

Exposé 247

Bucket Ministry Series 18

Title: Different Strokes for Christian folks

...is that sure as assurance of the Word of the Lord because Psalms 119 verse 130 says the unfolding of the Word brings light and give understanding to the simple. You will be simple sure, you are going out with understanding.

So we will like to ask you to turn up the volume of your device, we want you to alert people, you really need to know. People are not just only waiting for bank and credit alert on your phone, you could alert them. We can call it Word alert. There is this illumination today, there is understanding for you today.

So contact all you need to do to contact and just grab your Bible as we continue on the conversation with this woman in John Chapter 4. We trust the Lord that as the Word unfold, we unbundle this revelation truth, so that we can know all we ought to know. So that we can have all we ought to have.

Viewers all over the world, thank you again for tuning in unto this Bucket Ministry Series. From our last transmission, we began to hold on to something by the Spirit of Grace and we began to... don't forget that we actually act on this woman in John Chapter 4 which is the whole point of the Bucket Ministry Series. And we have been taking out the nuggets of the Spirit for our daily living and for an implication of the gospel for us now in the 21st century.

Don't forget that we began to look out at this water that Jesus was going to siphon from this woman and that has led us into different tracks in the Bible to identify what we notice is the law of Sin and death, the nature of sin, the fleshly nature.

And that actually prompt us to begin to figure out what was the origin? Where does it come from? because if you really want to detect something and deal with it in a real way, knowing the source and the origin of something is one way to deal with it.

In fact, in Medicine when they want to deal with diseases and any form of malady, they want to tend to know how did this person contract particular ailment in the first. To be able to figure out how to deal with it because they know how it came in.

So last transmission, we by the Spirit of Grace illuminated to see how sin entered the world.

Romans 5 says by one man's disobedience, sin entered the world and death by sin.

So we figure out by the grace of God in our last transmission, how it entered into our world.

So you want to look for that transmission and listen to it.

By the grace of God, we are going to continue today but the Lord is still not releasing us yet from this issue of investigation of that water that Jesus says he was going to take off from this woman. So we are going to continue for more insight as the Lord will help us today.

Now, follow us quickly as we go to Genesis Chapter 3 before we go back to John 4 which is where our major...

And then we stopped there in our last transmission in... Genesis 3 verse 6 was where we actually stopped in our last transmission.

Now, verse 7 can you read that please. So up to verse 6, we've looked at the origin, the source, the anatomy of how it all came back.

Genesis 3

7. And the eyes of them both were opened and they knew that they were naked.

Now if you notice, that means they had a knowledge. If you were with us in our past two or three episodes where we talked about if you knew the gift of God. Jesus told that woman that the problem is, you don't know what the gift of God is, that is why you are claiming an identity that is tied down to ethnic background, claiming you are a Samaritan, is because you don't know the gift of God.

You know why she didn't know the gift of God is because prior to Jesus encountering this woman by the well, she already had an initial knowledge, it was a battle of knowledge against knowledge. Can you see that?

When sin entered the world, it entered with a knowledge. The Bible says and they knew. Can you see that?

It means every time you are presenting the gospel, you are trying to bring men into a knowledge of God's gift knowing fully well that men had a knowledge of something that had plague them all these while.

So when sin entered the world, it didn't just entered by itself, it came with a knowledge. He said they knew... Can you see?

They knew they were naked...a realization comes to us.

Go on please

and they sew fig leaves together and made themselves apron.

So when they knew they were naked, when they knew that they were vulnerable. They did something about it, they sold fig leaves to cover themselves up.

And may we say then, right from that time till now, thousands and thousands years have gone by and humanity is still on the same exercise, on the same mission to cover up. A mission to make up. Everything people do, even for yourself that you are listening to this, if I ask you why do you do what you do? Why do you go to where you go? Why are you part of that association? Why are you part of that community? Why do you show up in your place of work in the morning? Why do you do what you do in the morning?

You can see that there is an ultimate search going on, we all do what we do because we are trying to derive something from that thing to cover up to say, you know what? I am somebody, am not ashamed, am not somebody who is vulnerable. Am going to get a cover for myself. And this began the whole point of exercise that humanities has engage itself in.

If you missed one of our transmission in the past, we talked about this in our previous transmission. You see, what Adam did was, he took leaves and trees that was part of God's creation and rearrange it into something like a dress to cover up, and this is all thing about humanity.

You can see that, he actually had to cover up everything to make sure, he doesn't feel that sense of guilt and shame. So this was what he began to do as a response to the fall into sin.

So have you then notice that all our discuss about identity...that is why I said Jesus knew there was no way to take this woman out of her condition in terms of linking herself to where she came from, until the nature of sin and death was siphoned or taken out of this woman.

Can you see that when sin entered the world, it came with the fact that man needed to do something? Man needed to engage in activities to fight that feeling that I am naked. To fight that feeling that I am no one.

So everything that man began to do was to fight that feeling. So it means all these feeling of shame, feeling of guilt, of inadequacy, of vulnerability, this thing came with sin. Can you see? It came with sin that is what we notice there.

You want to continue please?

Verse 8

8. And they heard the voice of the Lord God watching in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

There was one thing that you actually did mentioned in our last episode and I think this is an opportunity for us to trash this out by the grace of God.

