

**Exposé 247**  
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...kind of gospel for people that are bored, looking for another flavor-gospel flavor teaching and some people are just looking for what is the new thing around or people are looking for new doctrine around. And so that is not what this is for.

If you are just like us and you are desire and concern about in which Christ commission all of us, this commission is not for only us, is for every one that we should go into all the world and preach the gospel. And so we are reaching the nations today and we will like you to come along with us as we go back to this interesting story of this interesting woman in John Chapter 4. Remember the last episode, we were in Hebrews 11, so we might want to kick off from that today.

I say welcome again on this Bucket Ministry Series and we trust that you are going to be impacted by the Word of Truth. Let me just encourage you in the Holy Ghost that if you have not listening to any of the previous episodes, I will encourage you to look for them on our Facebook page, [facebook.com/xpose247](https://facebook.com/xpose247) or you can go to [youtube.com/expose247](https://youtube.com/expose247).

We trust that it will bless you heart and bring to your understanding the implication for the gospel, the knowledge of the truth that you have received if you are already born again and if you are not born again, it will expose you to the knowledge of the truth that can save your soul. So welcome on this series.

And let me quickly remind that we have some of our transcribed notes for those who might not be able to have the data or something, so you can have some of the notes and as the Lord lead us, we will be putting more of it on the page, so watch out for that.

Good! Thank you for bringing that to our notification.

In our last transmission, we are actually on verse 12, the 12<sup>th</sup> verse of the Fourth Chapter of the book of John. And some things we were sharing by the grace of God from that verse took us to Hebrews Chapter 11 and I think we stopped on the 26<sup>th</sup> verse.

We're actually on a verse on Hebrews 11, I think we were talking about Moses. We went to there from the 12<sup>th</sup> verse of John Chapter 4.

So we can start from verse 23.

Go on please

**23. By faith Moses after his birth was hidden for three months by his parents because they saw he was a beautiful and highly favor child and they were not afraid of the King Pharaoh's decree**

**24. By faith Moses when he had grown up refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.**

Don't forget that in the last transmission, that is where we talked about how people can refused by faith. You can look for that in our last transmission.

**25. Because he preferred to endure the hardship of the people of God rather than to enjoy the passing pleasure of sin.**

Now, he said to us that what Moses did was he made an estimation. He made comparison between choosing Egypt and he chose to endure hardship with the people of God.

Now, I want you to take note of that word in the context of the fact that Moses chose to identify with the people who were the underdogs at that time. It didn't really mean that Moses says I like suffering, I am a suffer-head or I just like to be in a position where I am disadvantaged. What actually happened in this particular verse of the scriptures was about identification.

Moses came to a conclusion that if I was going to identify with the people of God, the people am trying to identify with, they are the one going through hardship. So I wouldn't have a choice anyway if I am going to identify with the people that God is working through.

And we all know that this is the people that Jesus even came through in the flesh. So Moses came to the conclusion that if I actually identify with this people, I will have no other choice but to identify with their circumstance which at that time was hardship.

Now, the point we are bringing out today in looking at this is to show you that Moses made a choice or a decision that ... and if you notice one thing about Egypt, the question we want to ask is what is wrong with Egypt? What is the problem with Egypt?

He says **the pleasure of sins.**

You know when people, I will say in the 1970s or 1980s during the holiness movement, that time a lot of people came to connect pleasure with sin. These are some of the verses that they actually have read into to say if you are enjoying watching your TV program, obviously is going to be sin. They tell you, don't do that. Don't watch the TV or something.

Some says if you are enjoying driving a particular type of car, or enjoying life as it were, they came to connect pleasure with sin. As long as you enjoy it, there might be something sinful about it. These are some of the verses that they have read.

But let's look at it, is this the context in which it is written? Because the Bible even talks about it that in the presence of God, there is fullness of joy and at God's right hand, there are pleasures evermore. God delights in the prosperity of his servants.

1 Timothy 6 tells us that we should not trust in uncertain riches. I'm quoting the book of 1 Timothy, don't trust in uncertain riches but let's trust in the living God who give us all things richly to enjoy.

The God that we serve delights that he see us enjoying his resources. The earth is the Lord's and its fullness thereof, the earth and those inhabitants that dwell in it. What does that mean?

It means everything that God has created on the earth, they are his and he has given to the sons of men to enjoy therein. So if those verses I've just quoted all over the Bible are correct verses and they are true, why then does this particular verse of the 25<sup>th</sup> verse of the book of Hebrews Chapter 11 seems to say that Moses shun the pleasures of Egypt because he called them the pleasure of sin. Can you see that?

And I began to invest really what was the sin that Moses actually had to shun in his age. Now that is the question that a lot of people who read this pleasure of sin, who tend to connect pleasure with sin, that is one question they don't critically ask. What really is the pleasure of sin? Or what is the sin that Moses shun in Egypt?

I am not sure if you read Genesis, Exodus and read all of the five books of Moses and specifically narrow down to the experience of Moses in Egypt. We did not read that Moses was trying to run from fornication or immorality in Egypt, neither did we read the fact that Moses said, you know if I stay in Egypt, I will be stealing if I am not careful.

Neither did we read that Moses come to the point where he was abusing people and said, by the words that come out of my mouth if I stay long in Egypt. What kind of pleasure of sin? Was it the pleasure that Bible says Moses had to shun so that he could identify with the people of God who were in hardship?

