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Witness Protection: Hiding Under His Name?

Good morning to you all, this is Expose 247 we do hope you are blessed with our transmission yesterday and all the other ones we've been sharing.

So if you are just joining us today, we want to tell you *there is more that came from because* God is still in the business of speaking to us through his Son. Even everything He needs to say He has completed in his Son. And that is what we started for the past few weeks.

Yesterday we talked about **“What is in a name?”** We are talking about the Son. The Son that inherited the more excellent more name. I hope you understand the value that is in that name and you are appropriating it, using it as you ought to, with the value that is on it.

So today we want to continue from where we stopped. We do hope you will be blessed by this transmission today. So sit back, get your note pad and listen. We welcome your contributions. You can drop it during the transmission or afterward or any question that need clarification and you can go back to our page to listen to more of these episodes or for other previous transmission.

Thank you viewers again for tuning to this Knock Out Series on prayer. Now, don't forget we've been focusing on the name of Jesus and the reason for that is we've been following through the model of Prayer that Jesus gave, and we are talking about hallow be thy name, sanctifying the name of the Lord Jesus, setting that name apart in our heart.

And let me say this before we continue today. Don't forget that the Bible says his divine power has given us all things that we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who has called us to glory and virtue (2Peter 1:3). It will mean that the divine power of God is at work in the life of a believer to the degree that they have the knowledge of God. And that is what we've been exploring and doing this exposition on the name of Jesus. Because Peter said in Acts 3:16 it was faith in that name that made a lame man to walk again.

So there is something about the name that Peter knew that if you know, then you can be able to replicate and reproduce the Acts of the Apostles. And that is the very thing

we are focusing on. So today we are going to take that a notch further and delve deeper and go further in that name.

And then I want to call your attention quickly as we start today to Colossians Chapter 3 verse 17, exploring the dimension of that name in a whole different light today. Now, Colossians 3, I want you to read verse 17 and let see what the Word of Grace has to say to us today regarding faith in that name.

Colossians 3:17

17. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the father by him.

He says whatsoever you do in your word and in your actions. He says watch this...

Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Ok. It seems that we have a different insight into this name because we thought... you know this is what most Christians do think when we say in the name of Jesus. To us, it will mean, we think ok, anytime I go to a prayer meeting, anytime am praying on my knees or I have the opportunity to say a word of prayer, then I need to use the name of Jesus as an icing on the cake of my prayer so that God can answer my prayer.

Well, if you think so, you are not wrong at all. But it just mean that you are underutilizing what that name is supposed to do in your life. Because Colossians 3:17 says and I repeat, whatsoever... The word whatsoever means, every single aspect of your life, every single event in your life, every single activity that is taking place in your life. That is what whatsoever means.

Now, he says whatsoever you do in word, in what you say. Well, you can put prayer in that category, or in action, in deed. He said you need to do all of that in the name of Jesus.

Now, see what he says next?

He says

giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

So it will mean then, there seem to be something more to this name than just what we use in the place of prayer. He says everything that we have to do, we have to do in his name.

And then we've began to lay the foundation of this from the last episode. But we are going to take it further. **It means he says any time you do or say anything, let it be**

that you are making Christ responsible for what you are doing. That's the point. He says whatever you do at all, whether you are speaking or you are acting, it should be done in the name of Jesus. It means, everything you say or do, if somebody says did you say that? Or somebody says did you act like that? You say No! It wasn't me. I didn't say that. Or I didn't do that. Well that is the name of Jesus. I've come in his name.

Now, you see this is the response of life that the Apostle Paul is asking the believer to have in every situation. This mean any time anyone confronts you. You see the reason why you act in people's name. The reason why you say in people's name, anytime they want to say who said that or who did that? You can say well, I did that in his name. Jesus says hold me responsible, hold Jesus Christ responsible. Not just what you say in prayer, even in your very action. And the reason why you have to do that, we are going to find our very soon. Because we are delving further into the significance of his name.

It means putting faith in the name of Jesus is not just for prayer, he said even for your action. When you act, when you say anything. When you do anything. He says let it be done in the person of Christ, in his name, in his authority and in his person. And that is what Colossians 3:17 is saying to you and I. He said it has to go beyond the room of prayer. It has to go beyond the prayer meeting. The name must go beyond that. It means we cannot reduce the name of Jesus in prayer meeting. He says it has to be even in your very action. And that is the foundation we are laying today.

Now, quickly now that we have seen what the name of Jesus supposed to do in life of a believer. That we have to do everything in his name. What is the significance of this? Any significance of that?

Now, look at Acts 1:28 as we begin to go further in his name. I mean what is about his name? And what is the significance of using the name in your life beyond the place of prayer?

Look at Acts 1:8 the believer is invited to something in Acts Chapter 1 verse 8.

What does it says there please?

It's a very popular verse and most of us know that.

Acts 1

8. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Now, what does that mean? He is saying that you and I are supposed to be witnesses. You know what a witness mean. It's somebody that gives testimony of something that they were actually present when it happened. And I think anytime we say that, the reality of that has not dawn on us, that you cannot be called to be a witness in the courtroom unless you can claim you were there when that thing happened, and you have a firsthand experience or a first time encounter and you want to relate to the lawyer or to the judge so they invite you.

And the Bible is simply is saying that you and I are supposed to be a witness. We are supposed to tell the world that I was there in the crime scene. When I say the "crime scene." You know the Bible says he that knew no sin was made sins. You've got to understand that the death of Jesus, the event of the death and burial and resurrection of Christ was a crime scene. I will tell you the reason because he that knew no sin was made sin. It means the guilt and the curse of humanity was put on a man that was innocent.

