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Kingdom Mentality

Good evening world, this Expose 247 and where we bring God's Word to you without charge, without any mental carefulness or thoughtfulness. We will always respond like the Hebrews boys that we are not careful to answer you king about this matter. So all matters; there will be no consideration, no mental consideration, calculation or political correctness. So if this is your style, if this speak to your truth, which should be, then you are in good company this evening as we continue from where we stopped last weekend.

So if you are with us last weekend we talk about **"What is in a name?"** On Saturday and on Sunday we talked about **"the Witness protection: hiding under his name."** So I will quickly ask you if there is anything you want to add to the last session on **"the Witness protection."**

Well, viewers thank you again for being with us today on this Knock Out Series on prayer. As you know we've been exploring the model of prayer that Jesus gave us. And where we stopped in our last transmission is **"Witness protection: Hiding under his name."**

Then let us just say one or two things to just in a way round off on that particular transmission, before we move on fully into what the Lord has for us today.

And then you will noticed that we did stop at the point where we actually emphasize, where we as Christians have to come not just before the Father in the place of prayer, but we have to come before life itself. And that is why Colossians 3:17 says whatever **you do**, he is just saying don't just limit this to your prayer time. **Do all in word and in deed in the name of Jesus.** There was an example there we were about to give before we went off.

You see there was a particular case of David actually sent his men to talk to Nabal in the Bible, specifically 1Samuel Chapter 25 verse 9.

1Samuel 25

9. And when David's young men came they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and ceased.

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they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and ceased.

Can you see? That is amazing. It said they spoke to Nabal in the name of David.

Now to understand the significance of that statement in 1 Samuel 25 verse 9. At the time that Nabal rejected those men and humiliated them, when the news got back to David, you can take your time to read all of Chapter 25. We don't want to spend too much time on that because we are going quickly to what the Lord has to say to us today. We are going further on the Lord's prayer.

There was one thing, when those men were rejected, in David's own word, David said it was him personally that was rejected. Because the Bible says those men went in David's name, specifically in David's name. They were there, but in reality it was David that was there speaking to Nabal.

So you see, this is how names are in reality. You need to understand the power and the potency of speaking or acting or doing things or praying in the name of Jesus. And I would to God that if the church of Christ, Christians in our days understand the weight and the gravity of this, we would never take ourselves from under the protective custody of that name.

And then let just conclude with this statement.

Now, we have said this before, let's re-emphasize this again. It's not just about just chanting and shouting the name that indicates that you are hiding under the name. If that is the case, there will no need for this transmission today because virtually everyone that is in church, everyone that prays always say in the name of Jesus.

So if that was the case, we will not be having this transmission. The reason we are having this transmission is because we have come to the understanding that it is not just chanting the name, according to what Peter said in Acts 3:16. It is putting faith in the name that makes things happen. It is putting faith in the name that makes us come to the realization that we are standing in the stead of Christ that Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5, that everything we are saying, everything we are doing is as if Christ is the one was doing it. That is what the enemy see, that is what the devil see and he hopes that we don't take advantage of such a grace that we have in praying, speaking, acting in the name of Jesus for our very life.

You know where to go to listen to all these episodes, "What is in a name?" Or the Prayer season, maybe some people have forgetting that we are talking about the

Lord's prayer. By the time we continue with the different aspects of the Lord's prayer, I am going to re-emphasize that anyway.

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Now, as we progress today.

Now, we've been looking at the model of the Lord's prayer. And we've said unfortunately for some Christians, they are taking the Lord's prayer hook line and sinker. Don't forget the fact that, they asked Jesus, they said teach us to pray. And the Bible makes a statement, Jesus said after this manner. After this manner means, after this model. I want you to use it as a model.

And if I gave you something to use as a model, if you are a student, if you are somebody in a place of work and somebody tells you this is a model I want you to work with. And you repeat and give it back to them exactly, they will probably think that you are not very smart if you do that. If you just repeat back to people exactly what they give you as a pattern. You are meant to use that as a backdrop, as a platform to come up with something based on that model. And that is what the Lord's prayer was meant to be.

And again, before we continue today, because we might say some things today that might be surprising to you or that might not actually in a way sound consistent with things that you know. Well, we have to simply say our authority is in the Word of God. The Bible says you need to receive with meekness the engrafted Word that can save your soul.

Now, the reason why some things might sound a bit strange to you, let us put a note of warning quickly, is because don't forget the Lord's prayer is not a New Covenant prayer. Because Jesus has not yet shed his blood. He has not yet pour out his blood unto death. And he told them in the last supper, in the Lord's supper, Jesus said the New Covenant in my blood. It means until his blood was shed, there was no New Covenant. We know that.

So it means the Lord's prayer was what I will call a transitional prayer between the old and the New. And it is in that understanding that we have to approach. That is what we are looking at today.

So follow us quickly as we continue into Matthew Chapter 6.

Let's go quickly to Matthew Chapter 6.

And then we will continue with this model of the Lord's prayer we are looking at, and see what the Lord has to say to us today.

Let's look at Matthew Chapter 6 from verse 10 and let's see what it has to say there.

Matthew 6

10. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

That is the next phrase.

Now the last phrase let me just remind you, for viewers who have been following us on this Lord's prayer. The last phrase we read was where he says hallow be the name. And praise be to your name, significance to your name. And that was what led us through all the investigation of the name of the Father and that is why we have actually gone through all those past three transmissions.

So the very next statement in the Lord's prayer is what we are looking at, trying to expantiate and see what the searchlight of the spirit is going to reveal to us as the mystery that Christ was passing across in this model of prayer.

See what he says in this verse 10.

Your kingdom come.

That is the phrase that will unlock what the Lord has to say to us today on this Knock Out series on prayer.

Jesus did say to the disciples that when you are praying, as soon as you talk about the name of the Father, as soon as you sanctify and set apart the name of Father, in verse 9. You need to make a bold declaration, your kingdom come.