You were saying something about the fact that when we are talking about Jonathan Edward and we were simply saying...when he talked about Sinners in the hand of an Angry God, when we said the response of humanity to sin or the effect that sin produce in us is that we have a tendency to always look for what is in it for us every time we tend to do anything we do.

So our activities are not just mere activities in themselves, they are a means to an end and we said the end themselves is either fear or pride.

And then you began to say how come then Jonathan Edward then himself wrote a book “Sinner in the hands of an angry God”, was he not going to use the tool of fear to drive people into Christianity? And that was something we didn’t trash out properly.

By the grace of God today, we’ve come to a point in this verse 8...

Please if you are there in **Genesis 3: 8**, see what it says,

And he said,

And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of day.

This was not the voice of a prophet. This was not the voice of a minister of the gospel. This was not the voice of Jonathan Edward. This is the voice of the Lord God himself. But when the Lord God himself showed up in the garden, what did they do?

They had to hide themselves in fear.

Now have you noticed, this is not a preacher of the gospel now? This is not God coming to preach fear to them to drive them to repent. This was just the voice of the Lord in the garden. But they themselves responded in fear.

Now the point that we trying to make in our last transmission is made clearer in this place, it is not about the presentation or no presentation. The fact is, humanity has only one way to respond to anything whether the gospel, to anything about life. The response is always fear or pride.

So even when God himself came with his own voice in the garden, the only way Adam could respond was in fear. God had not even condemned him yet. That is the reason why John 3: 17, 18 says he that does not believe is condemned...

You don't need to do anything. You don't need to say I am going to come and condemn you with the gospel. Any time they heard the Word of the Lord, because of the way we respond is always out of fear and pride because everything we do has a purpose. We don't do the right thing unless we are afraid. We don't do the right thing unless we want to become proud about doing it.

So it means that is the only way we know how to respond.

That is the reason when God himself came with his own voice, they had to run with fear. That is why am trying to say...

You want to say one or two things?

Yes, about last transmission when the discussion about Sinners in the hand of God. Am much more concern and bothered about the presentation.

Like then, I was talking about people coming to know God as an angry... the only image or ways some people know God alone is just like an angry... even when they have some scriptures that tell you that his angry is for a moment. And we even understand people coming through only that, we know that there is a judgment, there is condemnation on those who do not believe. We know that there is a judgment seat of Christ. We know the great white throne, when the wrapping up of all these things, we know the indignation that has come upon the earth.

But when we see the presentation and that is the only time that people know and the only means when we even have scriptures that tells us is the goodness of the Lord that lead to repentance. Am bringing it to the episode in Luke Chapter 4 verse 18 when Jesus read from the scriptures...when he was quoting the book of Isaiah...

Now viewers listen to this, this is a discuss going on now and this might be applicable to your current experience where you are personally or where you worship.

Luke 4

17. They delivered unto him the book of the prophet Isaiah and when they had opened the book, he found the place where it was written

18. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, he has sent me to heal the broken hearted to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruise.

19. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord

20. And he closed the book.

If you go back to where that Isaiah is, we found out that is not after to preach the acceptable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance was part of the original manuscript. But Jesus omitted that and he closed the book. And that is what I was trying to draw the attention of... people could use the approach of fear... kind of Sinners of the hand of God, we are just using that like a prototype...

Jesus himself at that time know that is not the time that today is the day of the acceptable year of the Lord. Today is not the day of vengeance, is closed and he did not talk about that.

Now, you see! Viewers it is getting interesting by the Spirit of grace.

Now, I want you to do something and I want you to finish in verse 20. I want you to read as you go down.

What does it say please? I want you to look at the audience.

20. And he closed the book and he gave it again to the minister and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fasten on him. And he begin to say unto them. This day is this scripture fulfil in your eyes.

Now, those people, their eyes were fasten on him.

22. And all bear him witness and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth and they said is not this Joseph's son? And he said unto them, you will surely say unto me this proverb physician heal thyself. Whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum do also here in thy country.

Now, the reason why I actually did say you should read about the audience. The Bible says they wondered at the gracious words that was coming out of his mouth. I want you to look at the group of people that Jesus began to speak with in that place.

And I also want to take note of the prophesy from Isaiah that Jesus quoted in Luke 4. He did say he actually specifically put the people who was referring to in a box, and I want you to take note of that distinction. He said he was sent to minister to those who were blind, so that they can see. What happened to those who were not blind? Take note of that.

Now, he was also sent to heal the broken hearted. What about those who claim are not broken hearted? That wouldn't apply to them. Isn't it?

Also he also said he was meant to preach deliverance to the captives, what about those who claim, am not in captivity? It will mean that this prophesy that you declare, maybe doesn't apply to them isn't... am using the word maybe... stick with us as we continue on this transmission today.

I have a concern that Jesus kind of specifically malign in a way divided and he claimed that this preaching of the year of the Lord's favour, it seem to me to be streamline to a particular set of people. Am not sure you can see what we are seeing here. Unless you want to claim everybody is broken hearted, unless you want to claim that everybody accepted that they are broken hearted. Is that what you want to claim?