And the Bible tells you and I in 1Corinthians 2 that if the prince of this world has known, he would not have crucified the king of glory. The devil made a mistake of actually putting the person who was innocent and actually he was invited and he committed an error by putting the man that knew that no sin to death. Bible says Jesus said on the cross, this is hour, the power of darkness. And the Bible say you and I are supposed to be a witness of that crime scene. It means you go out into the world and tell the world I was there, I knew what happened.

That's why if you are being called a witness. I will tell you... that is why the devil, that is why the kingdom of darkness, that is why the power of hell is against your destiny. You think the devil is against you just simply because of the fact that you think you have money or you think the devil is against your children. Am telling you, you are a witness. A witness to what happen at Calvary. And if you are witness, am telling one thing. When there are witnesses to a crime, the person who committed the crime is also afterward a witness. And the Bible say you and I have to be witness.

That is the reason when the Apostle and the disciples when they were preaching the gospel, people say there was an evidence, they had been with Jesus. They were a witness. And the Bible says Acts Chapter 6 he says with great power the Apostles gave witness to the resurrection of Christ. It means, whatever we do, whatever we say in action or in words we are testifying that we are there. We knew what happened when Christ died and resurrected. We are witnesses of that scene, of that event.

And I will tell you when you have a witness, the enemy or the person that committed the crime is after then and the witness are given witness protection. We are looking at that in the response of the name of Jesus.

To lay credence to what you were just sharing about how powerful office that we've been called to, the witness office. We can see how critical it is, that assignment is. Stephen, when he was on the witness stand and he was trying to give the account of what he had seen, what he partook of. See how the people could not stand his account. They were caught to the heart, they stopped their ears.

So if you don't understand the nature of your job description, your assignment. We really want to paint the picture for you. That he was standing in the witness stand to give account of all these. And we can see how gory and how detail that Stephen went about it, saying everything you did this, and I don't think we can have the time to read it.

Verse 13 was saying you set up false witnesses. He understood that his job as a witness, he understood what the other people were doing, the false witnesses. And they even stopped, they could not hear him anymore. Even in his own account. And that is the same office we are call to. To be able to see our life, our assignment in that same way and see the danger, even the physical danger that Stephen went through. They had to stone him. They stopped their ears, they don't want to listen anymore because of his own account. We should be able to understand this and understand the transmission today and I think is title "witness protection" and you should be able to understand your assignment and the covering for it and how critical it is.

Now, let's say this you might be wondering where are we going to? We are talking about the name of Jesus. We are going to somewhere with this. Just stick with us. You might be wondering you are not died when Christ was crucified. You were not there when Jesus shed his blood at Calvary. You were not there at the crime scene, when He that knew no sin was made sin. An innocent man was made guilty for the sin of the world. You were not there, how come we can claim we are witness?

Well, simply put Apostle Paul wasn't there as well. Apostle Paul said he was the least of the Apostles. He was not part of the twelve disciples who witness the death and resurrection of Christ. But if you check your scriptures in 1 Corinthians 11:23. You can read that quickly. If there is a witness, he needs a protection.

Look at 1Corinthians 11 see what it says in verse 23

1Corinthians 11

23. For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread.

For I have received of the Lord that

See! I not they received from the Lord. He didn't say well, you know one thing, they were there. Peter, James, and John. Paul personalize it I received from the Lord.

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which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread.

Well think about it, think about that. Paul wasn't there obviously he wasn't part of the party. It was the twelve disciples that were there with Judas.

Paul said that which I received of the Lord I delivered unto you. Paul, said well I can claim am a witness by faith in the spirit. By faith in the spirit, you and I can claim we were there. You were there at Calvary. The Bible says that you and I were actually in Christ. So when He was crucified, you were crucified with him. You were buried. Colossians 3 says you were buried with him in baptism. You were there. You were a witness. You were buried with Christ in baptism, raised up with him in resurrection. You were there. And that is why the Bible says you shall be my witness. Go in there and be a witness for me.

Now, even though you are witness for him, it will mean that you have to go in his name. You cannot go in your name. You are not representing yourself anymore. That's why Colossians 3:17 invite the believer, from now on, whatever you do in word, in deed. He says whatsoever. Now that word is all encompassing now.

The word whatsoever means what so ever. He say from now on, whatsoever you are going to do at all. Whether you are going to talk, whether you are going to act, you cannot afford to represent yourself anymore. You are going to do everything in his name. You are going out there to be a witness for Christ. And that is the understanding that the name of Jesus meant to carry in the life of a believer. From now on, you are a witness.

But there is one thing that happen to a witnesses. I will tell you what they do. Anybody that is a witness in this world, am talking about in the contextual world. You will need what we call a witness protection and that is where the name of Jesus comes in. He says now, you are going to put on the name of Jesus now. Anything you do now you are going to do in his name. If you don't, you put your life at risk. That is why he say you are witness. Anytime you are being call a witness, you are potentially

at risk. You are at risk from the very same power that actually cause the crime scene. You are at risk.

And the Bible say you and I from now on has to do everything now in word and in deed in his name. We need a protection, an identity protection, that is what you are being called into. To protect your identity in the name of Jesus. Whatever comes at you, you are well protected.

Let's check out scriptures to lay the foundation today.

Now, quickly let's go to 1 Samuel, let see example in the scriptures. We are going to break this down.

1Samule 17 let's read and see this event ...

Now, we are going back to the Old Testament, Old Covenant. Don't forget we said one thing in the past. We did say there are some saints of old who operated in the grace and the power of the New Covenant. You know the Bible talks about tasting of the power of the ages to come. There was one thing that actually came to mind in the last transmission, we didn't have time to talk about that. You know in Luke 10:17 when Jesus said to the disciples to go and preach... the Bible said from verse 1, He sent them out two by two to cast out devils and to heal the sick and raise the dead and declare to them that the kingdom of God has come. And they came back to him in verse 17 of Luke 10 and they said one thing that actually gladden my heart. The disciples said the demons are subject to us in your name.