What is the relevance of this to your prayer life? What is the relevance of this to you as a believer? making a proclamation for the coming of the kingdom.

I will like to call your attention to key words. There are just three words in that phrase. There is a **your**. And then **your** talk about possession. We know this kingdom is not your kingdom, is not my kingdom. It is the Father's kingdom.

So Jesus was trying to tell the disciples, that before you came on the scene, before you began your prayer time, somebody had a kingdom. And it is not your kingdom, it is his kingdom. He says your kingdom. And that is the first possession. It tells you that it's not ours.

And the second thing He said is, he said you have a kingdom, talking about the Father has a kingdom. And the third word in that phrase is, He said that kingdom has to

come. It will mean then that kingdom had a location before. And then He is asking that kingdom to move from where it is, to a new location.

Those are three points in that phrase that we are going to explore today about this kingdom of the Father that Jesus said disciples declare that is meant to come.

Now, the question you want to ask me is, ever since this prayer was prayed before Jesus went to the cross, has the kingdom come yet or what? Because like I said, anytime you read the Lord's prayer, every time you pray the Lord's prayer, we need to put our spiritual senses to work, to make sure that we are not actually putting a new wine into old wineskin.

Has the kingdom come yet? Let's see what Christ has to say about the kingdom. And let's see the relevance of this to your prayer life. And that is what we are going to look at today.

Come with us quickly as we begin to use the pages of the scriptures to explore the relevance of this to the prayer life of a believer.

Let's go quickly to Matthew 11.

Again, this your kingdom come, this bold declaration of the kingdom, how does that fit in into your prayer life as a New Covenant Christian?

Matthew 11, let's see what he says.

Matthew 11 from verse 11.

Can you read that slowly please?

Matthew 11

11. Verily I say unto you, among them that are born of women, there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

That is interesting. Jesus said well, let's talk about those who were born naturally. And I want to think that if you are watching this today, you are thinking among those that are born of women, is that not how everyone is born? Why is Jesus trying to categorize people that some people are born of women? You would have thought what kind of statement is Christ making when everyone literally is born of women?

Of course if you want to exempt Adam, apart from Adam. Come all the way down to now, you will supposed everyone is born of women. Apart from Adam and Eve, even if you are going to talk of people who talk about having the case of doing some kind

of medical technological advancement in the way they give birth to children. They still have to, in some cases, use the eggs of a woman or the ovum of women. They still have to use the women, even if they actually grown the egg in the lab, they still have to get something from the woman.

But the fact is what did Christ trying to say? He says among those born of women, He said John the Baptist is the greatest among them all. That is really amazing. It means, He is saying put everyone, Elijah, Hezekiah, Isaiah, Abraham, all those people, all those men who actually shook kingdoms in the Old Testament. The Bible says of all of them, he says John the Baptist is the greatest of them all.

Well, what is not our interest today is to investigate why Jesus said he is the greatest of them all? That is not what we are looking at. There could be a better time and a better place to investigate that. But what we are saying is, Jesus saying for those that are born of women, who are naturally born, He said the greatest of them is John the Baptist. And then the reason why we are trying to talk about Elijah the other time is because, Luke 1:17 did says that John the Baptist came in the spirit and the power of Elijah.

And we know in Malachi Chapter 4, he did say that before the great and terrible day of the Lord will come, I will send my prophet Elijah before your face. And most theologians believe that, that was the coming of the John Baptist to actually be the one that will actually announce the coming of Jesus. In fact some still do believed, there are some school of thought that still believe that Elijah will come again. Again that is not what we are looking at today. We see of all those born of women, He said the greatest of them is John the Baptist.

Now, watch the next statement. Don't forget we are looking at the implication of the coming of the kingdom for you prayer life. How does that knock out some wrong ideologies that we have brought to the place of prayer?

Now, what does he says in the next phrase?

notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

It will mean then that John the Baptist was not in the kingdom. He is contrasting... you know when you speaks words in English language, we have words and opposite. It will mean that Jesus is trying to paint a picture before us which sound a bit strange, if you don't even think about it deeply. He is saying there are those that are born of women, and then the opposite in the other side are those that are in the kingdom. That is interesting! It will mean he says... he is contrasting those born of women to those who are in the kingdom of heaven.

It will mean that the opposite of being naturally born is to be in the kingdom. I didn't say that, it was Jesus that made a comparison. You don't use nevertheless, you don't use otherwise, unless you want to talk about the opposite. So the opposite of naturally born, or being born naturally by women is that you are in the kingdom of heaven. That is the opposite.

Now, some picture are begin to paint out right before our face of what this kingdom coming might actually mean. So He says the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John the Baptist.

So the first contrast we see is to be in the kingdom you have to go beyond being naturally born. That is what we see. To be in the kingdom, you have to go beyond being just born of a woman. He didn't say if you are born of woman, you can never be in the kingdom. He is just saying your being born must go beyond that being born of a woman.

Now, go on please as we begin to read through this.

Verse 12

12. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

And from the days of John the Baptist until now

He says from the days of John the Baptist and until now, until the very day Jesus was saying this. What is the issue there?

the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

Well, I've seen people and I have heard people... actually, this is one of the very often quoted verse in the Bible. And I think it is interesting that this kind of verse is coming up on our Knock out series on prayer. Because when people want to scream down on the head of the devil, when people want to scream down on the head of darkness, they say this is the verse that support that fact that you are going to take it by force. If you are praying quietly or praying silently how can you ever expect to chase out the devil when the Bible says the violent shall take it by force?

Well, strange enough, he talks about violent taken it by force in talking about the coming of the kingdom. It means is about the kingdom. So we have to interpret this violent taking it by force in the context of this verse he was talking about.

And then please no offense to anyone who might be hearing this, if you actually thought in the past that this particular verse is about picking prayer points. Like I said

to you, please according to James Chapter 1, you have to receive the Word of God with meekness so that your soul can be saved.