We are going to read quite a number of scriptures today and trust the Holy Ghost for inspiration. But do you accept the fact that Jesus streamlined the people to whom this...

If you go the original prophesy, who was it meant for? The whole world is broken, under darkness. So is not about Jesus streamline, this was a prophesy...

Okay! That is a very good thing to say...

If you read Isaiah, he wouldn't change the audience... He lifted it from there.

You can read it...

Isaiah 61

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed to preach good tidings unto the meek, he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.

So there is no difference in the fact that there is categorization. Having read that, I want you to be patient with us now as we go through verses of the scriptures.

Let's take the first verse,

John 9 verse 39, please read that.

John 9

39. And Jesus said for judgment I'm come into this world that they which see not might see.

So they which are blind... which is taken us back to the Luke 4: 18, those people who are blind. Does that agree with what you read in Luke 4: 18? Have come that the blind might see.

So you tell the blind the gospel that simply says Jesus has brought favour to you, the year of the Lord's favour so that you can see. That is what the blind should listen to and you will be right.

So let's continue

And they which see might be made blind.

You don't tell those people that see... you don't preach that gospel to them...

You don't tell them it is the year of the Lord's favour.

Again, you have to agree with the fact that Luke 4: 18 says people that you tell this is the year of the Lord's favour are the broken hearted, those who are blind. That is why I said you have to do exegesis of the scripture because even Jesus himself accepted here in John 9: 39 that some people are not blind.

And for viewers who are listening to this and hearing this teaching today, because we don't have much time, there is so many things to read. We are taking it step by step.

The background of this story was when the Pharisees came to actually argue with Jesus on the reason why he had to open the eyes of the man that was born blind. You can read the whole context, it was about all these accusation of the Pharisees.

We know that Jesus was directing this statement, there was two audiences. There was a man who was born blind, who received the ministry of healing from Jesus. And there was those people who began to claim that they know everything, and everything is fine, that why would Jesus be doing what he was doing. So when he was speaking he had two audience in mind.

So we then see that Luke 4: 18 doesn't seem to encompass every man upon the face of the earth. It will mean some people are claiming... I know you can argue that they are blind, but they claim they see.

So Luke 4: 18 can only be applicable to the broken hearted, to those who are blind first. So it means when you are talking about preaching the Lord's favour and preaching the goodness of the Lord and you tell somebody who can see...

That is why today if you preach the gospel and you tell some people, Jesus loves you and he came to die for your sins. Somebody can say excuse me! I don't need that Jesus. Who told you am a sinner? I am fine. That's why that gospel doesn't resonate to some people today. So if you carry the gospel Jesus loves you and save you. That is why people especially in the Western world, preachers of the gospel are struggling... I used the word especially in the western world or in some other non-western world that the globalization agenda has reached. Some minister of God struggle because when you tell them you need a Savior or you need to repent and they are wondering repent from what? What are you talking about? I'm fine. I can see! I'm not blind. Don't tell me about the Lord's favour, who need his favour?

You can see why that gospel doesn't work. But when you tell that gospel to the brokenhearted. When you tell somebody who is poor- when I say poor, somebody who this world says there is nothing of value in him. When we used the word poor, it's an all-

encompassing word for somebody that the system of this world says there is nothing of value.

So when you tell them that listen! somebody of value, Jesus died and by his death on the cross, he is transferring the favour and the benefit of his own righteousness to you, this person lacks it because you tell the blind, you tell the brokenhearted, you tell those who are down that this is the year of the Lord's favour. So they are the one that needs that gospel.

Now, we are taking this slowly. We are going to read other scriptures.

Let's read other scriptures, Romans Chapter 2. That was the one you quoted. We are going to dissect this, little by little so you can get it. You quoted it but when you quoted it, there was something that was not actually clarify in that quotation.

Romans 2

1. Therefore thou art inexcusable o man

When he says O man, I want to believe he was talking to a particular audience, we will found out the particular audience. If you have time please read the whole Chapter, don't forget that there was nothing like Chapter and verses in the original manuscripts, so in the Death Sea scroll, there was no Chapter and verses.

So in reality please read Chapter 1, you will get the picture of this O man., he was talking about.

Now, this O man is talking to a particular type of person.

Go on please

Whosoever thou that judgest.

So this person has a high sense... he's actually judging, which means this person he is fine. He's the one telling somebody you are wrong, who are you, this and that? So he's a particular kind of person. He's not everyone on the face of the earth that will qualify for this O man in Romans 2

Go on please

for wherein thou judges another, thou condemns yourself. For thou that judges does the same thing.

So this person is a judge. This person has a high sense of morality, high sense of worth, high sense of value. So he is able to look down on other people. He is able to talk them down.

Don't forget that we said when sin entered the world, it entered based on fear and pride. This person has a high level of standing on every ground. He is able to look down and talk down on people. So that confirms to you and I this is a type of people...

Amplified Version

Therefore you have no excuse and justification, every one of you, hypocritically judges and condemn others, for in passing judgment on another person...

So there is a you, that said is the audience.

for in passing judgment on another person, you condemn yourself because you who judge from the position of arrogance or self-righteousness

See that?

That couldn't be more than clear enough that the audience of Romans Chapter 2 is not even everyone upon the face of the earth.