Now that is the question we want to ask. And don't forget we came to this Hebrews Chapter 11 because we began to investigate John Chapter 4: 12. That is where we were.

In John 4:12 the woman made a statement to Jesus, are you greater than our father Jacob who gave us this water to drink and he drank from it himself along with his cattle?

Now, can you see what that means, the woman began to make a comparison between whatever Jesus said he was going to offer. She says do you have something higher? Do you have something much more greater than what we have on ground?

And then if you notice, there is a common theme in John Chapter 4, this Samaritan woman. The common theme we notice is the theme of drink and satisfaction. When I say theme am talking about theme.

When you read a literature or novel there is a common theme that could come out of that. Because it is always about drink, is about satisfaction. Because in the 12<sup>th</sup> verse of John Chapter 4, she was saying to Jesus, don't forget our father Jacob drank from this and he was satisfy. Don't forget that he gave us this to also drink from.

Any time you hear drink it's about satisfaction, it's about quenching a thirst. That is the theme in John Chapter 4 running down through the whole of this discuss between Jesus and the woman. And the woman is asking Jesus, do you have something that can satisfy or do you say you have something greater to offer beyond what is on ground?

And may I say to you that when it comes to Moses in Hebrews Chapter 11 verse 25, the scriptures tell us that Moses chose not to be called. Moses chose not to identify. Moses chose not to derive meaning or satisfaction of his identity from whatever Egypt has to offer. That is why I said, it is all about identity. The sin in this place because if you read the previous verses.

Can you read the previous verse 24?

Let the scriptures interpret scriptures and I trust the Lord that this particular exposition today will give you a deeper insight into righteousness and sin. Can you see that?

Look at the previous verse 24, what does it says?

**24. By faith Moses when he had grown up refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.**

Mark that word! **refused to be called.**

Now, we actually talked about this in our last episode, in our last transmission that it is not that Moses was going to say I don't want to be an Egyptian or I don't want to agree that I'm actually the prince of Egypt. I don't want to come to that. No!

The scriptures says he refused to be called. That word is the word that you should highlight in your mind. He refused to identify. He refused to be labeled. He refused to have a sense of satisfaction from that. That is what he rejected. He didn't actually rejected the fact that he is prince of Egypt. He didn't denounce its throne. That is why if

you read through the book of Exodus, we don't have any instances where Moses went to say I renounce my princehood.

**Bible says he came to revelation, this is not who I am. This is not what defines my person.** I don't get satisfy with life by identifying with this. I chose to identify with the people through whom Christ resides. I chose to identify with the identity that Christ.

That is why the Bible says he chose to identify with the people of God. Can you see that?

So it was an issue about identity, about meaning, about satisfaction in life, about a sense of who you are. This is what this Hebrews 11: 25, 26 is all about.

So when he says Moses then chose not to go with the pleasure of sin, does that not tell you and I that sin in this case has being identify beyond what we think it is.

It means as long as Moses was not choosing to be called, as long as he was not choosing to identify by anything else other than the identity that came from being part of God's people, as long as Moses was not going with any other false identity, he wasn't actually going with the pleasure of sin.

Look at this! See! you have to connect verse by verse. You have to connect line upon line, precept upon precept. You can't take one verse out of context and make a doctrine out of the verse. You have to read the whole line, the whole thought pattern. The thought pattern of the Apostolic writing in Hebrews 11 is to say Moses was rejecting something, and what he was rejecting was not an act of sin, not an activity of sin, that is not what he was rejecting. What he was rejecting was a false identity. That is what we see there. It was a false identity.

It means every time we are talking about sin, it's not really about the pleasure of the activity, it is what is the activity doing to you? So whether somebody decides to enjoy God's resources as a pleasure on the face of the earth or somebody decides to get the best of the earth resources, we couldn't just say he is in sin. We could only say somebody is in sin or committing sin when they chose to identify themselves, they chose to be named by anything else other than the grace of God.

So what Moses was trying to contend with in Egypt was an identity matter. So the Bible says he refused the pleasure of sin. He refused.

So please if you are a believer in Christ Jesus, you've got to start thinking, your frequency of thought have to be much higher than what most people just call sin. That is why again in our last transmission, we mentioned don't forget the fact that the tree that Adam and Eve actually partook of, that made them fall into sin was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It is not about whether something is good, is not about whether something is evil. It is about what is that thing doing to your sense of meaning in

life. This is what Moses was actually running from, gaining satisfaction from anything that Egypt has to offer.

So that is why you can then put the word, the pleasure of sin in the right context in this place.

In another way, we want to look at it, for some people the pleasure of sin is not about not even identifying with the people of God because some people, the way they carry out their assignment and the attachment and the nature of their work with God's people, and people are in charge of gospel and all these meetings, that has become the head of religious association, it is even the pleasure of sin even in the identification with the people.

You know what they need to run away from is like in the opposite direction. So their own attachment with the people, the way they relate with the people or the way the nature of the work or the way they chose is even the pleasure of sin.

So the pleasure of sin is not just about the people because some people are saying yes, I have run away from the pleasure of sin, am not into the secular work, that is why you have some today and say should I work in the brewery? Should I work in the stock market? People feel like oh! some people will say you just need to move away from those kind of institutions because that is the pleasure of sin. So you come to the clergy, come to this and this...