We are going to show you evidence from the scriptures what he is talking about. Don't forget that the prayer point that Jesus told the disciples was, they should declare the coming of the kingdom. And this one says the kingdom of God has been suffering violence. Well, it seems a bit very vague to understand. Does it mean there is violence going on inside the kingdom? What is He talking about?

Let's scriptures interpret scriptures.

I want you to hold to that Matthew 11, we are going to come back to it quickly because is talking about the coming of the kingdom.

Lets' go to Luke 16 because this suffering violence is a bit very vague. Lets' scripture interpret scriptures. Let us use other scriptures to understand what this is all about.

If you go to Luke 16, it will give us another insight. It's the same thing. In fact, Luke just gave an account of the very thing that Christ was talking about.

Now, if you read from Luke 16, can you read from verse 16 please?

Luke 16 from verse 16, you can take that slowly so that everybody can get it.

Luke 16

16. The law and the prophets were until John; since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.

Now, we are going to be swapping between this Matthew 11:11-13 and Luke 16:16, so that we can get the picture of this. Because ultimately we are coming down to our prayer life.

Now, if you look at that Matthew 11 again, I think you stop at where it says the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and the violent take it by force.

Can you read verse 13 please?

Matthew 11

13. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

That is exactly what is in Luke 16:16.

So am just trying to show you by the scriptures that Matthew 11:11-13 is the same account that Luke gave in Luke 16:16.

So it means Luke 16:16 to verse 17 can then probably give us a better picture of this kingdom suffering violence, because it was the account of Luke that Matthew recorded as well. So we are looking at the same account. But look at Mathew recorded using different words and that give us a robust picture of what this suffering violence is all about.

So let's look at what Luke intends to say about this suffering violence of the kingdom.

What does Luke 16 verse 16 says again please?

Luke 16

16. The law and the prophets were until John; since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.

But Matthew 11 says they prophesied up until John. Can you see?

since that time the kingdom of God is preached,

We then see that. Since that time, he says right until the time of John, so John was a transition period. The ministry of John is the transition between what is not the kingdom and what is the kingdom. That is the reason why Jesus said, that John was not in the kingdom because he is the least, because he was born of women. But those who in the kingdom they are those people that they can claim their birth was not by women.

And we are going somewhere today. So those that can claim that they are not born not just of women are the one that can claim they are in the kingdom. And it tells us that right from the time of John the gospel of the kingdom is being preached.

Now, you want to ask me a question, if being born of a woman as John the Baptist was under, doesn't make him to be in the kingdom. If somebody is preaching the gospel of the kingdom beyond John, it make sense to think that are they preaching a birth that will not be by women? That is logical. It's an invitation to get into a new kind of birth. Into a new kind of birth that is not just natural. That will have been whatever that kingdom is being preached, that is what he's talking about.

Look at what he says in Luke 16,

the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.

We then understand... that means then, he says the kingdom... if you check some other translation. He says the kingdom is advancing forcefully. So it means when He says the kingdom suffereth violence, He is just trying to say that the kingdom is trying to make progress and there are a lot of resistances on ground for the progress of the

kingdom. That is why He talks about the kingdom suffering violence. He is not talking about shouting in the place of prayer.

He is just saying this particular announcement of the fact that, you cannot just be born of women, if you are just born of a woman, you are not in the kingdom. To be in the kingdom, you have to have a birth different from just being born of woman. And he says that particular revelation is trying to make its entrance into humanity. And that revelation is actually struggling with a lot of things that are on ground. Wrong ideologies. Wrong mentality on ground. He says advancing forcefully. It is a forceful advancement because there was something else on ground.

Let us say this quickly there is no gospel, there is no message that God actually gives you to preach or gives me to preach, there is nothing that we are being mandated to do in this 21st century that there is not something on ground that is actually a resistance to what you are bringing. That is the fact.

Have you noticed, when God spoke to Joshua and said, I have given you the land of Canaan, you will have thought that when God gave them the land of Canaan, God said I've given to you as a possession but think about this. When they got to the land of Canaan, it wasn't empty. Isn't it?

Every time God gives a mandate, in most cases the mandate of God doesn't necessarily mean there is emptiness on ground. There is always something on ground. Even when God told Adam to replenish the earth, that mandate that God gave Adam, you know the reason why God told him to replenish the earth, to till the earth will have to be there is something, there is resistance on ground that Adam was mandated to deal with. And that is the same thing with the calling of God.

So when this gospel of the kingdom was being preached to men, the Bible says this kingdom had to advance forcefully against every resistances on ground. What kind of resistance? The Pharisees, the ideologies, religious morality, so many things are on ground. And he said the kingdom was making a forceful advancement. And he says men are pressing their way into it. Men are switching sides. Those who were born of women are switching and say you know what? I can't stay any more, I have to move into this new way.

So we can see what can we conclude up till now, that to be in the kingdom of God is to simply that your birth have to go beyond just being born of a woman.

Now, we are still going to back to that Lord' praying saying the kingdom come.

Yes, is it understandable that this kind of topic is meant to generate controversy. And so you can just hit us back with your question, any comments, anything that need clarification whether you agree or you do not agree, but God's Word remains true, no matter what you feel about it.

And more so, when you try to dislodge any comfort people have had, especially with Matthew 11 verse 13, people have some special kind of relationship with it, and it has been a comforting scriptures for people doing warfare prayers and all the likes. And more so talking about John the Baptist not being in the kingdom.

We implore our viewers to even listen to this and try to forget what they have been reading about the scriptures and look at it afresh with the eye of the spirit, and then look at it like the Berean will do about this scriptures, and know if it is actually were so, to understand the difference between being born and to understand what the kingdom thing is bigger than what we think it used to be. At the entrance of the kingdom, where does even the kingdom start?

And why it is so important, no matter what, it came in with the first prayer request after establishing the relationship; our Father, where you are and hallow be your name. Between it, kingdom must come it. So it's something very important.