I might even say this in clear terms. Is not the same audience that you found in Luke 4: 18 because the ones in Luke 4: 18 are the broken hearted. People that don't have value. People that they don't even have the ground to judge people because they themselves are down there. So these people are not in Luke 4: 18 people.

Go on please

from a position of arrogance or self-righteousness, habitually practicing the very same thing which he denounce,

2. And we know that the judgment of God falls justify and in accordance with truth with those who practice such things.

3. But do you think this O man, when you judge and condemn those who practice such things and yet do the same yourself that you will escape God's judgment.

Before you go on, that is why I did say in reality that when Jesus said those that see to make them blind, that was a bit of sarcasm, because in actual fact they only claim they can see, everybody is blind. That is why he is saying here that you are claiming that you can see than other people. You are claiming high moral ground than other people. Actually you are guilty of the same thing, but you are claiming that you can see...

So Jesus used that in a way to say I know you claim you see but actually everybody is blind. So in this place, they claim they can see...

Go on please,

And yet you do the same yourself and you escape God's judgment and elude his verdict or do you have no regard

What do you keep seeing there?

The Lord's favour? The year of the Lord's favour?

What does it keep saying? What is the word that keep resounding?

The Judgment...

Where is the year of the Lord's favour? We can't find it here.

Now, it keep resounding the statement that is a bit strange,

Go on please

This is the gospel. This is not even Old Testament. This is New Testament

or do you have no regard for the words of his kindness and tolerance and patience.

I will read KJV

or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long suffering not knowing that the goodness of God led it to repentance...

Now, viewers all over the world, am not sure how many times you've read this? If you are a good student of the Bible. If you have read this before or somebody read this to you, when I used to read this many times, I used it to read it wrongly.

Now, this is why we hang up for the Holy Spirit, that is why the scriptures the Word of God is life, sanctify them by your truth, the word is truth. The word of God is not a novel, is not a story book. Is not a book of theories and concept and history, because if it is a book of history, you keep reading the same thing redundant but every time we read the Bible, if you are a student of the Bible and you have the Holy Ghost to minister to you, what you see today you might not have seen yesterday. That is why even if you know the scriptures before, I want you to listen to what the Spirit of Christ is saying to you today.

Now, when I used to read this in the past, you know how I used to read?

See how I used to read. I will say in my mind,

O despises thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long suffering and knowing that the goodness of God...

So am seeing not knowing but am reading knowing...

You know for most of us, it's one thing you are reading the Bible, is a different thing you are reading your greed into his creed.

Now, the fact is he didn't say knowing that the goodness of God. So when you quoted it that is what you said. You said knowing... that is why I said... He didn't say **not knowing! not knowing!!** He didn't say knowing. That is why I said be careful now with the Word of life.

So anytime I used to quote it in the past, I will say knowing the goodness of God. No!

What he said is, this particular category of people, those who claim they see, they don't know that the goodness of God leads to repentance.

So the more you preach to them the year of the Lord's favour, they don't know. They cannot resonate with it. It doesn't drive them into the body of Christ, because they say who needs his favour? Who needs the goodness of the Lord? Who needs the benefit of Christ? Who needs the credit of Christ when I can see?

They are the ones judging other people. They are the one pushing other people down that I've got it all altogether. So any time you present to them that this is goodness of God, not knowing. You know what not knowing means, it doesn't work for them. A teaching on God's goodness doesn't work for them. So the more you present it, it always not knowing, it goes down. They don't know.

There are some people that know it and will receive it. They are the Luke 4: 18 generation. They will know it. They will appreciate it. They will receive it. They will grab it but these ones, they are not ready to grab it because they think listen! I have got it all together. I can see. If you can see who needs somebody to open your eyes when you can see. You don't talk to somebody who can see that somebody that opens the eyes of the blind is around, he will say, excuse me, did I ask from him?

So these guys not knowing...

So these statement by the writer of the book of Romans was to spite them and tell them you guys you don't even... why are you so ignorant of the fact? Why are you just playing with I?

Look at the word, verse 4

or despises...

It means they said who cares he is a good God?

That is why I said, we are going somewhere... They despise, they say who cares if God is good.

We found people that are despising of his kindness, they are taking...

Who cares if God is good?

Take that same goodness message to the broken hearted, take it to the poor, to the meek, they will grab it.

And people are fighting this goodness...

That is why if you notice along demographics line, if you take the gospel of the goodness to God, the favour of God to those who are down and out... have you notice that is why the gospel of the Lord Jesus spread more in places where people are down and out, in places where people don't have anything of value, that this world recognize, the broken heart, the meek, the blind, the captives, they grab it. But these ones, if you take it to them, they will despise it.

They will fight it, who need it? am not blind...

This is why we need to be careful now. That is why if you notice, the Apostle Paul said something about himself and I trust that if anybody is a minister of the gospel, this is a skill you need to have.

Apostle Paul said in Corinthians, he said as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, let every man be careful how they build on that foundation. That is a word you used for architect, used for contractor. You have to be a skilful person in the Word.

Hebrews Chapter 5 tells us that he that is a novice is not skilled in the Word of righteousness.