And then when they said that. I was even surprised. How can they say demons are subject to them in the name of Jesus, when the name of Jesus was yet to be exalted according to Philippians 2:5-11 because that was before Jesus went to the cross? It means these disciples were already hijacking something that has not even happened. They were hijacking the authority even that name had not being confer with the authority yet. Because Paul said in Philippians 2:5-11, it was until He died and He became obedient to the death of the cross, that was when God then highly exalted him and then gave him a name that is above every name.

So if the disciples could look forward and hijack something that was yet to happen to the name of Jesus and make use of it. Then how about we that are looking back to that name? You know there are some saints in the Bible that well were ahead of their time. And I tell you, I want to be well ahead of my time in operating the grace of God for now.

Look at the Syrophenician woman. You see! Matthew 15. Jesus said that woman is not right for us to give the children's meat to dog. It is not time. It is not right time yet. Jesus wasn't saying the woman wouldn't qualify according to the Bible. Romans 1:16 tells you and I, he said am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus, it is the power of God unto salvation, first to the Jews and then to the Greek. Can you see that? The Jews has to get it first before the Greek.

Acts 1:8 he says first in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria to the ends of the earth. But see a woman who was not even a Jew in the time of Jesus hijacked what was meant...she jumped the gun.

So we see the disciples, they jump the gun in using the name of Jesus in Luke 10:17. How about we that were meant to look back to the significance of that name? Because in our own time and season we now understand that authority has been confer on that name. Philippians 2:5-11.

So in that same understanding, am inviting you to go all the way back to the Old Testament and see some Old saints who began to hijack and lay hold upon the significance of that name. Who began to use that name as a witness protection, even in their own days. And that is what we are looking at now. That is why we are going back to the Old Testament to see saints who operated beyond their time and beyond their season.

It such a shame today that some people are still dragging their feet in taking the full advantage of what we are saying. Some people feel like Oh! these people are too much, they are thinking as if you want to bankrupt heaven, making a demand on the full because some people do really understand the value of these things and they are taking and some are even dragging their feet.

Whatsoever you do, whatever you do in actions... you see! we have taken the name of Jesus beyond the prayer room. Can you see that? We've taken the name of Jesus not just us, we took it by the Word. The Word says whatsoever you do in word or in deed, it has to be done in the name of Jesus. (Colossians 3:17) The name of Jesus has to go beyond the prayer room. That's what the scriptures is saying.

Let's go to 1Samuel 17 and see what the scriptures has to say.

Now, this is the experience of David. You might want to read from verse 41.

1Samuel 17

41. And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David: and the man that bare the shield went before him.

42. And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David; he despised him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

Can you see? Have you noticed Apostle Paul told Timothy, let no man despise your youth. You see! the reason why Apostle Paul told Timothy, let no man despise your youth. It means there are things people look at in your life, some things that even of life look at in you, some things that circumstances look at in you. And he says when they look at those things, all they have to do then is put your identity under those things and say well... see what the Philistine is doing here. He says he looked at David, he was but a youth. How far can a youth go? Can you see that? Based on your age, there is a limiting factor.

And that is why we did say that, there is no way you can be looking at things around your life and still take advantage of the name of Jesus. That is why Peter said, we cannot get enough of this Peter statement, Acts 3:16, Acts Chapter 4. Peter said it's not by our power, not by our holiness. Not by our silver, not by our gold. He said all we have is the name of Jesus.

You cannot have faith in those two things at the same time. You cannot have faith in the name of Jesus and also have faith in those things. It's not possible. It just cannot work. You either have faith in one and despise the other. So here was the Philistine trying to tell David and say David you know what? you are just a youth. He despise him, that is what he said. Can you see?

So all you can do for yourself in destiny is to come out of anything the enemy can despise, come out of it. That is the point. Don't stay in anything the enemy can despise. I will tell you something. This might shock you, if you don't know this before. The enemy can despise your holiness. Yes! For example, the Bible says something, he says all our righteousness is like filthy rags.

Now, this is not a call for you to live life anyhow. You cannot because if you are saved by grace, it will be at work in your life. The Bible says in Titus 2:11, **the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us to say no to worldliness.** You cannot say you have the grace of God and you are living worldly. It just doesn't make sense.

We are simply say anyway there is nothing in your life that you can hang on to but the name of Jesus. You know why? because everything else that you hang on to is something the enemy can despise. Just come out of whatever the enemy can despise, and you are safe. Bible says the name of the Lord. Can you see? is a strong tower. Why? He says, the righteous runs into that name and they are saved. It will mean, if

you run into any other thing, you are not save because any other thing that you run into is what the enemy can despise. Can you see that?

Now, that you even mentioned that Proverb 18:10, he was saying the name of the Lord is a strong tower, meaning we find some other places in the scriptures when is talking about some other things that could be tower and defense. Money is a defense, prayer can be those defense but is not strong. People that you know can be a defense, but is not strong. That is why he said, the name of the Lord is a strong one, is a strong tower. Because there is nothing else you can hold on to, the enemy can despise them.

As good as they are, they look like defense. They look like something good, all those prayer and holiness, people, money, wealth, they are defense but they are not strong. They will give way when the rubber hits the road. That is what it is saying. Under the pressure and accusation of the enemy, they can't! anything can happen and they give way. But the name of the Lord is a strong tower. Your perfection will give way under serious scrutiny.