So we cannot just go with what we know about it. We really need to understand that we have the correct understanding of what this kingdom is and how is important is it to the Lord. For the Lord Model prayer, it come in as the first request even before you want Bread. As important as Bread is, the matter of the Kingdom need to be settle first, make

And the Lord was trying to use, understood how important the ministry of John the Baptist to Christ who is the forerunner, even they have the cordial human relationship, he is a cousin. But the Lord was able to say, the matter of the kingdom is so much that He can dislodge any family and familiar connection. That No! He is not afraid to offend John. And say and then people believe so much in John, they said is a voice in the wilderness, people will leave the city, come and meet John. So he is not just like a nonentity or a minister unknown. Or something you can just say something to dislodge.

So he understand how the people view John the Baptist, how people saw him as Elijah that is to come. But we see Jesus was just bashing the ministry of John in such a way, by bringing the kingdom to understand that the kingdom is a heavy and weightier matter.

So it will be good for our viewers to pay attention to this kingdom matter, and people should forget the familiarity and not be emotionally connected about this. So people should just forget about the emotions and let us use the scriptural sense to understand what this kingdom is all about. And how it is important in our prayer life.

Thank you for that insight.

Now, I want you to understand the fact that, what was the fault of John? Why would Jesus say he is the least? Jesus said when you talk about the kingdom, John is the least. What is the fault of John? Well, it wasn't that John committed any sin as it were, Jesus just said the fact that, John was just limited to being born of a woman, of which he was. That is why he is very small. Because some people that will go beyond being born of a woman, they will be those in the kingdom. So we see that.

And so we have seen one thing, which is... you know the reason we are talking about this, because next time if you begin to say your kingdom come, people sing songs about the coming of the kingdom. People make prayer point, prayer declaration, let your kingdom come. You couldn't have pray that prayer before. Of course, if you are going to pray about something, you should have least know what you are talking about.

We know faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word, so if you don't know what you are talking about. Then it's hard to have faith for what you are praying for and that is what we are talking about today.

So we have made one thing clear from the scriptures before we go into the next verse in Matthew 11:11-13, in Luke 16 verse 16-17. The thing that we can see is, Jesus contrasted the kingdom to be being born of a woman. That is one thing we see.

And the second thing that we see is Jesus said that, John became the transition period. Before John the law and the prophet were prophesying. And if they ask you the question, what were the law and the prophesying about? Because we need to know if there is a prophesy that is given to you or given to someone else, prophesies are given to people. They are not given to just empty space. It's about somebody or about something that will happen to somebody.

Now, if the Bible says the law and the prophet prophesy until John, it might interest you to know that what are they prophesying about? You see! because of time you might want to read Luke 24 verse 45, we can read that quickly.

We need to know what they are prophesying about? And Jesus said beyond John, the prophesy of the law and the prophesy had to stop. No need for anymore prophesy. What are they prophesying about?

What does he say in Luke 24 verse 45?

Luke 24

45. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.

Now, go on please,

46. And said unto them, thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day,

47. And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48. And ye are witnesses of these things.

You can just go verse 27.

Now watch this,

Luke 24 verse 27, what does it says?

27. And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

Now, you can replace the word Moses with the law. The reason why I said that, because the Bible says in John Chapter 1, the law came through Moses. So you can say beginning at Moses, beginning from the law.

Go on please?

and all the prophets

See! the law and the prophets, that is what Luke 16:16 says. That is what Matthew 11:11 says. You can see the concept there.

he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

So, then we know when the Bible says in Luke 16:16 and in Matthew 11:13 that the law and the prophets prophesy unto John, we know they were prophesying about Jesus.

Jesus said beginning from Moses and the prophets, he expounded unto them in this Luke 24:27 everything that were said concerning him.

So all the prophesy of the law were concerning Christ Jesus. So it means the Bible says the law and the prophet (Luke 16:16 and Matthew 11:13) prophesy until John. And as soon as John the Baptist show up on the scene, the law and the prophets stopped prophesying. And this is the reason because the person they are prophesying about has shown up. For example is just common sense, if you actually are writing or trying to paint a picture or promote something and the thing you are promoting show up, what are you promoting again? It is already here. It is just like people make an advertisement about a program and the program has actually started, what are you still advertising? So the law and prophets just shut up because all what the law and the prophet were referring to is now on the scene. That is why I said they prophesy until John. Until John they stopped prophesying. What does that mean? And he said from that time the gospel of the kingdom is being preached.

Now does that not tell you that this kingdom we are talking about was being usher in by a person? Was being ushered in by Jesus. Now, He is the one that usher in this kingdom. And then the question we are asking is, this prayer thy kingdom come. What is the relevance of that to you as a Christian?

Now, we have made one point known before we go on to John Chapter 3 which is the next verse we are looking at. The point we have made known is, for you to be part of the kingdom you cannot just be born of a woman. That is what we've seen there.

Now, let's go quickly to John Chapter 3.

Now praying your kingdom come, how is that relevant to you then?

You can read from verse 3 please?

What does it say please?

John 3

3. Jesus answered and said unto him, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Again, he says does that not sound relevant to the Matthew 11:13 that says, if you are born of a woman, you are not in the kingdom. Jesus said unless you are born the second time, you have to go beyond being born of a woman. Now you can talk about you are seeing the kingdom, which is why John the Baptist was the least because he was just born of a woman.

Now, he is saying here that except a man be born. Again means what was the first being born? The first one is you were born of a woman. He says you need to be born again. That should be a new one. That is when we can now start talking about the kingdom.

So this is now showing you the relevance of the scriptures talking about the kingdom now. It means this kingdom matter we are talking about... now I want you to begin to get the picture in your understanding of where it started for you. You need to know where it started for you. Where this kingdom started for you. We need to know that, if you are going to actually lay hold upon the significance of that prayer point in Matthew Chapter 6 verse 10.

Now, can you go on please?