There is a level of skill you have to have in dispensing the Word so you can give to every man their portion. Don't give somebody else's portion... you don't give theses guys the goodness of God. They will despise it. Take it to the broken hearted. That is why every time as you minister, if you are preacher and you are listening to this, once you get to an audience, trust the Lord to give you direction and inspiration to decode the state of heart of your audience. Are they the audience in Romans 2 or they the one in Luke 4:18? You've got to figure out the audience and know what to give them.

I will tell you what the scriptures says you should give this people in Romans Chapter 2. If you give them God's goodness, they will despise them. So watch that!

So we are going through the Word of God gradually step by step...

I think that day of vengeance will serve that judgment...

For these people, is facing them now. You can see now, don't take us for this... Bible says if you give them God's goodness, they will despise it. So you've got to watch what you are going to give them.

I want you to hold on to this Romans Chapter 2 and then quickly I want you to go to the book of 1Timothy 1: 8, we are going to look at that as well.

It just clarify this issue. Am trying to make the case

1 Timothy 1

8. But we know that the law is good. If a man use it lawfully.

There are people who will say to you that as a preacher of the gospel, you shouldn't preach the law. You should preach the grace of God, the favour of God. Don't talk about the fact that God has demands that if anybody doesn't follow Gods demand they are going to pay for it. Don't talk about it. Don't use it as a tool. Always stick to preaching the grace of God, God loves you, God favours you, is a year of Lord's favour.

Well, that might sounds contrary to what 1 Timothy 1: 8 says. 1 Timothy 1:8 says it is a very good tool. But he says a good tool as it is, what does it say?

If a man use it lawfully

He said be careful now how you used it. That is important. It's a very good tool. But it could become a terrible tool, it might become a tool that will condemn if you don't use it the right way.

And we can see Jesus using it very well. He used it for the young rich ruler...

You've got to use it the right way. You know why he says the right way? We will found out later on as we go on...

You know some things are good, for example, you as a Medical Doctor, people talk about cannabis, people talk about all these things. You know they are very useful in Medicine as pain killer and some other things.

So every time you hear people talking about cannabis, we always tend to think, Oh! that terrible hard drugs. But don't forget that lives are being saved because of the so called hard drugs. The problem is not the cannabis or cocaine or whatever it is, it's how it is being used. Is it being used lawfully?

Don't forget that everything that God created is good and nothing to be rejected. That is the point. It's a leaf God created but the fact is, if is not used right or lawfully then it becomes a danger. It can become toxic. It can kill. This is the same thing with the law. The law is good. In fact Romans Chapter 7 echoes the same thing, he says the law is good. But he said it has to be used correctly if not it becomes a problem.

See what it says next?

9. Knowing this that the law is not made for a righteous man.

Does that then tell you the judgment of whether somebody uses the law correctly or not is I want to know upon whom are you applying it?

The person that you are applying the demands of God on that determine whether you are using it rightly or wrongly. That is why I did say that, that you don't give the Lord's favour to people who claim they can see...

So who are those people? He says if it is a righteous man. If it is a man who has been declared righteous, who God has accepted and whose sins have been washed. Who believed that my own salvation cannot save me, my own self-righteousness cannot save me. My own good works cannot save me. I cannot even justify my life by the things I do by my connection, by my associations, by my environment, by my background, by my ethnic community, by my skin colour, by whatever, I cannot justify my life. I need the grace of God. That man is declared righteous and if he's declared righteous, don't bring the law his way. Don't do it. It's not for him.

If he is a broken hearted, if he is a poor man, if he is a meek man, if he is a man that is in captivity of his own sin and its own environment and he receives Christ and he is righteous, the law is not for him, What is for him is the goodness of God. Keep on evaluating, magnifying the goodness of God, the favour of God, is what this man should continue to hear all his life.

But what about the other people?

Continue what does it says next?

But for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for man slayers.

10. For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for men stealers, for liars, for perjurers and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine.

What do you do?

You used the law on them... Tell them sinners, tell them my friend, you are condemned already. My friend, the anger and the wrath of heaven is right...

You know when we preach that, people might actually be grabbing as if hell was just rising on them...

Tell them if you think you are a good person, the demands of God are way higher than what you can come up with. They don't count and unless you actually come to the terms of God's demand. There is no future for you in eternity.

He needs to keep hearing that. Can you see that?

So you are using the law correctly. So for sinners... but for somebody like... that is when the rich young ruler came to Jesus (you just mentioned that) Jesus did not say Oh! this is

my year of favour, this is my goodness coming to you, rich young ruler. Oh! I love you so much, I will go to the cross for you. Did he say anything like that? No!

What did Jesus do? Jesus increased the demand. Go and sell everything. You think you can meet God's demand? You don't know my demand. My demands are way too high. You don't have what it takes. And if you want to save yourself and you want to be your own God and savior, you are on your way to hell.

That is the type of teaching that Christ brought to the rich young ruler. It doesn't sound like the one he close the scroll in Luke 4: 18. That doesn't sound nice. Isn't it?

That is why I will say to you that when you meet men, you decode the audience and you now bring out the right card. That is why some people need to hear that God is angry with the sinner every day because they will think they are righteous, they will think they are justified. You need to knock them down and this is where the whole point is.