The pleasure of sin is much more multi-diverse and multifaceted than all these. You cannot label it that ok, yes, you are doing God's work you have moved away.

Thank you for that insight.

You know why I like the way you chip that in because I think that the 26<sup>th</sup> verse, we might want to jump straight there to read 26<sup>th</sup> verse. What does it say then?

## **26. He considered the reproach of Christ**

Can you see that?

**greater riches or greater wealth than all the treasures of Egypt.**

Can you see that?

Can you see that is the very statement that we are trying to go down to?

And this verse 26 has given us a very great insight into the things that you talked about that the fact is, the sin in the verse 25 that he was talking about is all about the estimation.

People need to get the right definition.

The estimation..! He looked at the treasures of Egypt, he looked at the reproaches of Christ and he said this is a greater wealth, this can name me better. This satisfy. This gives a greater sense. This is life. This one might look glamorous.

Verse 25 goes back and say the pleasures of sin for a season. That is the problem. That is the fact, it's not enduring. That is the point!

There is a diminishing return.

So Moses said this is great. The treasures of Egypt are great but the reproach of Christ is greater riches. That is why the woman in verse 12 of John 4 said to Jesus are you greater?

And the reason why the reproach of Christ is greater is because it's enduring. The other one, which is the treasures of Egypt is for a moment. It doesn't satisfy. You might think it will satisfy, it wouldn't satisfy.

So let's encapsulate the context of sin in verse 25 will then mean as long as any one, anybody looks at anything in this world in their life and they think or they come to a conclusion that this is what I want to be called by, or this is what I think will continually supply me and I think this thing will sustain me. It will sustain the sense of who I am. As long as you look to that thing and that thing is not found in Christ. It is sin.

**So sin is an affront or a rejection of the identity that Christ offers the believer in Christ Jesus.** And that is what we saw there that anytime we talk about sin that we need to think outside the box. We need to think way beyond all those thing that we think sin is.

We found out that it is not necessarily about the job label, the title or description of the place or vocation, it is about the estimation.

It is about what is ultimate. What is overarching for you? Like I said, God has given us all things richly to enjoy, the resources of the earth, the fatness of the earth, and the riches of the heaven above, they are the Lord's and he has given this to the son of men.

And if you are hardworking, if you are somebody who is smart, if you are somebody that has the connection or if you are spirit smart in some case or you know how to pull the ropes, you will be atimes to maximize the resources on the earth. That is a great thing. That is a wonderful thing. God wants us to enjoy them.

So gone are the days when people start thinking that if I stopped doing that, if I stop doing this or if I do that maybe that is a way to get closer to God. All those things are just human carnalistic thinking. God wants us to enjoy the resources of the earth.

What the Lord will not have for us is for you to sit down and say that is what defines me. Can you see? That is what satisfy my life. This is my ultimate in life. This is the most important thing for me in life.

Now, the Lord said No! the Lord will not have that coming from us, not at all. And that is what Moses dealt with in Egypt.

Bible says he looked at the treasures. I like the word. Treasures means these are things of significance. These are things that label people in Egypt. These are things that defines who is the great person or who is somebody, who is down there on the scale of things. These are the things that name people in Egypt. That is why the Bible call them the treasures of Egypt.

If you ask us the question, what are the treasures of Egypt? What are the treasures of humanity now?

Well, that is a question we can answer by going to some other verses of the Bible very soon. But anything that confers value on people, for some people it is the status, for some people it's who they know, for some people it's the family where they came from, for some people it's the race that they are born into. For some people it's even the gender that they are actually are born into. For some people it's probably the political posts that they hold. For some people it's the type of followership that they do have. For some people it's their rating in the society. For some people, is what their bank account is saying. Society has named a lot of things that it says if you aspire to this thing, then you are somebody to be reckoned with in the society. Those are treasures.

But the scriptures says Moses chose not to be named by any of those things not because they were bad, but because he felt there is an ultimate, there is something greater than this. There is something much more enduring than this, there is something that will be long lasting than this and he chose the reproach of Christ. So that is what we see about Moses.

So we then look at the woman in the 12<sup>th</sup> verse of John Chapter 4 where she began to say to Jesus, are you making a presentation of ultimate or you can say a presentation of something greater, something mightier, something that is of a different level to what we have already? That is what we see there.

Let's go quickly to Mathew because we are still not done with this.

Mathew Chapter 6, you can start from verse 19.

Hold on to that word where it says in that Hebrews 11, 'the treasures of Egypt.'

Now look at Mathew Chapter 6

**19. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth.**

Now, treasures upon the earth.



Now again the temptation when you look at this kind of verse... you know one of the things we are doing on this Bucket Ministry Series, as much as we are bringing the light of God's Word to you today for you to live, to understand and to manifest the grace of God in your life, you will notice that we are bringing insight also in some scriptures that have not been interpreted in their right context.

People say one thing that context is king. You can't just take a verse. One of the way to fall into heresy is to take one verse out of context and not compare scriptures with scriptures or not even look at the context which the word was being spoken and take that verse out and run with it. That is where heresy comes from.

So please if you notice this is a very often misunderstood verse in the Bible. People have made it say what it never meant to say.

We have said in the past that Jesus had been greatly misunderstood especially the words in red that people read.

Now read that place again, Mathew 6 verse 19 please?