Now, this is not a call for being lackadaisical or being lawless. That is not the point. The call is to say even though those things are present in your life, they are not your confidence. They are not things you can put your faith in because the enemy is ready to despise them.

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Verse 43

43. And the Philistine said unto David, am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44. And the Philistine said to David, come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

Now, watch the statement of David.

What does he says?

45. Then said David to the Philistine, thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

Then said David to the Philistine, thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield:

You've got all the resources, all out against me. Now see what he says,

but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

Now watch that!

David said this is simple! Agreed that you call me a youth. Agreed that you talk to me that I don't have experience as a warrior. Agreed that you are saying I don't have what it takes. You see, for most of us, we don't seem to agree quickly with the adversary.

Now, you will have to learn what we call, you know in the courts of law, they call something plea bargain. To plea bargain in court. It means somebody who is an accused or somebody who has been actually indicted with any form of offense. He quickly come to an agreement with the court and not waste time and they come to an agreement and say Ok. You know what? If you agree that you did this, instead of you going for a life sentence, or instead of you actually being killed or being sent to the electric chair. We can actually reach an agreement and negotiate. That is call plea bargain.

And I think a lot of Christians need to do plea bargain as quick as possible when things accuse you in your life. When something accuses you and tell you the reason why God will not answer your prayer, is because you are not holy enough. Or the reason why God will not answer your prayer is because how much have you served in your church? Or the reason why God will not answer your prayer is because how much sacrifice have you make for the kingdom? How do you expect God to answer your prayer? You know what you should say, just tell the devil. I agree, plea bargain now. I agree but you know one thing? Am not going to come against you in my name, sorry you are right. I don't even deserve anything anyway, if that is the case. But what about me asking and do everything am going to do in the name of Jesus (Colossians 3:17).

Now, I want God to respond to me, I want life to respond to me like it will respond if it was Jesus that was at work. That is why the devil...have you noticed that David never argued about the circumstances with the Philistine?

I want you to watch the spiritual strategy of war. David said something, he said blessed be God who teaches my hand to war and I think that has to do with battle. Think about it, learn the strategy of a man like David who operated a New Covenant grace. Because some of us, if the Philistine says to him that you are a youth, we are going to argue and say well. How am I a youth? Am 25, am 30 years old. At that

level, I think I've gone beyond just being a youth, am a matured person. Some of us will start making argument and logistics with the enemy.

David said there is no point arguing about all these things that the enemy says. I've come against you in the name of the Lord. And that is what we see there. No argument with the enemy. He came to term with the enemy. Never argue with the enemy. All he said was Ok, fine, you can deal with anything you want to talk about in my life. You can talk about my circumstances and talk about my situation. But you know one thing, I am not going to come against you in my life. I am not going to use my credit. Am not going use my status. Am not going to use my stand point. Am going to come against you in the name of the Lord.

So we now see that David has faith in his name. He had faith in that name. That is what we see there.

Now, what does he say next?

but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

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46. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistine this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

Can you see that?

Go on please,

47. And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands.

Now, again he implicated God. Can you see? That sounds very similar to what we read in Acts Chapter 4 verse 10 in our last transmission where Peter said something, Peter said this man that you see standing today, strong on his feet. He said it is by the name of Jesus.

And he went on and said, well by him. It means, he said bringing the name of the Lord, having a revelation of the name of the Lord is not just a fact that you are invoking the name. You are bringing yourself to a situation where you are protected by that name. You are covered by that name. As a witness for God, you are standing in his stead. There is something that Apostle Paul said and I want to call your

attention to that. I think before we actually go on with this. I want you to look at 2Corinthians. I want you to look at that.

2Corinthians Chapter 5, you can read from verse 20.

Now, watch this. See what Paul said.

Look at the understanding of Paul. What does he says?

2Corinthians 5

20. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

Again we are witness or we are representing Christ. Now if you say that, if you watch that, he say we are ambassadors. We are witnesses. And if you are a witness like I said, you will need what we call identity protection. It protects you, it insulates you against the onslaught of the enemy.

Now, let me say this quickly before you continue this verse. You see before you became a Christian... we made reference to this when we did our spiritual warfare series. Before you became a Christian, you were God's enemy, not because God made you his enemy, you made yourself God's enemy in your mind. Bible says we are enemy of God in our mind before we became born again.

But you see right from the time you gave your life to Jesus what happen is this, every of God's enemy they become your enemy. You didn't have to say well, I want to deal with that enemy or not. Every of God's enemy, they become your enemy automatically. What does that mean? It means you are a witness. You have become a witness for the Lord. And because you are a witness for the Lord, every enemy of God, they are your enemy. You need identity protection. Witness protection. That is what they do to witness. They are protected.

In fact they give them atimes a new name. If you watch some films or you know about some situation, anytime there is witness to a situation, what the Law enforcement do is there are times they move that witness to a different location, even in some cases, they give them a new name, a new identity. You know why they are doing that? Because they want them protected from the onslaught of the criminal who committed the offense that they are a witness to.

In the same way, you and I, the Bible calls us we are witness of the resurrection. The Bibles says we are ambassadors for Christ. We are representing Christ. We are witness to his death, his burial and resurrection. If that is the case, Bible says you need

to start living now in the name of Jesus. You need a witness protection. You need identity protection. And that is why Paul said, Paul said we are ambassadors. We are witnesses for Christ sake.

Now, watch what Paul said.

as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

Paul said because we are ambassadors, we are praying you in Christ's stead. It means Paul said whatever we are doing now with you, is like Christ is the one doing this. This is the place of Christ.

Now, that is the understanding Paul had as being an ambassador. So Paul is saying we are not just talking to you about Christ. We are not just ministering to you about Christ. We are doing it, it's like Christ is the one doing this, in Christ's stead. That then makes Colossians 3:17 to make sense where he says whatever you do in word or in deed, it has to be that, it is in Christ's stead.