So some of them they then respond with fear because they are really afraid. But that fear needs to be created in them. But for somebody who is like the woman with the alabaster box, who is broken down.

See the woman with the alabaster box... we did that in one of our episode and she was wiping the feet of Jesus. What did Jesus say? She loves much... That is a broken hearted person! If you tell that one the year of the Lord's favour, She is already brokenhearted. She is already down there. She needs to receive the love of Christ. She needs to know that.

In fact that woman was taken all the love of God she can suck in. That is why Jesus said she loves much because she was able to love much... She was soaking it all in. The brokenhearted will receive the year of the Lord's favour. But those who want to be their own savior, for those who think they are good, for those who think they have it all together. You don't tell them the year of the Lords favour. You've got to tell them that the law is going to judge every of their actions. And they don't have what it takes...

I think this probably answer the question you are talking. So it doesn't really mean as it were that you will go out there and you are going to teach and preach God loves you. Some people will not listen to what you have to say in reality.

Some people are not build for that message. No! They wouldn't respond, they will despise it.

That is why some of you might notice that you are taking this message of God's love you, It is the year of the Lord's favour, you take it to some people they just despise what you are saying, not because they are bad people, or not because they won't respond to the

gospel. You might be using the wrong tool in the wrong place. That is what we notice there.

And Jesus did this perfectly. He will use it, played the card at the right time. That's just the way it works.

So I think that probably answer that.

And one thing we want to say before we go on to other parts of the scriptures today as we begin to progress is to make one point known that when it comes to responding in fear and pride, God does not save us on the quality of our response because...

You know we are saying one thing the other time that some people preach the gospel... and they tried to use either pride or fear or something. The fact is the Apostle Paul did say in one of the places in the Bible where he said some people preach the gospel out of envy, some preached the gospel out of selfish ambition. Some preach the gospel out of different motives. The motives are not clean, they are not clear.

But the Apostle Paul said I give thanks to God that it please God to save some through all those unclean impure motives. The motives are not pure but people are still getting save anyway. He says he give thanks to God for that.

So in reality until we see Christ face to face, even for some of us, who has the correct motives...When I say correct motives which means we know we are what we are by the grace of God, we are not trying to define ourselves by anything else. In reality, we know that theologically speaking, but there are atimes there is still mixture of motives and motivation in what we do, in which atimes we can claim we are doing this because we know we already received and accepted in the beloved.

But atimes there is always a coloration of this wrong motives of fear and pride. It can mix with it atimes. It's okay we are being sanctified by the Spirit. It is a journey. It's a walk in progress. There is no point beating yourself down. It's a work in progress. But the fact is, the closest you walk with God, the more you realize these things.

If they are not becoming clearer to you by the day, it means you are not making progress in your walk with the Lord. So that is not a problem.

So atimes you preach the gospel, some people can respond out of fear, can respond out of pride. They can become born again. But that is not the problem, the problem is as they are giving their life to Jesus Christ and come to know who Christ is, are they making progress in disconnecting themselves from every worldly self-imposed identities and taking the life that Christ has, not just within but fleshing it out in their daily lives? That progress is what we are here to emphasize on this Bucket Ministry Series.

Blessed be God for the sovereignty of God by which he's overriding all the other motives and platform in which people are coming in and people are getting saved all the same.

Now quickly, so we've seen this by the word. Let's go back to Genesis 3 and begin to see what the Holy Ghost has to say to us as we begin to dissect what the Holy Ghost has to say this water that Jesus was going to siphon out of this woman.

And don't forget that we concluded at the cross, Jesus took the cup and drank the cup, took everybody's water of death and took it and nailed it to his cross.

Verse 9

9. And the Lord God called unto Adam said unto him, where are thou? And he said I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid

Can you see that? the fear even to God himself.

Go on please

because I was naked and I hid myself.

I want you to take note of one thing viewers.

This is a bit of something that should come to anyone as attention if you are a critical person, somebody who has a sense of critical reasoning, you can think through the Bible without just reading without thinking.

See what he says?

I was afraid because I was naked and I went to hide myself.

You know what actually came out to me in my own meditation upon this? is when Adam realized that he was naked and he and Eve went to sow fig leaves to cover their nakedness. So you might then want to assume and come to a conclusion that they have dealt with that sense of shame and guilt that came because sin entered the world. That was meant to be good news. What a great achievement Adam and Eve! Well done, good job, that is what you will think?

But after they covered themselves and God showed up in verse 9, in verse 10 Adam then repeated and told the Lord, I went to hid myself because I was naked.

So the question I am asking is I thought he covered his nakedness in verse 7? It's then strange that you are still claiming you are naked.

Well, the conclusion of that for you and I, the implication in the gospel is for us to know that this sense of guilt and shame that Adam was actually feeling, Adam thought it was

because he was naturally naked. That is why he thought he was feeling sense of guilt and shame.

What Adam did not know was, he was naked before sin entered and when sin entered and he was feeling sense of guilt and shame, it makes sense for him to think that guilt and shame could not have been coming from the nakedness. Because he was naked before and there was no guilt and there was no shame.

That is why in Chapter 2, the last verse in Chapter 2, verse 25 said they were both naked, and there was no shame. So you couldn't argue and say that the shame was coming from the nakedness.

