New Covenant in my blood. So you are different from Moses. You are not the same as Abraham. You've got to pray in his name. They didn't pray in his name and that is the game changer.

And that is what we found so many intercessors today putting extra burden on themselves that is not meant for them. And some have actually, in a way wounded themselves and put themselves through so many sorrow that is not intended by God. We are not saying that God will not love us. Like we said God is good. God is faithful. God is all loving. God is all merciful. God is all wonderful.

But we are simply saying we can actually save ourselves from so many struggles that God doesn't intend for us, to actually pass through, if you understand this thing we are talking about today. It is not time to abuse good things in the Bible. It's not time to abuse medications in the Bible. The law is good. He says it's good, unless a man use that law lawfully, correct prescription. So we know that it's there because it's meant to achieve something. He says all these things that were written before time. Romans 15:4 says they were for our learning. They were not for you to binge on. Some of them you can't binge on them. You can learn from them but you can't feed on

them. And that is the category that the Lord's prayer in Matthew 6 or in Luke 11 fall into.

And it takes a maturity and takes a rightful dividing of the Word for you to know what to just glean from. What to just look through, what to learn from than copy and paste or what to feed on. So it takes maturity to know that this is just for me to look through, to understand how it works before and the one you want to copy directly, live. Because some people are just coping anything copy and paste exactly. They took it from that page and applied it. And that is a drug abuse.

And if you're looking for the best person to learn from, it is to learn from Jesus. How to deal with the Old Testament. All those Old Contract and the New Testament is Jesus. And that is why did the disciples were coming to him saying teach us how to pray?

So we see our Jesus handle the law because He knows how to use it well. When He was talking to that young rich ruler. He knows how to use it, when to use it, the way to use it. That is why if you want to know how to relate with the Old Testament and all the events in the Old Testament and the verses, you really don't know what to do, how to go about it in this time and you don't understand how to learn, just to understand. You just have to copy Jesus. And look through Jesus, how He uses the law copiously. How He uses the law copiously to serve what He needed to do then.

Then you need to know how to understand it and how to use it. It's a learning material you cannot just lift it from the page. Because some people pray, some prayer meetings... they just lifted and quoted things. They just quoted the verse and everything and say we are praying on this and that.

So you can't do that. That is drug abuse. And that is what this episode today is all about. You don't want to create resistance. You don't want to put yourself in much danger. You don't understand what is happening, resistance and things are not working just because you are using somebody else's medication. You are using something that is not of this time again. It is a good thing but you are not using it rightly. There is a way it's meant to be used. He says the Law is good if it is use lawfully. There is a way to use it. In fact that word lawfully there means, if it is use correctly and rightly.

Now before we actually continue... from what you are talking about, it sounds to me that one of the problems that we have at times in our prayer life is the Bible. I know it sounds a bit counter intuitive to say that, or it sounds a bit contradictory. How can you say the Bible is the problem of some Christians why they are struggling in their prayer life? The reason is simple, because some of them just delve into the Bible and will take somebody else's medication.

Again, we are not supporting a case where people give teachings or preach and they say well, you cannot use your Bible you have to hand pick things in the Bible. We are not asking you to pick things that are good, that you like in the Bible and discard things that you don't like in the Bible. Of course, it sounds like, that is what we are saying but that is not what we are saying.

What we are saying is the Bible says everything written aforetime (Romans 15:4) is for our learning, not some of the things. So don't ever trust somebody that says we have to handpick verses in the Bible. That is not what we are saying. Everything in the Bible is for our learning. I repeat everything (Romans 15:4) but not everything is for you to feed on. Everything is not your medicine. It's for you to consume. It's not for you.

And so because Jesus categorically said that to the disciples. He said up till now, you have not prayed in my name. He said but in that day, there is a day coming when there will be a switch in how you pray. There will be a switch on the basis of your prayer. There will be a switch on the foundation of your prayer. In that day you will start using my credit to pray. You will start using my basis to pray. You will start using my position to pray. If the Father cannot reject me. He won't reject you.

That is why if you are feeling so down at the moment, it doesn't matter how you feel. How you feel is irrelevant. When you come to the place of prayer it's irrelevant how you feel. Whether you felt like a failure or you felt that you have failed God or you felt that you are doing great for God.

See! I have mentioned two extremes. Whether you feel you are on the mountain top for God or you think you are failing at the moment. It's irrelevant. What matters is, are you coming in his name? Because He (Christ) is always the perfect high priest. Can you see? There's nothing like failure with him. There's nothing like weakness or restriction with him. Are you coming in his name? If you come in his name then it doesn't matter your current situation. And so this is what we are talking about.



If you don't understand and you start going all the way back to use model of prayers before the cross, before the New Covenant. You might inadvertently found yourself praying in your name. And that is what we have come to do, to actually bring to your understanding that stop abusing good drugs. Stop abusing great scriptures that are there for our learning. Stop abusing them. They have a purpose for why they are there in the Bible.

And the reason we've actually gone through this today is majorly because of this. Because we are going to go deeper into the Lord's prayer and see what is there for our learning. And we will trust the Lord to create a revolution in our prayer lives as we do this.

I just want to encourage our viewers because for time I don't think we can even go into analyzing that model prayer. But from what we've been able to establish in this transmission. What I feel you are going to take away from the transmission is that, you cannot just apply scriptures anyhow and just lift scriptures like copy and paste and feel like Oh! Somebody use it, somebody even have testimonies or results from that. Or you even saw the result there, you cannot apply it.

And so should you have any questions and comment around this. We want to extend this discussion on the page. So feel free to just drop in your comments and questions and anything that needs clarification.

We want to appreciate everyone that stop by to listen to what we shared today. We do hope that you will take time to go and study these things yourself. We want you to be the Berean Christians to understand, to go and search out if this things were true. And so we will even welcome you to come and say this is wrong, we are open to that. Ask those questions, what you disagree with...

So what you don't agree with, what you feel is not right and what is right and what you want to straighten further. There's little we can do with an hour on every scriptures and exposition we are doing. So we do welcome that.

We do welcome you that, that you go and do this study yourself just like we said today Romans 15:4 was telling us that all those things were for our learning. All of them! So your job is caught out for you. You have a great learning and study to do.

And it is not just learning it and just putting it on your head to just be able to quote. No! You are not just quoting, it's for you to know how to use it lawfully. You know we are talking about...you don't want to impress people with just scriptures. You want to know how to do it, rightly dividing the Word of truth. Using those law lawfully. So you have your job for you this week and beyond. And so I hope you will stay at your duty post of learning.

So till we see you tomorrow 9am UK time as we continue this topic.

It seems today that we still have to talk about this Lord' prayer. We just lay the foundation today. You want to join us in the next transmission as we begin to actually break down the Lord's prayer. What is the learning that Christ want the church to understand from the Lord's prayer, if it is just a prayer given before that day when we are to supposed to pray in the name of Jesus?

So tomorrow 9 a.m. UK time we will like you to join us as we continue on this exposition. And so if this blesses your heart. We want you to share it with your friends and contacts, everybody in any way you can disseminate so that most people can come into this understanding that you have. You need to spread the knowledge. That is how to correct the ignorance that is around. So you give people something good to feed on. So you can't be complaining and complaining about darkness, so you shine the light. So the little you can do it is just to share this to people, so that others can be blessed.

So till we see you tomorrow 9am U.K time. We want to say as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord so walk in him.

God bless you.

Bye!!