Verse 4

4. Nicodemus saith unto him, how can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb and be born?

Can you see why he said men are pressing their way into it? men are trying to lay hold of that revelation upon their head, because it doesn't make any sense to a natural man. He says men are laying hold, men are pressing their way into that kingdom.

Go on please,

5. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

Go on please,

6. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the spirit is spirit.

7. Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again.

8. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

We then see the reason why... it means from what we have read in John Chapter 3 from verse 6 or 7, it means you need to be born again or born of the spirit for you to claim that you are in the kingdom. If you are born only once or you are born of a woman, you are like John the Baptist, you are not in the kingdom. But if you are born beyond a woman and you are born again which is what Jesus said, born of the spirit, now you can claim that you are in the kingdom.

Now, these are the two positions you can be. Now, there is a good news I have for you today. Jesus said the least, the lowest person in the kingdom is greater than the greatest person who is not in the kingdom, who is John the Baptist who is not in the kingdom because he was just born of a woman.

Now we begin to get the scripture now, so it means when you are praying the prayer in Matthew 6:10 as a believer in the New Covenant and you are saying your kingdom come.

Now, the prayer is relevant to a very good extent. But what you have to understand is, if you are born of a woman and you are not born of the spirit. It means you can be saying that Lord, let your kingdom come into my life. But the Bible says if you are born of the spirit, he says No! You have seen the kingdom and then you enter the kingdom because you are born of the water and the spirit.

I know some people teach and say well, there is a level of spiritual walk you need to have with God for you to actually... they said being born again means you see the kingdom, you've not enter the kingdom. To enter the kingdom you need to be born of the water and the spirit.

And then the question you want to ask is this, the Bible did simply say as a Christian, that God is your Father of your spirit, is that ok? You are already a new creation in Christ Jesus. You are born of the spirit. You are not born of the flesh. How did I know that? Because John Chapter 1 tells us, that he said, he came unto his own, talking about Jesus and his own did not received him. And he said to them that received him, not to them that will receive him later, he gave them the right of power to become the son of God. Now, watch this, he said not born of flesh (that is verse 11)

I think we should read it.

John 1

11. He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

He gave them power to be born the second time if you want to say that. To be born again.

Go on please,

even to them that believe on his name.

13. Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Now, look at their qualifications. Look at their CV, to them that were actually born again.

Number 1, born of what? not of blood, not of the will of the flesh means they were not just born of a natural descends. In fact if you check some translations, he will say they were not born of a natural descend, not of woman just like John the Baptist was.

Go on please,

nor of the will of man, but of God.

Can you see? He says they were born of God. They were given birth to by God. When he says not of flesh.

Now, see if you noticed, anytime he says not of flesh, it means they are born of the spirit, because the spirit is always a contrast of the flesh.

Now, what are we trying to conclude? We are trying to simply say Jesus said if you are born of the spirit, that means you have entered the kingdom.

So for you as a Christians, for you who is born again, for you who is born of the spirit according to John Chapter 1 verse 11 that we have read, according to John Chapter 3 from verse 3 to verse 7 that we read, if you are born again the Bible simply says you've already entered the kingdom of God we are talking about. For those who are not in the kingdom, they are just people who are just born of women according to Matthew 11:11-13.

So it means for you, when you are praying Lord let your kingdom come in my life. That is a kind of prayer point you have to be careful about, when you are praying that prayer. What are you talking about? If you are claiming let your kingdom come in my life, you are simply saying Lord I think am just born of a woman, am not born of the spirit yet. Am not born again yet.

Am still going to talk about other aspects of the kingdom, but am just saying primarily as a Christian, you could not be a Christian, you could not be born again, you could not be born of the spirit, unless you agree that you are actually in the kingdom according to the Word of God. That is what we see today.

It is good to know that you are born again, you are born of the spirit and you have entered into the kingdom. And the better news is that, if you are feeling very little in the kingdom, he tells you, you are greater than anyone outside there in the kingdom. If

you are feeling really little. You don't find any significance to the new birth, what is it? and people are trying to say maybe you need to do more and more and belittling...

For people to aspire to something else, they have to belittle the experience they have, for them to be thinking I need to get more. And for them not to appreciate what...so we want to tell you that what happened at that birth is something magical. That is it. Even the hosts of heaven rejoice when you enter. There is a procession for you.

So don't let anybody tell you another second work of grace and all those kind of things and belittle your experience. The rebirth experience is a very great experience. Is something that was confounding to Nicodemus. He was saying how can this thing be? Just like Mary was saying how can this thing be? That is why He is saying men are pressing their way into it because it is just beyond the human calculation. He says men are pressing their way into that kingdom.

So just like when Mary was confounded when she got the prophesy for the birth of Jesus and is about birth, we are talking about birth. She was saying, how can these things be? It's just beyond and that is what Nicodemus say, how can this new birth be? It is something great and I want you to appreciate what happened.

And again I want to draw our attention to every other minister that has been preaching, people that has been preaching, their ministration stopped until John. You need to understand that and update the knowledge and understand the kingdom experience, so that you can be of blessing to people beyond that. So that people can be greater, you can pump people to a greater experience by understanding and update the knowledge.

And even to understand that what the prophet and the laws, what you have been preaching must actually be Christ. So any law and prophesy that does not point to Christ is just a waste of exercise. And then you need to update the knowledge, so that people can come to the greater experience that Christ is here now. So all our messages must point to Christ.

Now, you see you might be wondering where are we going today with this today's transmission Knock Out series on prayer? How is this connected to your prayer point? Well it's everything about your prayer life.

Now, the reason we are saying that, think about it deeply, in the natural world, if you are listening to this today, I presume you belong to a particular country or you belong to a particular nation where you live at the moment. Even if you don't live in that nation, you are carrying a passport of a particular nation. Of course everybody comes from somewhere except for some few people who are actually stateless, with those

exception of those people who are stateless. Everybody comes from somewhere, you carry a particular passport. Some even do have dual citizenship.