No! there was no shame when they were naked. Adam was not thinking through. This was a problem. He cannot be claiming that the shame was because of the nakedness.

Now, how does that apply to you? May I say this, in all of our endeavors in life that most of us are trying to do this, trying to achieve that, trying to perform this, trying to become that so that we can feel that we have arrived? What we didn't know is, the very thing of arriving that we are trying to scratch is actually not going to come from the things that we are doing. I will repeat that slowly.

Let me tell you this. Whether you have in abundance or you don't have in abundance, whether you are high up there or you are low down there, whether you are of a high social status or lower social status, the feeling of void and emptiness that human beings are feeling today is not because of those things. But we think this is why it's a problem. Nobody can convince us. We always think the reason am feeling down, the reason I feel am not important because I don't have enough money. If I have enough money I would have felt a very important person.

Nobody can convince you otherwise. Or for example, some of you will think is because I don't have enough friends, if I am very popular person today, then I will know that my life counts, so you think that the feeling or the sense of your life counting is tie to the amount of popularity. That is what you have constructed in your in your mind to think. But we see in Adam situation that really, there is no connection. But really you can come to a sense of completeness.

For the Bible says you are compete in him who is the head of principalities and power. The Bible says you can come to a completeness in your mind, in your soul, in your spirit, in your life, a sense of completeness that has nothing to do with your status. Adam did not know this. And you see it was Albert Estein that said what is insanity? Insanity is doing the same thing again and again and expecting a different result.

We saw Adam, you could keeping putting figs on your body and yet you are still feeling naked. Can you not think it has be something that you are not scratching?

It means let's say this, we probably mentioned this in one of our episodes before, there is nothing that you can give. There is nothing that you can come up to in your life in terms of substance, in terms of status that can actually fill this void. It wasn't created by the nakedness. It was created by when the sin nature entered into humanity. That was what created it. And it takes the sin nature to be taken away to deal with that problem. This is what Adam did not know at all. That is what we see there...

Go on please,

11. And he said who told thee that thou was naked?

Please look for our previous transmission, we've dealt with this before...

Go on please

has thou eaten of the tree wherefore I commanded thee that thou should not eat? And the man said the woman whom thou gavest to be with me, he gave me of the tree and I did eat.

And the Lord God said unto the woman, what is it that thou has done? And the woman said the serpent beguile me and I did eat.

Now, mark that word, the serpent beguile or deceive me and I eat.

Now, the reason why I say you should mark that is because.... am not sure we are going to get there today, because these things are meaty and they are deep and we trust the Lord to allow us not just to rush over them. Take note of that word beguile... because we are going to go to 2Corinthians 11 verse soon and we will see the application of the same word in the same context.

You know why am saying? Because some of you might be thinking, maybe some of the things we are discussing now apply to unbelievers, those who are not saved.

Well, that is not really true. Even if you are born again, this is very relevant and critical to your victory, your daily walk in victory because the Apostle Paul began to address the Corinthians Christians and say in the same way the serpent deceive Eve less your mind be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. Am quoting 2Corinthians 11: 3

He was talking to Christians.

So he's simply saying take note now, the strategy will just not apply to unbelievers, the strategy of the enemy can also be applied on believers as well.

So take note of the word beguile and deceive Eve. It applies to all of humanity whether you are in Christ or you are not in Christ.

Go on please

and I did eat.

14. And the Lord God said unto the serpent, because thou has done this, thou art cursed above all cattle and above every beast of the field and upon thy belly shall thou go and thus shall thou eat all the days of thy life and I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed. It shall bruise thy head and thou shall bruise his heel.

We know what the serpent did, he bruise the heel of the seed of the woman. Jesus died on the cross but he actually crushed the head of the serpent, destroying principalities and power. That is not our focus today, but that is redemption inserted right there in verse 15.

Verse 16 is where we are going to

16. And unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception. In sorrow thou shall bring forth children and your desire shall be to thy husband and he shall rule over thee.

Because of time, this might be a good point for us to zero in on today's discussion.

Now, what I want you to take note is, we have mentioned one of these things in the past, but this is the junction for us to bring it out and make it more clearer.

What God is simply saying in verse 16 is, he is announcing to the woman, announcing to Adam, announcing to the Serpent, the implication of what they have done.

You know there are many times that people always read this Genesis 3 and they always say this is how God punished mankind for what mankind did and all that. But you've got to understand that we did say in our last transmission that John 3: 16, 17, and the very ministry of Christ itself is a testimony that Jesus did not come to the world to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved. He is the one snatching people out of darkness, not the one putting them into it. God is not interested in the death of a sinner, the Bible says that.

So don't think God is the one saying Adam, it is time to deal with you because of what you did. God was just announcing saying as a result of what happened, this is the implication of what has happened.

So please read this as implication, as consequences of what they did.

So one of them is verse 16

Unto the woman, he said I will multiply your sorrow and your conception. In sorrow you will bring forth children.

Now watch the next one...

and your desire shall be to your husband and he shall rule over you.

So God is simply saying as a man and woman what happens is, even though Adam is a male and Eve is a female, something will happen to those roles as a result of the fall of man, as a result of sin. The man shall rule... it will mean that men will begin to lord it over, they will make an idol out of lording it over, they will begin to derive their sense of ego and meaning and sense of strength.

