

Exposé 247

Bucket Ministry Series 5

Title: The Hard Work of Rest

Hello world, this is Exposé 247 and we will like to invite you for a scriptural chat. So today we pray that as we open the scriptures and we direct your gaze and attention, your heart towards this, that something will pop out of these pages, and then is going to grip your heart and is going to affect your walk with the people, and your relational posture with the Lord.

So today we want to continue with the Bucket Ministry Series. And then you know this is going to be the fifth one. We've had the first, introduction, we had the roundabout gospel, we have the body language and the last one was sit before you walk.

So in case you missed any of these or you really need to be reminded of this because we need to listen and listen to this again less they slip away. (We should take the earnest heed to the things we have heard less at anytime they slip away.)

So if you have listened to it, you might want to listen to it again. So you don't keep forgetting and in case you have any question you might be able to understand. And if you are just joining, you can understand where we are coming from today.

So today we continue from the last one "**Sit before You walk**", that is like an order in which we went all around to show why this order is so important that is going to be injurious, unsafe like giving the safety standard and safety warning for you to start walking without sitting down. And you need to sit down if I remember very well, we are talking about sitting down to refuel, to get the power to be able to walk.

And we went to the book of Ephesians, is like a mini introduction to Ephesians. It was like a commentary on the book of Ephesians in Chapter 1-3. It was broken down to 3-2-1. I don't want to say much about that again.

Thank you for all that. If you are actually in our last episode, you will understand that we were focusing on sit before you walk.

Now that raises some questions which we need to address today in terms of this resting and sitting.

Now, the question you want to ask is how hard is it to rest? The reason you give instructions to people, the reason you pass on an instruction is because you know if you don't, people have a tendency not to do that thing. If that thing was self-evident, if it was something that was automatic, if it was something that people will do by default mode,

you don't need to give instructions if something is a default thing to people's personality. But the reason why the scriptures gives us a lot of instructions and admonitions about the fact that you need to rest is because it is not a natural default mode for the human system.

Human beings are gear more to activity....

That is the reason why you want to sit down and listen to this particular transmission today.

Now let's kick on from there, Hebrews Chapter four, let's see what verse 11 has to say on this issue of rest that we've began to look into.

Don't forget we actually began to read Hebrews 4 from verse 1 in previous transmission but today we are going to zero in on verse 11 and see what the spirit of grace has to say to us.

Hebrews 4:11 (Amp Version)

Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest of God.

Now that is a pointer. He says you and I will have to put all our energies into this. We have to put all of our focus, every effort that we can gather has to go into we getting into rest.

Let us therefore make every effort.

to do what?

Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest of God.

If you do figure of speech in English, there is something they call oxymoron, when you decide to combine two opposite statement in one. How does it require effort to rest? It is a contradiction!

If you read KJV what does it says?

This is a contradiction. How come you have to make effort in order for you to rest? How come you have to do some hard work to rest? It is a contradiction.

What does the KJV says?

Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest

Amazing! This one says work for it. You have to work for the rest.

So labour, you are going to put all your energy into this. This is not something you can do haphazardly, something you could say well, if I have the time I will do it. The scriptures says unless you put the effort into it, you will never get into rest. Can you see that? This

is the reason why such a transmission like this Bucket Ministry Series, such a topic like this is important because it will not happen by itself. It will require effort.

Now, the question you want to ask is why would rest require so much effort?

Now before, we began to answer that question. I want you to look at what Apostle Paul's testimony has to be about this same thing.

1Corinthians 15, you can read verse 10.

It means in the kingdom of God every energy has to go into resting. Now what does 1Cor 15 has to say to us about the same thing.

You can read verse 10.

1Cor 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am...

Now, I am what I am by the grace of God. It means you couldn't say am what I am because of what I did. I am not what I am because of my credit history with God. Am not what I am because of the things I have been able to come up with in my life as Apostle Paul. All I am today, all I can make recourse to today only happen because God made his grace available.

And I presume if you are listening to this, if you have heard the word grace before, people always have this particular apparel for grace. They says God's riches at Christ expenses, well, he says in reality that could depict the picture of grace, it's all at Christ expense. It's got nothing to do with you. You are just invited to sit in the same position that Christ is sitted.