Now, this will make our spiritual warfare or when we take our stand in the place of prayer. It will give us a whole different understanding of what it means in spiritual warfare.

So when I say, and I speak to a situation and say come out. Or I say I bind that or I lose that. Now am not seeing myself saying that, am standing in Christ's stead. This is what Christ... am representing Christ to the situation. And that is the understanding that Paul said he had.

So we now know what David did in this place. David said to the Philistine. He says you have come not against me. You have actually come against the army of the host of the Lord. He says well, you see me David with the five stones? No! What you are seeing is, you are actually coming against the army of the Lord.

Now, the reason we are doing this today is for you to see that David protected himself. David put a cover on his own head. David, I will call an identity protection as a witness for God's kingdom in this place. And it is what you say with your mouth. That is why he say in Colossians 3:17, even in your word. It is in what you say. So he is simply saying to the Philistine, every time you come against me, you are not coming against me. He says you have come against the host of the army of the Lord.

Now, that is what he says in verse 45.

See! Can you say that with all confidence that whatever comes at you is not even coming at you because is coming against the name of the Lord? Is coming against Christ in your life because you can see that your identity has been absorbed. You are under witness protection. You have lost your identity in Christ. And that is the understanding that David had in this case.

We can see from that verse 45 just like I shared before from that Proverb Chapter 18 verse 10 telling us that the name of the Lord is a strong tower and every other things could be defense too. We can see the contrast of these two things. David was telling him you have come with spear, you have come with sword. These one too are defense, they are things you use for defense. They are things that people can run into. When people go to war with all those things, they mean business. They know the sword can do something. They know the spear can do something. You have come with. I have a stronger defense. I have a strong tower the name of the Lord.

So we are encouraging you to see, to be able to do the proper evaluation of things you are holding with you. Maybe you are still going about gloating with your sword and spear. Know that there is a higher form of defense, the strong tower which cannot fail. That is the name of the Lord.

As you go into the battle, it is wisdom for you to walk like David did then. Trying to use the name of the Lord, bringing Christ into it and making Christ responsible for him than going with the sword and spear in Christ's stead.

So it means every time you say I have come in the name of Jesus. What should actually spark up in your spirit is, it is Christ now at work.

Now, before we continue looking at this case of David, before we go to other verses. About being protected by that name. The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous run into it and they are protected. They are safe.

Now, look at one thing that Goliath did say about the whole thing about the army of Israel.

In 1Samuel 17:8 see what the Philistine said about them.

What does he say there?

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8. And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them, why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me.

And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel,

That is Goliath. He cried to them, he spoke to them

Now, what did he say?

and said unto them, why are ye come out to set your battle in array?

Why do you think you are going to walk in victory? It's a question. Why do you think you are going to succeed in this strategy, in this challenge?

What does he say next?

am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me.

That is what we see. He say if you are Saul servants, how do you think you are going to actually be victorious?

Now, the question then remains, he's simply saying the same thing the enemy is saying today in your mind. In your mentality, in your ideology, in your imagination, in your thinking process, in your circumstance. All the enemy is saying why in the world you think you are going to walk in dominion? Why do you think you will walk in victory all the time? Why do you think that you are going to come out victorious all the time? That is a big question. As long as your identity is tie up to an earthly king, in things to this realm, how do you walk in victory? It is not going to happen. It will never happen.

And you know one thing, Goliath was right. And that is when David came on the scene... you know we had a particular transmission some weeks ago, we talked about **Weapon of Mouth destruction**. You might want to get that transmission. It will bless your soul and bless your heart. Because here we see, it was a battle of words.

All the Philistine did was, he kind of re-orchestrated the mentality of all the fighters of Israel, and told them all of you are actually under Saul. You are all described by Saul. We can all call your name by Saul. We can all put your name under Saul. And then what David did was he took every one from under Saul. And David said you have not come against me with spears and arrows. He said I have come against you in the name of the Lord. I didn't come against you in the name of Saul. I didn't come against you in the name of the king of Israel. I've come against you in the name of the Lord.

And you see, as you know it today, I want you to understand this, every battle you are facing at the moment, every challenges you are facing at the moment, is a battle of

names, is a challenge of names. And you need to understand that you are under witness protection. Your name has been changed. Can you see that?

You are being put under the protection, under a new name, because the enemy is going to come at you if he is not coming at you already and you have to understand that, the Bible says whatever you do in word and in deed, don't do it in your name. You are not under a new name. You have a new protection. And that is the name of the Lord.

So David understood that and he said I come against Goliath in the name of the Lord. And once David said that, as soon as David made that statement, he switched responsibility and that is where I want you to take note of. As soon as David made statement.... you see these things are not just in words.

As soon as he said I come against you in the name of the Lord, the very next thing he said was to say you know one thing? You have come against the army of the Lord. That is what David said in this case. And that is what the enemy understand. You have to understand that you know that you have lost your name under the protective name of the Lord as a witness for him.

We can see the whole difference between the armies of Israel that Goliath was addressing and David. The difference was about whose servant they are. And thank God that David understood that he is not servant of Saul. That he was a servant of the Lord and that was just the difference. Not because he was special than all the other armies of Israel, but he understood. The other they allow themselves to be locked up in the shell of being the servant of Saul. They allowed the circumstances... though it was actually that Saul was the one commissioning them, so they left it and they forgot. They were boasting in that, what was happening in the environment. They could not see that they have the commissioning of the Lord which David understood and he knew.