**19. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth.**

You know a casual reader of this type of verse will then mean that Jesus did say that you shouldn't even get into investment. If you are investing into your future, you are investing in business, investing money, investing into this and that, they say well, all these things anyway, Jesus had said we shouldn't bother laying up treasures.

You are a Christian, born again Christian, you've got lots and lots of things and some people even criticizes those who are rich, who are in the body of Christ and say well, look at them, they are laying up treasures for themselves on the earth.

And if you ask them, why are you saying that? This is one of the verses they will quote to you that Jesus said we shouldn't bother laying up treasures on the earth.

Now they have read their own meaning to it or maybe not, let us check as we go.

Continue please,

**where moth and rust doth corrupt.**

Now, that will then tell you one of the reasons why Moses was... people say strict smart isn't it? I want to say spirit smart. Moses was spirit smart because the reason why Moses said well, I think the reproach of Christ is of greater riches than the pleasures of sin or the treasures of Egypt... can you see that?

If you like you can compare, you can interchange the treasures of Egypt with the pleasures of sin. The same word is the same rhyme in that Hebrews 11.

So in this case, it tells us one of the reason why it is not spirit smart to even actually for Moses to have gone with the treasures of Egypt is the fact that the treasures upon the earth, they are the one that moth and rust, is not even spirit smart to put ones treasures on the earth where moth and rust can destroy.

You know why? Government policies can crash the whole thing. Accident, things can happen that are way beyond your control. So he says don't do it because things can happen to that thing that are even beyond your control. Moth and rust can just come in and take everything away.

Imagine, if your sense of self-worth were coming from those things, what happen when those things are taken away? Where can we find you?

Can you see that?

You are literally gone. That is the point!

So in this case, he says don't do it. Don't lay for yourselves treasures on the earth.

Now we have begun to investigate in the Holy Ghost. We are doing Holy Ghost forensic analysis, what is it then for me to lay up treasures on earth? Is it the fact that I shouldn't invest on this earth?

Don't forget that the Bible says a good man leaves inheritance for his children's children. He didn't says wicked soul. He said righteous man. How do I as a righteous person in Christ Jesus reconcile such a verse where he says if you are a good man, you should be leaving inheritance for your children's children?

Well, you might want to say in your mind that it's talking about spiritual inheritance. He didn't put spiritual there, that is you putting your... what is wrong with leaving spiritual and physical inheritance? If that is true and it is in the Bible, how do you then reconcile the fact that he says don't lay treasures upon the earth?

Now watch this!

Go on

**where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal.**

Somebody can just take it away. That is it! It can be gone in a jiffy.

Can you see that?

In fact, I do say when he says thieves come in, don't forget that even for some things death can take them away. That is the point. People that derive their sense of meaning from people that they have in their life. They say yes! I've got those people. What happen when they are gone?

Can you see? **Anything can happen to things that you hang your meaning in life to.**

Go on please

## **20. But lay up for yourselves**

Now watch this!

### **treasures in heaven**

Now, when he says lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, do I then have to throw my money up into the sky? Or do I have to keep opening my eyes to heaven?

Some people used it like offering.

God bless you for that insight.

Some people do say when you give to the church or when you give to the men of God that is the way you sow up into heaven so that your treasures can go there.

Now, let's see what Jesus had to say about this. Jesus himself will tell us what the nature of this treasure is. So let's hear from the horse mouth.

### **where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt.**

Again he is just reminding us why it is spirit smart for Moses to have chosen the reproach of Christ rather than the treasures of Egypt. Why Moses said this is greater?

The greatness in there is, if it is a treasure lay up in heaven, nothing can take it away from you. Nothing on the earth, no situation, no circumstance, not favourable, unfavourable circumstance, no condition, no climatic situation, no policy on ground, no political circumstance that is affecting your country can take it away from you. Nothing can take it away!

It then make sense to actually make that thing my treasure. That is the point.

Now go on please

### **where thieves do not break through and steal.**

They can't break through.

Go on

## **21. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**

Now, that answer the question. That is a simple answer to the question.

So the identity of this treasure...what is the identity of this treasure? It is where your heart is.

So it means then where your heart, where your life...the Bible says **guard your heart with all diligence for out of your heart flows the issues that affect your life.**

Now the question you want to ask is, **upon which have you place your heart? We are the one that make those things treasures.**

Now, it is humanity that puts treasures into things. **The things are not treasures until my heart is there.** It is my heart that is a converter, that puts value and say now my skin, my race is now a treasure. The skin can be white, can be black, it can be yellow. Skin is skin, but what our human heart does is, it can take skin from being skin and takes it to another level and it becomes something, that is where the issue of racism comes in and put a privilege in it. The heart converts things to treasure.

Jesus said let me tell you how you know where a treasure is. Where your heart is, that is your treasure. So Mr A treasure might not be Mr B treasure. What is the treasure of Mr C might not be the treasure of Mr D.

Now, that is the reason why it is very wrong doctrinally to tell people that as a Christian when you are having so much investment, that means you are laying treasures on the earth. No! You can't say that because you can only prove it is my treasure or I can prove it is your treasure if your heart is in that thing. Does that make sense?

Yes, let's illustrate with this, we are talking about Mr A and Mr B buying the same class of Cars. It might be a treasure to someone and it is not, just the same thing. So if we cannot label and put a rigid label on something. This particular thing identifying, at this level it is treasure on earth, below this it is treasure on heaven. We cannot do it.