Please let us make this known, every time the scriptures say you have to sit with Christ in the heavenly places, or the Bible says you are sitted with Christ in the heavenly places, what it simply means in a nutshell, in a common every language is to say God sees you the exact way he sees Christ. That is what it means. It means all the righteousness, the holiness, the purity, the perfection, the acceptance, the glory that belongs to Christ because he paid for it. Now it's been made available to you even though you never paid for it. That is why is call grace.

So Paul says I am what I am by the grace of God.

Now continue please, what happened?

which was bestowed on me

Bestowed means you give something to somebody. Is like a gift. You can use the word bestowed as gifted to me. I didn't actually have anything to do with this grace.

But what did he says next?

It was not in vain

Now, he said this grace actually achieve something. It actually brought to pass something. What did he do?

But I labour more abundantly than they all

Well, Paul said when that grace was released to me, I had to actually work hard. We then see that getting into rest demands hard work. I worked hard.

Now, the work that it requires to get into rest is the very thing that a lot of people are not interested in putting in into this. That makes sense why when Jesus met that woman in John Chapter 4, Jesus had to present to her the sitting savior because this is the most important thing. But now we see today in Hebrews 4:11,12 is the fact that it requires work.

What type of work does it require to enter into rest? Am glad you ask.

What type of work is this? What type of energy has to go into this to rest?

Now go back to Hebrews 4 and then look at verse 12.

What type of work do you have to put in so you can sit down and put the weight of your life on Jesus? We said sitting down means put the weight on the chair.

What does it says in verse 12

For the word of God is quick....

Now it says don't forget that word says 'let us therefore labour to enter into rest.' And the next verse says **for**...

Can you see?

The word for there is trying to explain to you that this is the tool that is needed. This is the tool that you have to work with.

Now I want you to look at something...

Go on please

For the word of God is quick, and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword.

Now, he says this is what you need if you are going to labour to enter into rest. You are going to have to use this tool. This is the hard work. That is why he says labour. This is hard work.

Does this not amaze you then, that the scripture did say about some people, the elders in the church... he says they that labour in the Word among you, they deserve double honour.

Now, it means to get into the Word of God, to receive what the Word of God says about you, to receive what the Word of God says about your life, to receive what God's Word says about your position with Christ. The scriptures says this is labour. This is hard work. You have to fight with this Word. You have to use this Word as your tool of laboring, rest will not automatically happen unless we know how to work. That is what we see there.

Yes, we can always see this consistency in all through the scriptures. Some times when you make reference to patience, those words that connotes sit back, people think like layback, like enter into rest, they feel like is a lay back position, that it connotes layback. But we find out it is very hearty the posture, we see about patience because of this crush down and patience is like walk with this, run with patience.

We understand with patience we sit down and lay back. So it is consistent with what we see today that there is a labour attach to rest. And if people are just wondering what we are saying about labour, you have to go back to see that even for patience you run, even for peace- and the God of peace bruise Satan under your feet. So all those things, some subliminal that looks like layback you don't need to do anything, you fold your hands, is not actually that. It's hard work.

Now, if you remember we said in our last transmission that Ephesians Chapter 1, 2, 3 talks about your position, talks about the things that the death, the burial and resurrection of Christ achieved in your life. That is one thing. But the fact is, will you continually and consistently hold on and believe those very things. And that Bible says is hard work. That is labour.

If you look at Hebrew 4 verse 3 what does it says? It emphasizes the point again.

for we which have believed do enter into rest.

Now substitute that for Hebrews 4:11, let's do the mathematical substitution.

for we that believer enter into rest

What does verse 11 says?

let us labour therefore to enter into rest.

So what do we then with the substitution?

It means the believing is the laboring. This is the hard work people are not willing to put into this.

This is the reason why if you notice a lot of Christians want to walk before they rest. Because the resting itself requires laboring and verse 3 of Hebrews 4 says that labour is just can you be resolute? Can you be stubborn with believing what God said concerning your life? What God said has been accomplished in Christ Jesus, when Jesus said it is finished?