And that was just the difference, understanding whose servants are you. And like the last one, whose name? what is in a name? to understand who? It's a whole big difference between understanding the servant of Saul to being servant of the Lord. It seems as if they are being commissioned only by Saul. But you know there is a commissioning of the Lord. Understanding that makes a lot of difference between victory and defeat. Just like we saw in that...

And again in that event we saw about even he said I come against you in the name of the Lord, just like we shared in the last transmission of “**what is in a name?**” That the moment you bring the name of the Lord into that thing. Is not just chanting the name.

You transferred responsibility. That faith, it releases something in the realm of the spirit.

So you transferred responsibility and that is why even David... we can see that he understood this, he was walking in the power of the ages to come. He was saying the battle is the Lord. He know that there is a responsibility. He said based on what I said I've brought the Lord into this situation. He said the battle is not between David and Goliath anymore, the battle is the Lord.

So when you bring the name of the Lord into it, not just chanting, not like an icing on the cake. Is just like you are transferring responsibility now. It is not about me anymore, is not about my youthfulness. It is not about the limitation. It's not about who commissioned me. Is not about Saul gave the word and call everybody to do it any more. That is what he thought but as long as the name of the Lord is into it now, there is a transfer of responsibility. Somebody is in charge now. And somebody is... So am no more there. David says count me out.

Can you see what you are saying there? That is exactly what Peter said in Acts 4:10 when Peter said this lame man that you see, it was in his name and he says by him. Peter said when I said in the name of Jesus, it is also by Jesus. You can't separate them. If you have faith in his name, then is by Jesus. That is what Peter said in Acts 4:10. That is exactly what David is actually going through as well. Exactly the same thing.

And you can apply this in your life. David did that in matter of life and death, he applied that. So you can apply it in your situation. What we are sharing is not theory, is not life modification or philosophical thinking, or oh! it swells head and feel am great. That is not what we are doing in round table discussion.

We are talking about life principles. What you can go and run with now. You can decide to bring the Lord into your battle. Whatever the battle is, whatever the battle ground of the enemy in your life, you can choose to transfer that responsibility than for you coming with your own sword and spear, than for you coming with your own youthfulness or whatsoever it is. Or you want to argue out about whether you are youthful or not?

David didn't even talk about what Goliath said. He just left it, no argument. Or you want to be talking to Philistine about the advantage of youthfulness? or contrasting advantages and disadvantages and both of you go on a long draw word battle about that? Or you really want to stop that and just bring God into it and switch the

responsibility and let the battle be the Lord. Or you just want to go on your own strength. You can learn from this. And you can practically apply this.

What we are talking about, the name of the Lord, is not just like something you can ... well, maybe I will start thinking about it. I thank God for the opening verse that says whatsoever you do, whether you feel like you want to give yourself to prayer or not, You should give yourself to prayer, whatsoever you do, do in the name of the Lord.

And then again, another insight to this about the name of the Lord again, regards the witness protection. Just like a witness protection, they even give people different identity. A name! Imagine a witness who want to still be going about his own name when they give him a new name. Expose to danger! So you want to be a witness and you still want to be going on your name like that? It doesn't make any sense. You are just putting yourself into danger.

So if you go on the name of the Lord which is your new identity. The new name on you, then you are protected. So as a witness, you cannot afford, you cannot because of your zeal and say am going to go out and I just want to use my zeal and everything to witness without going in that name of the Lord.

So you cannot witness on your strength. You can't witness on your personal holiness or whatsoever attributes. No matter how good it is, you need to dump it. Just like a witness protection. Whatsoever you have attained with the name before, you need to dump it and pick up the name of the Lord. That is what we are opening our eyes and mind to, to understand how it works, that coming in the name of the Lord, is not just something you just want to... I might pick it up, I might not, let me think about it or something. It is just for your life. A witness need to get that new identity.

Thank you for that,

There are some things, some insight that the Lord began to give me now. You know for some of us, who are in places of worship. I will say Church gatherings. Where we always says am connected to the grace in this house or am this or that. We can say yes, there is something that works in this particular assembly and then you begin to lay claim and tell God and say well, the reason why I must break forth this year, or the reason why I cannot fail in life and destiny is because am connecting to the grace in the house or to a spiritual relationship, or covenant relationship.

Let me say this, you are not safe under any other name. Well I didn't say that. Proverbs said that. He says the name of the Lord is a strong tower. He said the righteous quickly runs into that name and they are safe.

Now, by implication it means he ran into any other name and he is not safe. If you want to complete that verse of the Bible for it to make sense. It will mean, look at this, it doesn't mean... we are not saying that you shouldn't come under any kind of gathering or association.

Well, that is not what we said. Because if you think about David, of course it was Saul that actually commissioned not just all the warriors of Israel but also David. You know Saul gave David the sword. David said I don't need that to deal with the enemy. And he said David just took his five stones and all that. But we knew that Saul technically commissioned David, just like the other warriors.

But if Saul did commissioned David including everyone else, how come David had a different understanding of in what name he was coming against Goliath?

So we are saying it doesn't matter where you are, it doesn't matter under which ministry you found yourself, it doesn't matter under what relationship you found yourself, it doesn't matter under what connection you found yourself spiritually. It is good.

You have to understand that even though naturally as it were, those were the connections that actually in a way are feeding you. You ultimately have to have the revelation in the midst of that, to understand that, ultimately that you are being protected. You are being covered. You are hiding yourself under only the name of Jesus.

Because for some of us, we are always confused about how to mix the two. David did a perfect blend, even though Saul sent him. But David said ultimately I have come against Goliath in the name of the Lord. Can you see? Can we hold both view simultaneously? Can we in a way have a connection in the natural and at the same time understand that revelation that, this is ultimately not about my connection, not about the household where I am, not about the kind of ministry where am connected to, it doesn't matter how great it looks like. You can still ultimately say am going to come against this in the name of the Lord and not in any other name. And that is how we are protected.