So it is individual is a catalysts converter- that converts things to treasures. Something that is ordinary that has no meaning could be something of meaning or become a treasure.

So the question you are asking is, where is your heart? That is the treasure for your life. And it might not be my own treasure. My treasure might not be your treasure.

Some amount for some people in their bank account is not treasure, it's just utility for them but some it is a treasure to them.

And how do you know where your heart is? The Bible tells us the things that flow from my heart are the things that affect my life. It means what is my ultimate meaning, what is this that what am I all about? That is where my heart it. Because you couldn't say hey! Can you please help me?

I know you are wondering how can we help you to know where your heart is? Thank you for asking the question.

The question is what is it, that if you don't have it, what is it that if it is not there in your life, life is just not worth living or you just feel empty or you feel as if everything is gone. You feel nameless. You feel worthless if it is taken away, or the thought of it being taken away, it is a dreadful thought. You just feel like how can I go on with life if I don't have this? Well, that is where your heart is. It is not hard to find out where your heart is.

But is saying it is when your heart is in that thing that you converts treasure to that thing and it became something of treasure.

So when Jesus say don't lay your treasure upon the earth, let's then rephrase and say **don't put your heart into anything upon the heart.**

So it means have as many things you want to have, enjoy God's blessing upon the earth, enjoy heaven resources upon the earth, don't put your heart into things upon the earth. That is what he is saying. He never said don't have things upon the earth. And that is why he says a good man will leave inheritance for his children's children but the heart of a good man cannot be in his inheritance. That is what we found out into the scriptures.

So we then understand the situation Moses was in, that Moses was saying my heart can't be there. That is why he said he refused to be called. You have to read everything in context and that is why sin there is as long as your heart is in anything. I repeat the word anything.

It means anything good, anything bad, anything right, anything nice. It doesn't matter what that thing is. If your heart is into anything, even it might be your position. For some people it is the position they occupy in the church, if you take that position from them.. that is why in some places of worship, if they are trying to give people post in the church, maybe they are trying to elect leaders, some people if they don't make them a leader, they will rather just leave the church or if they give somebody else a leadership, they can cause a lot of chaos. **It then means that to them they would have felt valuable or significant if they have that post.**

And some people that have been leaders in the body of Christ for so many years, some people even know maybe God has impressed on their heart or they are persuaded that it is time for shift in leadership but some can't even afford to leave that post. They can't! And the reason why they can't is, we now know the reason because we now know that their heart is in that place. You know why? because if you take the post away, you take them away. I repeat that word.

If you take the post away, they too are taken away. It means their identity have been ingrained into the post. That is where their heart is. So for them that post is a treasure. It's hard to say people can understand when you say money is a treasure. How can you say position is a treasure?

Even in the kingdom matters...

In kingdom matters, position can be a treasure because the person's heart has gone into it. It is when our heart goes into things that it become treasures. That is the lesson that Jesus was passing to humanity in Matthew 6:19. He is not even talking about money or resources or your investment. That is not what he is talking about.

In fact, you can see investment as long as your heart has gone into that thing. And that is what Moses understood as a pleasure of sin in Hebrews 11:25.

So this is how you look at sin and in what enchant your heart? What is that thing that, it makes you emotional when you think about? It makes you so satisfy and say thank God! Oh! this is great. I have this. Life is good. Life can be lived because I have this.

Now he says watch it. He said that is the pleasure of sin.

You want to say one or two things?

Yes, I believe there is healing going forth today for those people who have been doctrinally deprived of God's gracious offerings. People have been cut out of the inheritance of saints that is in Christ Jesus. People have been cut off from the common wealth of Zion. So today there is liberty to see that your Father takes delight in the prosperity of his servants. He takes delight in you enjoying these things but not your heart being engrossed by it.

Thank you for that.

And the only way your heart can not be engrossed in things... the way we are, our construction is we always need to have something so that we can cope with the biting sense of emptiness that life brings. There is a sense of emptiness that life brings on a daily basis. You have to have a strategy for coping, to say I know I am not somebody you can push away. I know I am somebody important. I know am somebody to be reckon with.

So we always have to lash on to things to give us that sense. And that is what Christ has come to do. I know the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ entails the death, the burial and the resurrection of Christ which is encompassing in the fact that our sins are forgiven in Christ Jesus.

And if you ask what sin is forgiven? Is the sin that we chose something else other than the identity of Christ. It happens right from the Garden of Eden. They chose not to agree with the identity that the Father gave them when he says you are made in my image. You are made after my likeness. They refused to agree with that and they listen to another voice.

And that is the whole thing that has been the contention of humanity until Christ came in the flesh. Christ came to give us his life, to give us his name. We are named by the name of the Lord.

And unless we on a daily basis encourage our heart in the naming of the Lord, encourage our hearts in the fact that you are a new creation in Christ Jesus, encouraging our heart in that you are what you are today by the grace of God, not by performance, not by what you do or don't do.

And that is the reason why every time we talk about the issue of sin, a lot of people if you are thinking about activities or thinking about the fact I will dot the i's or cross the t's so that I will not be living in sin or I avoid that pleasure or I avoid this pleasure like the holiness movement and all that. When you do such a thing, 1Corinthians 15...

Can you read please?

Now, if you decide to go religious so as to deal with the question of sin in your life, this is what will happen.

## **1Corinthians 15**

### **56. The sting of death is sin and the power of sin**

Now watch that!