What was Christ made to you? The scriptures says Christ is made to us the wisdom of God, the power of God, the righteousness of God... all these things that Christ was made unto you for, how stubborn, how resolute will you be to continue in believing them in the face of opposing circumstances? The Bible says this is hard work, that unless you do that work, you will not sit, you will not enter into rest. And that is what we see in the scriptures there.

The scriptures was saying to do the work of the Lord is just to believe, that is the summary of all this. That is the job description. Because you are asking, tell us the work of the Lord to do it? The work is to believing in him whom he has sent. That is your job.

People says they are laboring today, is just like believing...

Do you know why? If you are asking the question, why is it hard to believe because if the scripture use the word believe in the place of labour, then why is it hard? I thought believing is the most easiest thing to do, that is what you will actually presume.

Well, hold on as we continue with today's transmission because by the grace of God we are trusting the Lord, by the very words you are going to hear for this transmission, liberation, liberty, freedom will come to your spirit, soul and body. And that is why we are here today to break down these things to you.

Now, if you presume that believing is easy, then how come the scriptures calls it labour. Hebrews 4:3, 11. Laboring and believing are used interchangeably and we are going to dissect that right now.

Now, if you notice one thing in the same Hebrews 4, he says today if you hear his voice do not harden your heart. Don't forget this was used in the context of rest. He said for the gospel was preached to them in the wilderness like it is being preached to us, but he says the Word that was preached to them did not benefit them because it did not mix with faith. He said something was missing. The believing eco-factor was missing. They were not laboring with believing and that is why they did not enter into rest.

Yes, am just going to that verse so that people can understand this. (The verse I quoted) That was John 6 verse 29.

He says

(English standard version)

This is the only work God wants from you, believe in the one he has sent.

So it means even though we said God wanted us to sit before we start walking. But another insight we have come to bring today is to actually sit down and rest require a level of laboring. Which if you don't put that laboring into the equation, you will not be able to rest. It doesn't matter what we says, resting require hard work.

We are going to look and investigate what is the hard work needed to enter into rest?

Now Hebrew 4:3 says it is simply believing, believing what God said. Believing the gospel that was preached unto you. And that is what we are going to clarify today.

You have one or two things to say before we carry on?

No!

Let's move on quickly as a case study, as a very serious case study, if you notice we've actually been going between Genesis, the Old Testament and the New Testament. I think I emphasized in one of our previous transmission, I did say the reason why we need to go back to Genesis is because Adam was the first creation of God and you and I in Christ Jesus, we are also a new creation in Christ Jesus.

So we can gleam models of the Spirit by going back to Genesis.

So Genesis Chapter 1 verse 26, this is what the Lord said to Adam when he was created.

Genesis 1

26. And God said let us make man

Every time the scriptures says God said, it means the Word of God has gone forth. Now have you noticed anytime the gospel is being mentioned, it says the gospel was preached unto them. The gospel is a proclamation of God. The gospel is the declaration of God. In fact let's says this, the Greek word for the word gospel is the word **euaggelion**. It means good news.

You know what a news is? Some of you, you probably have your TV, you have your social media, you have your phone, every time you get on to those platform, you want to know what is the news for today. The news is not only an explanation, is just a declaration, an information that you have today that you didn't have yesterday. That is why is call news from the word new.

The reason why the gospel is call good news is because this is a declaration of something that God has done. You know news is something that has already happened.

If somebody tell you, you know what? in the next 500 years an event will happen, and this is the new thing you need to know now. That sounds a bit absurd. It is when

something has happened or is currently happening and then informing you, that is why is call news. That is why is call news from new.

This is a declaration. God made a declaration to Adam in Genesis 1:26, something that Adam never heard before. This is the gospel.

Please you know the reason why am saying all these? Am saying all these because don't limit the gospel in the scriptures to just Jesus's death, burial and resurrection. Every time God made a declaration, is called the gospel. The Bible says the gospel was preached to Abraham as well, when God said in you shall the nations... every time God made a proclamation over a man's life, something new that a man is hearing, is always call gospel.

So here is God making a declaration to Adam.

Go on,

God said let us make in our image...

Now, begin to count that, number one.

after our likeness, let them have dominion over the fish of the seas

How many phases are there? Three things you can see there. Let's make him in our image. Secondly, let him carry our likeness and the third thing, let him have dominion. Let him exercise authority over something.