As you are talking, the Lord is still bringing another insight to me on that Proverb 18:10. He said the name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous run into it. So the righteous have to run himself. That is what David did. So you cannot say because you are righteous that you just stand or run into your righteousness. The righteous must run into that name. It means even if you are righteous, he couldn't run into his righteousness.

Because the righteous man has an asset. Righteousness is an asset. Some people feel like...even the unrighteous feel like they are the one that need to run. The righteous need to run. Run into the name. No wonder Peter said not by our own holiness, but he said it is in his name and faith in his name. Can you see? Even the righteous who has something. Even people that have prophesy, that have fasting, that have all the spiritual gifts must run into that name. It doesn't matter what they have. Whether you are righteous, run into the name. Whether they are unrighteous, run into that name. Whether you have money, run into that name. Whether you have connection, run into that name. Whether they have holiness. Don't run into what you have. Because those ones, they are towers, they are defense but they are weak. And it is safe because that means it is not safe any other way. It's guaranteed of safety by running into that name. The righteous must run. That is the thing.

Can you see that?

And this is the wisdom of David, a man under the Old Covenant operating New Covenant grace. That is what we see David did. No argument with Goliath. Goliath said everything about his identity. David said well, who cares about what you are talking about me? I have come against you in the name of the Lord? So why are you going to check my CV and check my Profile.

Some of you are listening to this and the Lord is ministering to you, there are things you want to engage in, in 2017 and even been beyond. There are things that God has spoken to your heart about and all you do is checking out your CV and checking out your background, and checking out your connection and checking out people that you know. Well, as you are checking out all that a voice is coming to you and say that, you are just but a youth. You are just living in that part of the world where nobody knows you. You are just but this. All these voices are coming to your head like Goliath was speaking to David.

But it's high time you tell the enemy ok. Let's even forget about all those things, what about me coming at you in the name of the Lord? Let's forget about... am not going to argue with you about my CV you are pulling out. Some of us still want to argue with our CV with the enemy. You are wasting your time. David didn't even bother arguing with Goliath. All he said is am going to come against you in the name of the Lord.

And when you say that, something switches in your spirit man. Something happen to your spirit man. You suddenly begin to feel the very presence of God in the reality of your spirit. And you can say like Paul, we have come in Christ's stead as if Christ is the one standing here. That is how we are standing to face the situation.

Just like you just shared that some people, the devil might deceive them using their circumstances to look at... and then limiting them in walking in this truth. Another plot from the enemy might be, the devil even telling them who are the one telling you this? Is not an Apostle, is not a Bishop, they are just youth or something sharing this. So why should you take this serious? Why should you believe it? So why should you take this serious.

As you are saying it, I was thinking the devil might be working on people's mind. Who are these? What is the need? What name do they have? We also have not come in our name? Some of us can even know what our names are. It's irrelevant that you know our names. Because we are speaking to you today also in the name of the Lord, in Christ's stead. So you don't look at the circumstance. You don't look at the messenger too. That is carnality. We have a witness protection at the moment. That's the point. That's why we have a witness protection. We are covered and protected. We've lost our name.

Watch what the Bible says, he say everyone that is called by the name of the Lord, should depart from iniquity. He says the foundation of God stands sure, having this seal the Lord knows who are his, everyone that is called by the name of the Lord. You have to be called by the name. So when they say the name of the Lord, you are answering. You have to be called by his name. You are under witness protection. You are given a new name. The enemy cannot touch you. The enemy cannot locate you because you are hidden up in his name. You know one thing? It means you have to have faith in his name. Can you see that? That is what the Bible says.

And there is one thing before we actually go to other verses quickly. Have you noticed the Bible says the name of the Lord is a strong tower and the righteous who is supposed to have an asset of his righteousness, he didn't use that, he said he had to run into that name. It means it's not the fact that God is deciding to say well, I will protect this one. I will not protect that one. I know people are trying to say maybe when I pray long enough, when I fast long enough, I can convince God to protect me. The Bible says you by the revelation of that name, he says the righteous run. Can you see? The righteous run. So the name is the name.

Acts 10:34 Peter said something, he said now I know that God is no respecter of persons. Peter said I have found out that God has no respecter of person. What does that mean? It means God is not saying specially I think I will help this one, I will not help that one. That is not the God we serves. That is why Peter said again in Acts 3:16, it said it was faith in his name. It means Peter is saying Jesus did not decide to heal that man by the gate beautiful.

And I think we need to say this for those who are believing God for healing and deliverance. Let's say this clearly, Jesus will not heal you. I know that's shocking to you. I repeat that again, Jesus will not heal you. Jesus will not deliver you. Well, you are wondering what am I talking about?

Well, the reason why Jesus will not heal you is because Jesus healed you. Now, 1Peter 2:24 says "who himself bore our sins in his body on a tree, so that we being dead to sins should live unto righteousness by whose stripes you were healed" He will not heal you because he healed you.

Now, it means He is not sitting down in heaven and saying today whom am I going to heal today? Will I healed Mrs Johnson today when she pray 4hrs, 10hrs. Some even pray thinking they are fine, God should.... He will not do that because Bible says He healed you.

So what Peter said was responsible for that man by the gate beautify to rise up. He said we only put faith in his name. We just released something. We just released what was in the name. So it means if nobody released that thing for 10000yrs, the name will still be the name anyway. But Peter said we only put faith in his name and we just cause an explosion. It means the name will not heal anyone, the name will not raise up anyone because on the side of the name, Bible says by his stripes we were healed. It is people who respond to the name. And that is why he says the righteous runs into that name. You respond to the name. The name is the name it's not respecter of persons. And that's why we said that.