What does that mean? It means you have access. There are rights and privileges that particular nation or country that you belong to confers on you. It confers that on you automatically. People go to great length to actually buy their citizenship like Paul in the scriptures. He actually got his Romans citizenship and there were some things, some rights and privilege that Paul had, that other disciples or other Apostles, they didn't have it because they didn't have Romans citizenship.

In fact when Paul was being beaten, Paul reminded the soldier who was doing that, saying do you know that you are trying to beat a Romans citizen? It means that citizenship or being part of a nation presents to you or give to you some certain rights and privileges that other people from other country might not have.

This thing we are talking about today is all critical down to your prayer life. This is the reason, because every time you approach the Father. Have you noticed that before the statement of give us our daily bread. The question is, who are you to ask your daily bread from the Father? Do I know you? The Father will be asking you? On what basis? What right and privileges do you have to be asking the Father for your daily bread?

This is an opening point to the strength of your prayer life. He is trying to tell you there is a kingdom and this kingdom, you are part of this kingdom. He is asking disciples to pray for the kingdom to come, but in your case, if you are born again, you are born of the spirit. If your birth is not just limited to that of a woman, the Bible says you have been ushered in into a new kingdom. And if you are ushered in into a kingdom, it makes logical sense that you have rights and privileges being a citizen of that kingdom. And that is why Jesus talk about the kingdom matter in the Lord's prayer before He began to talk about you making demand for a daily bread. Can you see that?

So that is why anytime you pray, anytime you seek the Father. The question is, what rights and privileges do you have? You need a kingdom mindset in order to be able to have the faith that you need in the place of prayer.

And it makes sense for you to ever feel entitle and feel like you have a right to benefit just like the benefit of the cross, you really have to be part of the kingdom. You cannot be entitled to any benefit. You know there is something you just said now, and I think that is quite interesting that actually brought up a scripture in my spirit, that I have never thought about even in this transmission today.

Thank you for that.

There were times they are collecting tax. Jesus was actually confronted with the disciples and they asked them to pay tax. You know Jesus said something, he said the men of this world, from whom do they collect tax? He says it is from the children or from the slave? They said from the servants, and he said that mean the sons are free. Can you see that? There are some rights, some privileges that are accorded you because of your citizenship.

And I say this quickly, there are some countries of the world, that if you go there to those countries, if you travel there and you are immigrant in those countries, you can work your whole head, in fact you can keep working morning night trying to make ends meet. But there are some people who are citizen of that same country where the immigrant is working, the reason why they get some benefit or some rights without stressing themselves out is simply because they claim that they were citizens of that country.

I am trying to show you by giving you a picture in the natural, of what the benefit of citizenship can actually accord people. The Bible is simply saying, if you are going to come before the Father in the place of prayer and you begin to say give us this day our daily bread. Christ is saying by the Lord's prayer, let's instil into you a kingdom mindset first. Let's instill into you a citizenship mindset first, before we start talking about our daily bread. You see, we must follow the order of the Lord's prayer, if we are going actually not fall for wrong ideologies in the place of prayer.

I just pray and hope that our viewers will be able to warp their mindon these things. Because their freedom is tie to understanding this kingdom thing. It's just about the scene about the tax collection and everything that the sons are free. If you don't know the knowledge of what we are sharing today and feel like what is this, let's go into give us the daily bread. You are joking with your liberty. Because the freedom there, that was what answer and shut the mouth, the sons are free. So how will you know that you are free when you don't know that in the kingdom, you have the right to freedom?

And the same thing that Jesus was saying when he went to the temple and saw the woman that was held bent for eighteen years, and she is daughter of Abraham and that settle it. Because it is the kingdom right, you should not be bend. That is the thing. So there are some things, some of the things that people are praying about and being on mountain. We are not discrediting prayer, we are not saying we should pray always, we know the scriptures. We know we've been on Knock out season on prayer talking about prayer, but some things that people are praying about, you just need the

knowledge, knock out that Jesus said the sons are free and put everybody in their place.

So understanding the kingdom mentality set the freedom, at least put you in the understanding of that freedom and the liberty and settles it just like a punch line for it. The woman was set free, because understanding that she is a daughter of Abraham. And because of daughter of Abraham and where she belong, she should not be held bound that way. And it shut the mouth of those ones, that the sons are free.

So you should be free, if you understand that you are part of this kingdom. So your liberty, your freedom, your benefit, they are tie to this knowledge of your citizenship. So if you don't know that you are one of God, that you are part of this kingdom, so really you don't even know where to go, you don't have the confidence, you don't even know you are entitle.

Thank you for that insight.

Now, viewers can you see? What we are talking about today is simply based on the fact that we are saying unless we settled kingdom understanding, prayer will be a struggle. And that is why it is coming into the Lord's Prayer that Jesus made reference to this before the disciples, before the very next phrase about making a petition for daily bread.

Now, let's say this before we continue. The fact is, we are exploring the fact that according to the scriptures, being born is what separate those who are in the kingdom and those who are not in the kingdom. I guess people talk about, like you are talking about second work of grace, third work of grace, fourth work of grace, seven level of attainment.

Well like we said, the punch line that we are using in this Knock Out series is the Word of God. That is why we are comparing scriptures with scriptures. If you have any other scriptures, you can show us, we will be glad to actually look into it.

But Jesus said for those who are born of women, John the Baptist is the greatest. But He says for those in the kingdom, that will be those who are laying claim to a being born that is beyond just women, he said those in the kingdom. So those in the kingdom will have to be those people who are not just limiting their being born to just being born by woman.

So if you are born again, it means you are born the second time, this time around not just by a woman, you are born of the spirit, you are born of God, you are automatically in the kingdom. There is no middle ground about it. That is what we see

there. So it means the kingdom of God is in you at the moment if you are born of the spirit according to the scriptures.