Now, am not sure you begin to see the correlation there. Am taking that slowly because as we carry on, you will see there is a reason why... don't forget we are talking about sit, walk and stand.

Now we are going to come back and connect that later on.

So the very first thing was for Adam to carry God's image. Now if you think the word **image** and **likeness** and **dominion** is just God repeating himself, it means you are rushing through the scriptures. God wasn't repeating himself. It wasn't a tautology. It's actually God made all those distinctions for Adam. But hold on to that, we are going to come back to that. We are going to convince you why they are three separate entities.

Now go on please, that was verse 26,

Here was the good news unto Adam about his destiny. Let's see what happened in Chapter three verse 5. Hold on to those proclamations that God made to Adam.

Genesis 3

5. For God doeth know that in the day you eat

Who is talking there?

Now, we are trying to run through some scriptures because we want to go straight to the point without actually digressing.

So the person talking there is the serpent, the one that has the nature of the devil, the representation of the old serpent, that devil, that Satan...

Go on please,

5. For God doeth know that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened and ye shall be as gods knowing evil and good.

Now, if you read some other translations it says you shall be like God knowing the difference between good and evil.

Now, don't forget the mandate that was given to Adam. What was the mandate? That you were created in God's image. You were made after God's likeness. You were not you will be. Can you see?

He says God made man.

Now watch the tenses... that is verse 26 of Genesis 1, God made man in his own image. He didn't says God will make man.

Can you please help us read it?

Let us make man in our image and after our likeness and let them have dominion

Can you see that?

What does verse 27 says?

So God created man in his own image and the image of God created he him, male and female created he them.

Now, the question is, when he says God created man in his own image, where is the likeness there?

Now, please hold on with this, we will be very slow until you get this. So when he created him, Adam at the point of creation has the image of God.

What does Image means?

Image simply means that you are an exact reflection of the original thing. That is what image is. It means God is saying that Adam was his exact copy, a replica of God. That is what God said.

But you know one thing about this image? that is why the scripture says as we have borne of the earthly man, we have to bear the image and the nature of the heavenly man. But when you see the image of God which was on Adam, the fact is when you say likeness, likeness is always the word when somebody says you look like somebody else.

For example, if you have a child, or you have a brother or you have an offspring, have you ever seen people tell you before that you look like your father or you look like your brother, you look like your sister? Likeness is always the report that people give to you when they see you looking like somebody in your family or somebody that looks like you. Likeness is when you have the external feature of that person.

So when God created him, he created him in his image. So you could simply say in his spirit, he was just like God exactly, and that is exactly what happen to you and I at new birth. Have you noticed that at new birth, the Bible says if anyone does not have the spirit of Christ you don't belong to Christ?

What you have in you that looks exactly like Christ is your spirit man. I will repeat that! What looks exactly like Christ is your spirit man. What you have in you is the spirit of Christ. Is that ok?

Now, that is the reason why in the scriptures some of us when we look at the Bible and the scripture says you are God's righteousness, some of you want to look at your character, you want to look at your behavior to judge that scripture. You want to look at the way you speak to judge that scripture, you want to even look at your face. When the Bible talks about the fact that joy of the Lord is your strength, you say I don't have the joy. You are looking at the fact that I don't like what the scripture says. That is the problem. You are looking for likeness instead of the image. That is what God created. God created man in his image.

You see, the reason why so many people get confused about Genesis 1:27 is when they go to 1:26. Genesis 1:26 was a declaration of what God will do, then verse 27 is a declaration of what he did.

Let's break it down...

Genesis 1:26 was an intention, was a manifesto but verse 27 man in his image, where is the likeness he talked about? and where is the dominion he talked about?

Now, the reason he said that is because when he made Adam, he made him to sit down. That is why I said, sit down means Adam do you agree or believe the fact that I said you look exactly like me? You have my image. But you see when the serpent would come in Chapter 3 verse 5, the serpent decided not just to attack the image, he attacked the likeness.

He said you don't look like him, for you to be like him, for you to like him... and that is the point... That is where the attack of the enemy comes to you and I.