So we have to understand this that the name of the Lord was there even for all the "servants of Saul" all the brothers of David, all of them. They all have the same assets to the name. Have you noticed when Samuel came to the house of Jesse, he said when they began to bring... he said the Lord has rejected... you don't reject unless you consider. It means they all have access to the same level of grace.

So all that David did was to come on the scene and says well, I recognize that there is no point standing against Goliath with my CV. There is no point. It's not going to make sense. It's not going to work. It's not safe. And he said well, I am going to against you in the name of the Lord.

And how do we know somebody is putting faith in the name of the Lord? How do we know that? The next statement that David made is what clarify that. Because for two or three verses after, he said you have come against the army of the host of the Lord. He told Goliath, you are in trouble now, because you've not even come against me now. David said am out. Can you say you are out?

Am not saying that in a theoretical way, in a psychological way. Can you tell the enemy am out? Are you saying that am not holy enough? Are you saying am not perfect enough to discern God's goodness? Am out. This is Christ now, in Christ's stead. Deal with Christ. Tell him He is not holy enough. Tell Christ is not perfect enough.

Tell Christ his obedience his not enough. Tell him. It's now in Christ stead. Am out of it. David told Goliath you are now fighting the Lord, deal with him. This is the revelation, this is how to protect yourself in the day of battle. This is how to do witness protection. You are protected. You are lost in that name. And that is why the Bible tells you and I in Colossians 3:17 whatever you do in word and in deed, just quickly do it in the name of the Lord. Put the Lord, put his reputation at stake. That is what Bible tells us.

So we are just encouraging you to get out of the situation and let him come in. Let him argue with the Lord. Bring him in. Faith in his name, that is what he does. And that is what we see there.

Do not trouble yourself with your sword and spear, there is no point. Then don't go on the back and forth correspondence, some people are on the back and forth correspondence over years with the devil. Jesus said agree with the adversary...you know Jesus said that in one of the parable. When the adversary comes and take you to court. He said quickly agree with him before he takes you there. So I think technically David agree with Goliath.

Agreement means Satan, if you say am a youth like Goliath told David, well am not going to argue that. Have you noticed that David never argue that. David just kept quiet and said something different. He said am going to come against you then in the name of the Lord. You can forget about my youthfulness. That is how to agree and say well, if the enemy said that, what about putting the Lord on the scene. And that is what we see David use as a strategy of warfare.

And we see the strategy of David here again understanding where his strength is, you know he was not debating his weakness. His weakness was he was not a man of war from youth. He's not as skillful like that in spear and sword and all those kind of things. So he did not dwell on that, his weakness. He did not dwell on his limitation. The devil in Goliath want to drag him to that and stay in that realm. And that is what the devil is doing today over the years. He is making people to dwell on their weakness, let's be talking about it.

But we see the wisdom in David, he said No! I know my strength, I know what I have. I know the name of the Lord and that is what I want to give you with. Engaging the strength, the strength in which he knows the strength of the Lord, that am coming in the name of the Lord. He had that understanding.

And it was the sharp understanding that makes the difference between him and the other armies of Israel. Because they believe they are under the canopy. Their identity is they are servant of Saul. But he knows that he is a servant of the Lord. Though they were all commissioned by Saul. But he saw beyond the commission in the natural. He was able to know that he is being sent by the Lord. This battle is of the Lord. And that was just the difference. It is the same God

The other people were all circumcised too. They were the circumcised. All the other armies of Israel were as circumcised like David, so there wasn't special. It was just somebody that put faith in his name.

And that is why we are encouraging you with this Expose, we are telling you that we have the same level of faith. The same level of faith is not that someone's faith is quite different. It's just our response, how do we respond to it. And we saw David how he responded to that. And know that it is the same thing, same circumcision. They all do have the same circumcision even with his brother. But somebody knew there was more to that and he was able to apply it and use it. And that is what we are calling you today in this exposition.

If you are going to take anything from here, is about the application of that name. That you are protected, you apply it, make use of it. You know they never make use of it, the other brothers.

You know there is something that as you were are saying now. I perceived there is somebody who heard what we said about 5 minutes ago and a question arose in their heart. And the Lord want to give you the response to that question. The person was thinking what about you people talking about? because in 2Corinthians 13:5 where he simply says examine yourself and all these, he says when the enemy comes to you and say the reason why you will not get the best of God in this year, is because how many hours have you served in your church?

And then some of you then unlike David who didn't even bother to dwell on what Goliath said, you will now carry pen and paper and begin to do analysis well, ok I think I did serve. And the devil say how much sacrifice have you made for the kingdom? And you say oh! I think last year I spoke to three people in my places of work, and I think I put my job in jeopardy and I think I did sacrifice. And the enemy

says what about your neighbor that you didn't talk to? And you say ha! Oh! I lost at that point and you begin to do statistics. You cannot do statistics with the devil and win. There is no way you can win.

Some of you can then say well, what about what the Bible say examine yourself whether you are still...

We are going to continue with that in the next transmission because I know that question is on somebody's mind and we are going to explore that in later transmission. Stick with us on this Knock Out Series.

We are not saying people should not be holy.

I just hope that you have been blessed by this. So you can really send you comments, your questions and clarification and let us know how this blesses you.

And so you share it with your contacts as well, so they come with the same blessing you've partake of.

So till we see you next weekend 7pm UK time and on Tuesday in Bradford, we are going to be ministering in one church and we have the flyer on our page. You can come to check our flyer. And if you are not there. We trust the Lord that we will be able to do live transmission from there.

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God bless you.

Bye!!