I may want to emphasize that you can only be born of God. Then if you are not born of God, then every other birth, some people might say ok, apart from being naturally born of women, they have some birth by attendance. Some are just saying and they are equating their attendance in any religious organization and the titles and everything, equating as if they are part of the kingdom. We just only found out from today, that the only reason why you can get into the kingdom is to be born. There is no other way to be get into the kingdom. In fact years of service doesn't get you into the kingdom.

John 3 emphasize that again. Even going beyond Matthew 11:11-13, go to John 3. John 3 says except you are born you can't even see the kingdom. Even that John 3 was talking to Nicodemus who is religious man. Nicodemus, you are not in the kingdom. Christ was saying it doesn't matter whether you've been there for years. You are not in the kingdom. Nicodemus, to get into the kingdom is so straight forward, just be born again.

And then we can see that. So it means if you are born again and you are listening to this transmission today, if you have given your life to Jesus, if you have confess that Jesus is Lord, and you believe in your heart that God raise Jesus from the dead for your justification. If that is what you believed, if that is what you confess. You are in the kingdom. The Kingdom of God is in you as we are talking today.

But of course, like most things work in the realm of the spirit, like things work in God's kingdom. If you don't know what you have, if you don't know where you have been brought into, you will not be able to get the benefits of that which you are already operating in. So it's one thing that you have been brought into the kingdom, is a whole different thing that you understand your status and your situation and that you can lay hold of that benefit for your life and destiny.

If you are not in the kingdom, the door is not shut now, because it is the Lord that has the power to shut the door. Because if you remember the story of Noah, it was God that shut the door. So no man can shut the door for you. So you have the opportunity today to be in the kingdom and come into the kingdom, to understand... you accept Jesus and that is the way. Just as we explain in John Chapter 3, born of this spirit, to come into the kingdom today to partake, so you can partake of all these benefits. Don't shut yourself out.

And quite unlike some other religions, some other people who claim that they have a way to God or way to the Father or a way to spirituality. They will tell you there are seven exoteric steps for you to attain, for you to get to that level. All that Christ was saying as long as you are born again, you are born of the water and the spirit, He said you are in the kingdom. That's what Christ says. Is just that straight forward.

No man can take credit for it. It is the work of God. Just receive him. Can you see? He said he came unto his own, and his own did not receive him. He said to them that received him. You can't even boast and say I attain seven steps of spiritual. He says to them that received him. That is all. How easy it is to receive him? He says the receive him.

So the receiving there destroy every ego of man. That is why 1Corinthians 6:12 says what do you have that you have not received. He says if you have received it, why are you boasting about it? So when you received things, you don't boast. Because receiving doesn't exalt you as a receiver, it only exalt the giver. That is the point. The Bible says the borrower is a servant to the lender. The person that receives is always saying that the person that gives is greater.

The Bible say you are call to receive this new birth. And if you are call to receive it, he said it ushers you into the kingdom. And you can do it where you are. You can do that right where you are today and come right into the kingdom of God.

So what we are trying to say today is, as a Christian when you are praying "the Lord's prayer." When you say your kingdom come in my life, or let your kingdom come into me. Well, you've got to think twice when you pray such prayer point. Like I said, we are still going to talk about the kingdom to come. But we are starting from the first principle that for you as a Christian, the kingdom has come into you already. You are in the kingdom already, the spiritual kingdom.

For people who are already in the kingdom, we've settle that. We've already shown the way for people to get into the kingdom, for those who are not in the kingdom.

But we just want to take our mind back to that Matthew that say thy kingdom come because some people are in the kingdom now and they felt that because of what is happening to them now, because of the assignment, they already felt the kingdom is theirs ... this kingdom is not, and already having megalomania perception of themselves as if they are kingdom and all the kind. It is thy kingdom. You have to understand that it's God's kingdom, no matter what you do, or what you have become whatsoever, paraphilia of the kingdom, do not be deceived. Do not be carried away sort of, to know that it is his kingdom. It is his

Not your kingdom, it is the Lord's kingdom. Every kingdom built by men, every kingdom by men are set up they will disappear, it is a matter of time. The Bible says in 1John 2 verse 14 to verse 16. He says the world is passing away with his lust thereof but he that does the will of the Father abides forever. It means he is saying things will fizzle out, it's a matter of time. That is why the Bible says we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken. (Hebrews 12). That is amazing, he says let us serve God with reverence and fear. The kingdom that cannot be shaken, every other thing will be shaken away. Empires will come and go.

Look at Colossians 1, we are looking at the relevance of this to your prayer life.

You can read from verse 13.

Now watch this.

Colossians 1

13. Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.

Now, I want you to take note of the tenses of the scriptures. If it is a present tense, past tense or continuous tense.

He says

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness,

That was what Paul was talking about believer.

and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.

It means he has shifted our position, he has shifted our location.

What does he says there?

and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.

Can you see that?

Of course, if you are still doubting the testimony we've had in the past, for ten, fifteen minutes trying to convince you as a Christian that you cannot use prayer points to transfer yourself into God's kingdom. You can't use prayer to say Father today, am going to pray all night prayer and declare that the kingdom of God must come in my life. Kingdom come with fire upon my destiny.

Well, that kind of prayer, if you are not careful, you are trying to say Father I don't really believe what Christ did on the cross. I want to use my prayer point to make this

happened. Because the Bible simply says here that Christ had, can you see? **Who had delivered us from the dominion of darkness and hath translated us, he had moved us into the kingdom of his dear Son.**

So this is clear cut scriptures to say if you are a believer, you are in God's kingdom already. You are right inside that kingdom. If you are a Christian, that is what he says there.

Verse 14

14. In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.

He says that is all needed. If you are redeemed by the blood of Jesus and your sins are forgiven. He says there goes your prerequisite requirement to enter into the kingdom. So you are in the kingdom, if you are listening to this.