The strength of sin, what empowers sin in a man's life is what?

**by which he brings death is the law**

Well, can you see that statement?

That statement might probably run contrary to some of the teachings that people have put out there decades ago, years ago about the fact that how to be holy. And they tell you that if you follow the commands of God, if you know what the laws says. The law says thou shall not kill. Thou shall not do this. Thou shall not do that. If you follow all those things, you will find out that you will just deal with sin in your life.

1Corinthians 15:56 then reminds us and say well, if you are already go down that the route, in fact that is what will actually make sin powerful And the reason is based on this today's exposition. Because what it does is, you put your confidence, you put your acceptance in keeping of the rules other than what Christ gives as the benefits of the cross.

So the problem would be is not because you are doing things right, is because you are getting your satisfaction from doing things right. And as long as you are getting

satisfaction from doing things right, it means whatever name and whatever righteousness that Christ has to offer by his death and resurrection is useless to you. You don't it.

**So it means the keeping of the law is an affront on the identity that Christ has to give.** And that is why it says, it will even strengthen sin the more. And that is what we see about how the Lord himself, how the Father wants us to understand the nature of sin, that sin has to come with anything that you make anything treasure.

So these people there, what are they making treasures?

The Law!

The rules now have become their own treasure. For some people the money is their own treasure. Can you see? For some other people it can be the people that are their treasure. So it is irrelevant to God whether your treasure is even religion, it can be somebody treasure.

It is as long as what satisfy me, that is the question? What I put my hearts and hope in...

Where I put my hope, this is if it is not the grace of God. If it is not for me to say I am helpless without the grace of God. Some doctrine, some people have put their hope of redemption on it, and as long as I am doing this and following. And some denomination they have made it like they could follow this.

So people strive, they don't even strive to follow the law. They try to make and they live their life according to those patterns. They made it for them like ...

We can just try to meet up with this point 1 – 20. We've got everything cover for you.

So that means that is that their treasure.

The hope of redemption for them is on those things.

So they made it a treasure. What was just meant to be an organization has now become a treasure.

In fact in the past, I have heard that there are some ministries or churches that will say if you want to go to heaven, if you belong to this particular organization, if you belong to this ministry, you are guarantee of going to heaven or they can say that the Lord has told us that anybody who is going to go to heaven has to be the people who are only in this particular ministry or who follow this. All these things...

Well what people have done there is, is a rejection of Christ. So you might want to say in conclusion that sin is just rejecting Christ. That is it. So whatever label, whatever the activity is irrelevant. It can even be religion, is irrelevant. It can be church, is irrelevant. Anything doesn't matter.



So we then see the reason then why to Moses, the pleasure of sin and the treasures of Egypt were one and the same. It makes no difference.

So please enjoy the resources of God on the earth. Maximize God's resources on the earth. Take advantage of what God has put here for believers and unbelievers upon the earth. And don't allow anyone to tell you and say that when you do that kind of stuff, when you enjoy too much maybe you are sinning. No! The question is where is your heart?

That is what give treasure to things. And the reason why the Lord warn us against treasures of the earth is because is an affront against Christ and the label that Christ can give us.

So we see in the twelve verse of the fourth Chapter of the book of John, the statement of this woman to this Jesus was this woman was coming to a consciousness gradually as she is thinking could it then mean that Jesus, what you are offering is of a greater value, is of a greater significance? It will satisfy better. It will satisfy more. It will endure more compare to what we have on ground through Jacob our father.

This was the understanding that has begun to creep in into the understanding of this woman when she made the statement to Jesus in the twelfth verse of the fourth Chapter of the book of John.

You have encouraged us that we should be spirit smart versus being strict smart. So we should always remember that this pleasure of sin is just fleeting. It is passing, no matter what is not a safe house. And people are running into church and feel like that they can pass this doctrine safely, it is not a safe house, even moth and rust are in those places to corrupt this. So you need to put it in your heart where it should be. So you have to put your heart in the redemption, you have to put your heart in Christ and what Christ has done.

What do you think? I have got a question for you. What about moth and rust can destroy the religious settings?

Well, think of it, we can see that even people's confidence, you see the people that came into law with the assured of salvation initially, they get progressively they are not sure anymore. So the moth and rust got at it...

What about the leader says today that you know what? You are not save anymore...

Over the time they are not even sure that they are going to make it anymore. That is it. And these are people that started well, on the first day they started well that they are heaven bound. Those things got at it.

And then some of the moth and rust in those religious places that people are being denied of their inheritance in Christ are being wasted. So we see the enemy feasting on what is their lot, because they are not being position. They are not in a position to receive. They are the caterpillars. They are the moth and rust in it.

So people need to know that is not about places or where or what, our position. It is just about understand this.

So we need our understanding to be enlightened to see this. And be just be sensitive and be spirit smart to know that I am not going to put myself in this disadvantage position where moth and rust will have access to, it will actually crept in, is a matter of time.

We have hirelings. You know we have all the gospel warning us about all these, he was even saying even in the church that you see maraudians will come, they are robbers here. He said thieves can break in, that is what he said. So we have the thieves on the pulpit, who are going to break through.

People are now being afraid and being more conscious of their losing their earthly resources in the hand of those thieves on the pulpit. They should think about salvation people are losing it. So it's beyond their... people are concern about offerings, tithes now and their even bigger issues to be mindful of. So even Paul was saying they will come. They do not care about you.