We've been talking about sitting down for the past few days in our previous transmissions. And some people are thinking the enemy doesn't come to me and tell me am not sitted with Christ. And is true, the devil doesn't do that. He doesn't come to attack that way.

That is why some people are wondering what are these people talking about on this transmission? They are wasting time. The enemy doesn't come to me to say you are not sitted with Christ in the heavenly places. Maybe you are right, the devil doesn't come to say you are not sitted with Christ. In fact in some cases, the devil doesn't come to simply say you are not the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Can you see?

The devil doesn't come to attack your image, that is what he made you in Christ Jesus. What does he attack? He comes to tell you, your likeness...He says you don't like that... You don't look like the righteousness of God. Your bank account doesn't look like somebody that says he has all he need for life and godliness. Can you see that? Your relationship doesn't reflect somebody who say he has the peace of God in his heart and even peace with men. The enemy comes to the point of saying you know what? I know you are claiming that you are sitted with Christ, I know you are claiming that you were created in God's image in verse 27. I don't have any problem with that. Am just simply saying, you don't have his likeness. You don't look it.

This is why in verse 5, he simply said, do you want to look like him? I will tell you what to do. There is a translation that says in verse 5 Chapter 3 that you read where he says if you eat of the fruit then your eyes will be open and you will be as him. You will look like him. You will have the same facial expression.

This is the reason, you know we've been talking about this things, and I think we need to emphasize one thing, the enemy will not come to you to tell you that you don't have Gods righteousness. He will not come to you that you are not blessed. What he will say is, in order to be blessed, in order to be righteous, in order to look blessed, what you need to do is unless you are able to act this way and act that way. It means you are not righteous anyway. He doesn't say you are not righteous, he just tell you what to do to be righteous. But if you accept him telling you what to do to be righteous, it means you've accepted that you are not. That is why he told them what to do so they can be as God. It was a reverse attack. That is what the enemy does.

Reverse Psychology! That is the point.

I want to draw the attention of our audience to the Knock Out Season series of the temptation of Jesus. It was the same thing. He wasn't attacking the image, he was

attacking the likeness that if you are really feel you are the son of God, then do this. It means let us see something that looks like what God will do.

He comes to attack the likeness to say that you don't look much like this. You don't do, what he will do. You don't act the way he would have acted. Prove it if you are actually like him. He wasn't saying you are not the son of God, he is just saying if you have the image then let see the likeness. Then show something to prove.

And I think for the whole humanity that is the temptation now to justify our likeness. It means if you justify your likeness, then maybe we can know you have the image. Can you see?

So I will use the likeness to confirm if you have the image. If you are able to justify it because we see circumstances that does not look like it, and then we need to put up a show. You must do something to justify what you are already have. And that is the temptation.

Thank you for that.

Does that then mean that as we were looking at Genesis 1:26-27, that is why I said we should hold on to the fact that he said let us create man in our image, then after our likeness and then let them have dominion. Sit, walk and stand.

Now because of the fact that the image is, that is why in verse 27 the image was settled. God created man in his own image. Done and dusted!

That is why I said, let us make him in our image. That means this is what I will do in you. Then he says after our likeness. It means now that I have actually given you my image, you need to go forth and demonstrate and show forth to men what you carry within you. That is when you begin to look like me. And then have dominion, exercising authority over creations.

You can see that?

Because I was looking at the Ephesians connection...

Can you see the order?

It is first carry the image, then people need to see that you look like me, because likeness is not for God. Anytime you look like somebody, people point out and say you like that. So likeness is always to reference among men...They will say you look like God!

It is the men that need the reference. They are the one that have to say you look like that. And then he says then exercise dominion, standing... Can you see? taking authority over the environment. Can you see?

It is sit, walk, stand. Image, likeness and dominion.

You see the order was right there from Genesis.

This revelation of Ephesians of sit, walk and stand that the Apostle Paul wrote by the Holy Ghost, that was not the first time, it was given right from Genesis. So it was part of the plan from the beginning.

It was the plan of the ages that man will sit first before walking, and walk before they can talk about standing.

Thank you for clarifying this because people think that since they only have the image, they don't have any problem, they stay at that level of being established with the knowledge that they have the image of God and so they did not bother about looking like him.