The good news is you have the rights and privileges of your citizenship. That is the point. You are born into God's kingdom. You have the right and privileges of God's kingdom. Our citizenship is in heaven, it means if I may say this to you then, it means it's high time you go to find out the privileges and the rights of your citizenship. Can you see that? It's time to find out, so that when you come to the Father in the place of prayer, you are talking kingdom. You are talking kingdom. You are reasoning kingdom. You are not talking like somebody who is an immigrant into that country. You are not talking like somebody who has a temporary residence in that country. You are talking like somebody who has been translated, who has been moved. You have been permanently moved. Some countries have a kind of status. They call it permanent residency.

The Bible says in Colossians 1:13 you have a permanent residency. You have been moved, translated (past tense) from the dominion of darkness into the kingdom of his dear Son.

Now, there is something I want you to contrast here today, and I want you to look at this contrast. The Bible presents the opposite of being in the kingdom. And see, when you read the Bible it's better to get a better picture of the revelation of the Word by looking at the opposite of what he says. The opposite can make you appreciate better what the reality is.

Now, the question is, he is saying here that if you were translated into the kingdom of his dear Son, it means you cannot be under the dominion of darkness. If you are in the dominion of darkness, you are not in the kingdom of his dear Son. You cannot believed both, is ether this or that. If you are just born of a woman, you were under

the dominion of darkness but if you are born again, you are in the kingdom of his dear Son.

Now, if you are wondering, are there some ten steps or twenty-five logical points or some anointing meetings or some conventions that need to wait for, to move me into kingdom of God's Son.

Well, you might want to check verse 14 and verse 15 that says all that was needed was that you needed redemption through his blood, having your sins forgiven. He says that is all that is needed for you to boldly say oh! it means am no more under the dominion of darkness. Am now in the kingdom of his dear Son. Can you see how these changes how we pray? This changes how we approach the Father in the place for prayer.

Now, am wondering that you might be thinking that well, thank you for what you are saying to me today, you are hearing this and then you are listening to this. You are wondering, thank you for this, but my experience show that there is so much darkness around my life, there is so much things that I can point to, and I can see evil patterns where I am or in my family or in my background or in my situation. I can see darkness.

It is pretty obvious. Well, the reality of that is the Bible says in Romans Chapter 3, let every man be a liar. But let God be true. What that means is, the devil is call the Father of liars. That is what the Bible says.

It means Satan will always come to lie to you about the reality of your condition so that he can take advantage of you. So what you have to do is show the enemy the truth of the Word and say the Bible never said to you that if you pray long enough you will be translated into the kingdom of his dear Son. That is not what he said.

He said now, because you have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus, because your sins have been forgiven. That was the passport that you needed to enter into the kingdom of his dear Son.

So every of your experience that says otherwise, you are going to stand against the experiences and tell them you are a liar, let God be true.

It is comforting that in Colossians Chapter 1 verse 14 that the Lord did not leave us in the dark. He let us know the process how it happens. The medium of transfer through his blood. Is not like through anointing service or through revelation of a minister or what some other minsters has done or anything or service or attendance. He said through his blood and its blood. It is not the sacrifice or sweat of somebody or prayer

or service by somebody. It is through his blood. So we really understand so that we will not be taken advantage of.

You know that is about Knock out series. Letting you know that nobody spoil you with any with visions and any testimonies. You know that this is through his blood. That is how it happened. So you can really be sure, making you to understand how the process, it was not done in the dark. So you can understand how it is. So you can reinforce and you can be settled in the knowledge of your citizenship.

And again, is very disturbing to see that some people don't even have the problem with being born again or something. They are in the kingdom and yet they will still be praying as if they are visitors in the kingdom, like a temporary residence immigrant. That is how the approach even for things that are rightly there. So there is nothing the consulate or anybody can do if you really don't feel that you are part of it, you cannot even approach, you cannot even get the benefit from it.

So today we are trying to wake people up today and say Yes! you are citizen as long as you are born again, your address has change. You are in the kingdom. The kingdom has come for you, that is what we are talking about today. Can you see? The kingdom of God has come already for you as a Christian.

And so for kingdom, there are rights and responsibilities attach to it. And that is for you to know. And if you have gone to do anything about prayer before, you need to approach the right consulate, who is responsible, you will be able to know who is responsible before you make any request. So how will you write as who? Who are you to write as what? That is the thing, establishing that in the Lord 's Prayer.

I hope we are blessed by this. Is there anything you want to round it off?

I want to say viewers you want to stick with us on this Knock Out series on prayer. We've not even began to look into the areas we delve into because as we begin to say, we begin to talk about that already to tell you that, the reason why Jesus brought the kingdom mentality into the place of prayer is because He expected that statement to revolutionize the mentality of the disciples when they pray that prayer.

So as we established today, we can see that this revelation of the kingdom is critical to the effectiveness of your prayer because why? It makes you understand that even before you began to ask for our daily bread, you are in a kingdom and your kingdom has rights and privileges for you to lay hold of in the place of prayer.

I will just want to say if you are just coming into the kingdom today because some people their prayer is thy kingdom come, because to them and you are coming, I want

to say congratulations for kingdom has come, come and enjoy what some other people have been enjoying. It is good that you enjoy.

And if you are already in the kingdom, we are saying you should pick yourself from the dust and know that there are so much of rights and responsibility, there is so much of benefits. The understanding of this kingdom will revolutionize the way you pray and you go about asking the Lord in the place of prayer. Your prayer life will change. The way you pray will change. Your confidence level will change about it. How you go about it. And you know that you are in the right place. You can't be lost in the place of prayer and saying Oh am talking to the right person? You know that you are in the kingdom, your address has change. How it came about.

So today we've demystified all the things around born again and this third work of grace, seven steps and all those kind of things. And tell you how it is being done.

So if this blesses you, we really want to see you. Your comments, your questions, your clarification. We want you to share this with your network.

On Tuesday we were in Bradford ministering, if you have joined us, that is good. And if you missed it, you can go to our page to look at it.

So please share this and so till we see you 9am UK time, we want to say as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.

God bless you.

Bye!!!