So the moth and rust, it can be in any position, it can be in any place even in the place of worship. But you just have to guide your heart that you will not be victims.

Thank you for that.

Now, can we actually blame those people who are the hirelings breaking in and stealing from people because the warning of Jesus in Matthew Chapter 6 verse 19, 20 is when he says do not put your treasures on the earth because if you do, you are susceptible to moth and rust. You make yourself vulnerable?

You put yourself in a position to be robbed, is just like you left your car open in a place where you know there are thieves around.

Are you doing victim blaming now or what?

I am not doing victim blaming, am only saying the reason why somebody should be crying foul when the thieves are breaking is because we put our treasures on the face of the earth.

So I think both party should be blame.

That is the point.

So what we are doing today is, you cannot stop thieves from breaking in, because that is their job. You cannot stop moth and rust to destroy. They don't know any other thing to do.

What you can do is, when they show up and they are looking for your treasures, you can say it's not here. I don't have any treasures here. So you can try to break in as much as you can, am not bother. That is why we are here to tell you what you can control. You have to leave what you cannot control for what you can control. But there are things you can control.

Now when he says put your treasures in heaven... now you know when he says heaven in that case, he's not talking about physical location high up there in the heavenly as you might thought.

Please you will pardon us today, we may not actually begin to go from verse to verse to theologically prove this, but if you stick with us or you go through some of our past transmissions, I think when we did out transmission on prayer (Knock Out Series), we talked about this concept heaven... that is why the Bible talks about we are sitted with Christ in the heavenly places.

Actually if you are in Christ, you are in the heavenly places.

Can you see that?

He says you are sitted in Christ in the heavenly places.

So if you say you are not in the heavenly place, that means you are not sitted with Christ. 1Corinthians 5 says if anybody is in Christ, it is in Christ that we have heavenly places. That is what we are trying to say.

So when he says put your treasures in heaven, he is simply saying as long as your life is in Christ. Colossians has now come true for you, it says when Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall we appear with him in glory. Who is your life? Who named you? Who tell you how valuable you are? Who tells you how significant you are? Who tells you your status? Who gives you an identity?

He said if that is Christ, it means you have put your treasures, you have put the most valuable thing about you in heavenly places. So is inaccessible to moth. Is inaccessible to rust, inaccessible to thieves. And that is what we are talking about today.

Yes, the bad news is, there are heartless hirelings, there are dogs and thieves on prowl but the good news is as we found in 1Peter 5:8 is that we should be sober. You know, you should be contentious in it to show some level of understanding, be vigilant with this and get your things secure because your adversary the devil is roaming around. The moth and rust... there is nothing we can do about it. We cannot take them off the earth.

We are going to have multiplication of moths, caterpillars and thieves because in the end-time prophecy we are going to have more of this. You cannot pray it away. But your own responsibility is to be vigilant about this and say No! I have secured this in Christ. I have secured my inheritance. My salvation is secure in Christ. So you don't allow them. You will not be available.

He's walking about, he's going to devour some and you can just make and be responsible for yours and say No! I have filed an exception on this. Mine is secure in Christ. It's not at the mercy of the maraudians.

Thank you for that.

So it means any time they come, you can say sorry! my treasures are in heaven. It's not even here. Do what you want to do, break in how you want to break in, anyhow you want to break in.

And the reason why you need to explain because the reason, unless you explain by your heart (affirmation), assuring your heart because these maraudians can only work on earth, and since yours is not on earth, so is beyond their realm of operation- outside their bandwidth, where you have secured it.

So it's really is so logical that way. And why will you not want to do this.

In fact, there are some people that if you push them out of some ministries and churches, they feel like they have lost their salvation or whatever. In fact, some churches have made you feel that way.

Oh! it's not even so, some people are even afraid to leave some because they will lose some protection- even physical protection. Some say anointing that protect you, they say prophetic anointing (the covering), even some relationship even when it is detrimental and people are afraid to leave, and that is the moth and caterpillars at work. They feel like they cannot secure their own, their life anymore, they can't walk out of any relationship. Those are the thieves. So your heart has made those things treasures.

They have made those services.

Gatherings are met to be gathering. Meetings are met to be meeting, prayers are met to be prayers, anointing are met to be anointing.

But now your heart has made them treasures and is risky now because moth and rust... What happens if the person who own the robes then say you know what? Today because of what you've done, we have authority to say this and do that and you feel so vulnerable. You know why? Because you made it treasures. Because you put your heart.

Jesus says it is not safe. He said put your treasures in the heavenly places in Christ. Christ is the heavenly places. Let Christ name you. Your life is in Christ. He says when Christ who is your life shall appear. Can we say like Apostle Paul, Christ who is our life shall appear?

Without Christ am nothing. With Christ am everything. Am sufficient in Christ Jesus. He says such a revolutionary understanding of the Word of God is what throws all your treasures into the heavenly places. That is what he's saying there.

It's good that you get to this point because people have made ministerial gift not gift anymore. You know the demonstration power as good as they are, the gift of prophecy and the walking of prophecy and understanding of word of knowledge have become people trap in which the maraudian and hirelings are getting at them. Today, people you see, they run into this and they are going to elevate, putting their heart into this, even at the work of Christ, what Christ has done. So they did not allow this things to just be like gift. They made the gift to be substance, the essence.