And then they don't understand how the walking through that process, or what is the motivation for the walking. They don't understand walking through that process, and so it gives the enemy the opportunity to come in and say since you are really confuse about the likeness, am going to introduce my theory for you to help you out, because he saw the gap in understanding within the likeness, how do you correlate who you are (the image) to the likeness and he comes in and say oh, let me help you out of this. Since you want to look like, then this is the way around it.

Thank you for that, before we leave this verse and go to other verses that clarify these things. There is something you mention that I think we need to actually focus on that thing. You were talking about the fact that the enemy wants to confuse us about the likeness.

Now, what the enemy's goal is this. He is trying to confuse our motivations. Motivation is the key thing because the reason why he actually told Adam is of course, Adam if you do this and do that, now I know some people think about the fruit. Some people says is apple that they eat. There is nothing like Apple in the Bible. And we might never know what exactly this particular tree of knowledge of good and evil is producing, and I don't think that is what is important really. I have heard of Adam's apple. I don't think is really important. I will tell you what is important.

What is important is the fact that the enemy told them there is something they have to do to actually carry the image. It doesn't matter what the enemy says that they have to do.

Even for Jesus he has to turn stone to bread... whether he says you have to eat fruit, you have to run or jump it is irrelevant. As long as the enemy says you have to be something seemingly good... that is why is call the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

I think people have been too fixated on what is it that Adam eat. What did the tree produce? It doesn't matter. The tree could have produce something good or evil. It doesn't matter what the tree produces, but the fact is if the enemy can convince anyone to say you need to walk in order to sit. If he can achieve that, it doesn't matter what the walking is about, is irrelevant in reality.

For example what is the wrong with the enemy saying to you or convincing your mind that unless you actually give of your money, unless you pay this or you do that then you are not blessed? Even there is nothing wrong with giving, it is a great thing. But he says you are not sitted first, you are not blessed. You are not sitted with Christ. You are not blessed with all spiritual blessing in Christ unless you give first then you will... unless you walk then you can go back and sit. It doesn't matter whether is a good thing, whether is a bad thing. The fact is we are right there living in Genesis Chapter 3 verse 5. That is the problem. This is the reason why the scriptures then says in Hebrew 4:11 we need to work really hard to rest.

So the question is what kind of work did Adam refused to do in Chapter 3 verse 5? What kind of work did he refused to do? What kind of labour did he not laboured in Chapter 3 verse 5? Am glad you ask. What is the laboring?

The labouring is for Adam to tell the enemy that when God made me in Chapter 1, verse 27 of Genesis, he said he created me in his image. I believed what he said, enemy get out. This is the laboring in the Word. This is the believing that Adam did not do in Chapter 3 verse 5 to tell the enemy. You know what? likeness is just for the world, is for you. But the fact is, I was told by my creator in verse 27 of Genesis Chapter 1 that I was created in his image. I look exactly like him within my spirit. I'm exactly identical to my creator.

If Adam had stood on that point and was rebellious with it, if he was stubborn with it, if he refused to shift ground with that revelation, then whatever came in Genesis Chapter 3 verse 5 would not have work on him. That is why the Bible says we need to labour. We need to work hard in order to enter into rest.

And bringing it to the new birth experience and what happen in our common challenges and conflicts at new creation...

Thank you for making mention of that.

Let's read 1John 3

And again you see the reason we keep talking about Adam, he was first creation of God. Now you are the second Adam in Christ Jesus. Look at what 1John 3 says regarding the same matter.

Let's bring it down to the New Covenant.

1John 3

2. Beloved now are we the sons of God

Sit first before you walk. He says now! Now, there is no improvement on that. You are currently now the sons of God. It means you know what it means to be son of God? The Bible says in Galatians, it is in Romans as well, “we have been adopted into the family of God. God has send his spirit of sonship into our heart for we to cry Abba Father.” And he goes on in that scriptures to say we are co-heirs with Christ. Everything the Father could give his first begotten son is available to you now.

Now are you the sons of God. Sit now! rest first.

What does it says next?

And it doth not yet appear what we shall be:

See! our likeness is in progress. One does not affect the other. This is the confusion that people have.