So instead of a man to know that he is made strong because of how God created him, don't forget that the man was made strong because even look at Adam, he was given the headship, he was meant to actually name all the animals, and from him God took the woman. But the man will seek to define himself by lording it over the woman.

So he says when sin entered the world, it didn't just end as sin, it make mankind to begin to define themselves or find meaning in what they do. So the man will become an oppressor, he will lord it over them. And unless he lords it over the woman, he doesn't feel accomplished. He doesn't feel like a man.

God says I will tell you the implication of this sin nature that entered the world. You think is about sin, well out of sin come idolatry.

And that is the reason why when Jesus was going to address the John 4 woman, even though Jesus knew this was a woman that has been defined completely by where she came from. But Christ is saying before we begin to take you out of that condition and liberate you and break you free from that condition. We need to take something out of you. Give me to drink first. I am going to siphon that nature of sin out of you.

Because anyway there was no idolatry until the sin nature entered in. So if we are to get rid of the idolatry where you have define yourself by everything else, we need first to take the very nature that brought forth idolatry.

That is the reason why as you see in this case, God is saying to the man and the woman, sin has entered the world, but that is not all about it, it has come with something else. You are...

That is why if you notice people talk about today about patriarchy. You go to a lots of culture in the world and you see men oppressing woman. In fact when Jesus was speaking to the woman in John Chapter 4, that was what he met as a savior. He met a situation where a woman was actually somebody who was down there, she was subjugated. That was the consequences of sin.

Even with the woman found in adultery, we found that this is the rampart disposition of the culture at that time.

He said he will lord it over you. Men will begin to find meaning for their lives by lording it over... He told Eve that is going to happen to you. Adam will now begin to find meaning by ruling and lording it over you. So it means it doesn't matter how long we talk about identity created by anything else other than the grace of God, we must always talk about sin, the fundamentals of it.

And see what he said to the woman?

He said your desire shall be towards your husband. It means you will come to a point where you are nothing, you are nobody unless you find meaning in your relationship. Can you see that? And that is why you notice that, that is what happened.

You see in a lots of culture, women, girls are being raised up, they are being told that unless you marry a man... that is why you see there are some culture of the world today, unless the woman is married, they will say she is nothing. That is why some women they don't mind marrying a drunkard, or somebody who is wicked, or somebody who doesn't love them as long as they know that at least am a married woman, am not a nobody because I'm married.

He says your desire shall be toward your husband. You begin to find meaning in your relationship and man will find meaning by lording it over you.

And all these is just God making announcement by saying you have allowed sin to enter into the world, but what is going to happen is, you will start to live by false identity as a consequence.

That is why you need to listen to this... If you are a Christian already and you are born again, or you are a minister of the gospel. You need to know that ultimately the gospel of the Lord Jesus... thank God it has come to deal with the issue of sin on the cross, but ultimately there is an end goal for the gospel.

The end goal of a gospel is not that it save you from sin, but that it has come to save you from everything you have define your life by. If that's not the case, why do we read places in the Bible that says when Christ who is our life shall appear? He is saying he want to be your life. He want to be your meaning. He wants to be who you call yourself. Who are you? I'm Christ. The Bible says they are Christ's have crucified the flesh and its affection.

So ultimately that is what the gospel should drive us to. We are not just saying my sins have forgiven. No! Your sins are forgiven, blessed be God. But when sin came into the world, he came with something else, idolatry. Finding meaning in every other thing around and that is what we see there.

So please everyone you see patriarchy and all these things we are talking about. Just know they came because of sin. And now that Jesus has come to deal with sin on the cross, teachers of the gospel, those who minister the gospel must shine the light of the gospel until not just the issue of sin but the consequences of sin is taken out of our system and our mentality.

That is why the Bible says in Romans Chapter 12 that our mind must be renewed. We must be transformed by the renewing of our mind, I know you have received Christ. But the fact is, the very essence of idolatry –an identity imposed by the world, they need to be flushed out of our mentality as well.

I think this is a good point to wrap it over and it's comforting to know that in the beginning it was not so. It is so encouraging for anybody that is talking about equality, fighting for this, who has the heart for this, you just need to have God's heart, because in the beginning there was no lording it over, there was nothing that people have to fight, we don't need to amend laws now, we have so many amendments of law now, causing all these headaches... was it not yesterday that England now allow for same sex, sexual partnership, so we see all these things still about the outfall from Genesis Chapter 3.

So it is a consequences to all these desires and the likes are still giving people headache today even in the church, people have formed ministry along this. But they know ultimately they can bring people to know the heart of the father and bringing people back to the beginning.

So we will like you to join us. This John Chapter 4 is such an interesting conversation. There is so many things to take note of, and is bringing us to the beginning of all things.

And so we do expect you to join us again in the next transmission as we continue with this story of this woman and see the conversation that Jesus was having with this woman and the implication for our life.

So till we see you then, we want you to share this. We want you to let us know what the Lord is doing with you with this words we are sharing. And we want to see how is blessing other people's life through you.

So till we see you again, as you have receive Christ Jesus, the Lord, so walk in him.

God bless you.

Bye!!