So they made the gift to be an addition to it and become the essence of their life. So they flock around this and those maraudian are taking advantage of them.

So we are not against ministerial gift, we are not against any of the resources that the Lord graciously provide on the earth. We are just against you allowing those things to become treasures of your life. And put your heart into all these things, you expose yourself, you make yourself vulnerable. You expose yourself to risk of corruption.

And so we see so many things, the gift of God and grace of God in some people have been corrupted because actually some people are not going to take it away. Some people are holding on to things that has been corrupted. So is not actually stolen, so there is a great level of damages. So is tainted. So is corrupted. So they are walking in the corrupted saying oh! it is the gift of God, but is corrupted by this.

So we need to watch out for all these things and stay secure in God.

Thank you for that.

Now, as you were talking about that, a scripture came to heart. We can read that quickly.

Colossians Chapter 2 verse 18, let's see what he has to say there.

Now, this is an epistle, a New Covenant scriptures, which is actually going to shed more light on the things we are talking about.

**Colossians 2**

**18. Let no man beguile you of your rewards in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels. Intruding in those things which he has not seen, mainly puff up by his fleshly mind.**

Before you read verse 19, now let no man beguile you. If you read some other translations, I like one translation, I have forgotten which exactly.

He says let no man defraud you. Let no thieves break in. Can you see?

Let no moth or rust encroach in and take stock from you. Let no man take away the assurance of your salvation. Let no man take away the assurance of the sense of who you are and what Christ calls you. Let no man take away of your new status and position that you have in Christ Jesus.

So these are the marauders like you said.

He says **let no man defraud of your price**

The thieves, those who break in

He says **let no man defraud of your price (your freedom in Christ) and your salvation. (Amp)**

Now, he says as long as your treasures is on the earth, people can steal from you. They can break in. Now see what he says is an antidote... look at the next verse.

This actually corroborate what you are talking about. And then let's not forget that this Colossians was written in a religious context. He was not even talking about defrauding in general terms of the word. If you take time to read the whole chapter, we don't have time for that today. He was talking about people who are making claims on vision and dream, so it was written in a religious, spiritual context that people can still take away from you even as part of the church.

I need to read this Amplified version.

**18. Let no one defraud you of your price, your freedom in Christ and your salvation by insisting on mock humility and the worship of angels, going into details about vision, the claims he has seen to justify his authority, puff off in conceit by his own spiritual mind.**

Can you see that?

Going into details in vision to justify their authority.

So that means the breaking in and this stealing that this moth and rust and the breaking in, in this case actually doesn't happen because somebody comes and lay their hands on you

and say, now I want to defraud you. It doesn't have to happen that way. It could happen by the things they are telling you.

He says they are going into details talking about dreams, justifying their authority and the reason why it is so in your life. They justify it.

That itself can be as long as the thing is hanging your life and putting your breakthrough, your deliverance, your salvation, your liberty... as long as your freedom is not actually found in the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

As long as they are saying well, we know Jesus died. We know he resurrected, but if you want liberty, you need to sow into this. Can you see?

We know Jesus died and he resurrected but if you want liberty, you need to connect to this anointing. We know Jesus died, we know he resurrected if you want freedom, you need to follow this particular ministry.

You know it is about the things that they go into in what they say, in what they emphasizes, he said the emphasis and the statement as long as it is not connected to the head who is Christ...

Look at verse 19.

### **19. And not holding on to the head which is Christ.**

Can you see that?

What are they saying? Whatever they are saying, if it is not holding on to the head which is Christ, he said that is a defrauding going on there. They are already breaking in. And not holding fast to the head.

If what they are saying is not credited to the redemption realities in Christ Jesus. If whatever they are offering cannot be found in his death, in his burial, and in his resurrection. Whatever they say to you, he says watch it now, you are about to be stolen from.

And the reason why they can steal from you is could it be that you also that you have put your treasures on the earth? Can you see?

This is the dynamics that the Spirit of Christ is warning us today.

Is it not annoying for you to find out that some people, you cannot make them to act right and do what is right, unless they connect to their spiritual father. They have more loyalty and you can hold them to their spiritual father- the so call spiritual father than Christ.

So people can quotes copiously the words of their G O, of their pastors than the Word of the Lord. So they can interject any conversation, but you found them they don't have any

root. They don't have that attachment to God's Word himself. They don't have attachment to Christ.

So you see the loyalty more to these people than Christ. So you can see why they are in that vulnerable position. Because the treasures is now on earth. Isn't it? The treasures is now on earth and moth and rust can destroy.

Oh! for time today, we will not be able to go further. I think we didn't ever get to the twelve verse of John Chapter 4 today.

We have not talk about the woman, where she began to understand that what Jesus was presenting was a greater treasure compare to what was available.

I hope your eyes have been open to see the greater things and to see where you can secure your heart, where your heart should be today with this episodes. So you can insure yourself against thieves, against moths and rust.

So we will request that you pray for us that we will not be weary in well doing and that we will not be cast away.

So as you are being blessed by this, we want you to live out this life, live out the truth of God's Word and secure your life against thieves. Don't put yourself in a vulnerable position. Don't go to those places, just like we have in here that there are some place that are so dangerous. Don't put your heart into those places...So don't go to those places, because going to those places is about putting your heart. Don't get to that junction at all. Don't make yourself vulnerable.

So we want to say as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.

God bless you.