He says it doth not yet appear what we shall be

What does Genesis 3:5 says, the devil says you shall be as God.

John says the business of becoming, the business of looking like your Father is a work in progress. There is good news but that doesn't cancel the fact that now are you the sons of God. It doesn't change it.

Am not sure what you are struggling with, even if you are a Christian and born again and you are struggling with a particular sin in your life, there is something that beset you like Hebrews 12 says the sins that easily beset..... if there is something that is besetting you, attacking your soul, attacking your mind that you think are you ever going to come of this limitation in your life?

Let me tell you this, now are you the sons of God. Receive the revelation of your nature in Christ and walk out of that situation. You are now the sons of God. You will not become more of the son of God when you clean up your acts. You are now the Son of God. You are sitted first before you talk about you walking.

He said it doth not yet appear...

This appearing to be, is talking about is where the enemy goes to sit. Can you see? That is the junction the devil sits. He doesn't sit at the image junction, he doesn't sit at the sons of God. He goes to sit at the appearing to be. That is where he sit. You know why? He sits down there because this appearing to be, this walking is how we relate with the world. What the world sees of us. What people see of you? Can you see that?

You called yourself a blessed person, what do people see? You have peace, what do people see? Can you see that? You talk about the fact that you have been translated from darkness into the kingdom of light, what do people see? Now this is the junction where the enemy attacks our soul. It is in that junction where appearing to be.

Can you see that?

That is the work in progress and that is the vulnerable state. And that is the junction where we have to labour. The labour is at that point. The laboring is not for God to put you in place of rest, No! God did that and say now you are the son of God. But you have to labour in that appearing to be at the point of likeness...

You have to fight. You have to tell the enemy when he created me, he said I was made in his image. Please don't confuse me. I have the spirit of Christ. I belong to Christ. Now am I the son of God. You have to fight with it. Hebrews 4:3 says you have to believe to enter into rest. But verse 11 of Hebrews 4 says you have to labour to enter into rest. So laboring is your believing.

The reason we are reading 1John 3 today as you are listening to this transmission, as you are hearing what we are saying. Keep fighting with it. Can you see? He says you have to believe, unless you hear the Word, you can't believe because believing come at hearing the Word.

So as we are sharing this Word now, we are giving you the tool to labour. We are giving you the weapon to fight, to believe, to enter into rest.

I hope our viewers will be empowered with this new admonition, that is the secret...

... for the Word of God is living and active, that is what he says in verse 12. This is the tool you need to labour. The laboring doesn't come by psychology, the laboring doesn't come by theory of men, it comes by going into the Word that is living and active. That is what we see there.

Can you go on please?

So you can see

And it doth not yet appear what we shall be:

That is our likeness

But we know that,

We know! You should know. That is what Adam should have told the serpent. I know. Thank you I know. Am becoming like him.

But we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

So we are the son of God now, sitted but our walking, our likeness is a work in progress. And we would eventually carry that likeness.

Verse 3 says

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Can you see that?

Now the reason, there are two things we need to emphasize before we go to other verse. It means if anybody know these things he purifies himself. But he is not purifying himself so that he can become a true son of God. Can you see? He is not walking so that he can sit.

He is not doing this so that I can be a genuine son of my father. You can say that in earthly realm, or people say that in this natural world. But you don't ever say that with God to say when I purify myself I will be a true son of God.

He says now are we the son of God. Now you are the son of God, but you know that you are also going to bear his full likeness, and he says as we have this hope in ourselves, we purify ourselves. It means am going to walk right, Am going to think like a blessed man. Am going to talk like a blessed person. Am going to live my life as somebody who has been forgiven of his sins.

For example, every time we talk about forgiveness some few months ago, every time somebody offend you and you forgive them, you are demonstrating the fact that you are forgiven. You are not doing it so that God can forgive you. You are doing it because you are forgiven. That is you purifying yourself because you know that...

even as he is pure.

That doesn't make any logical sense to people using the mindset of the world to read 1John 3:2. If you are pure, why then do you have to purify yourself? Can you see that? If you are ready pure, why do you still have to purify yourself? If you are the son of God, if you are the son of your Father, if you have the image of God, why do you have to bear his likeness?

It means if I am God's son, if I have the life of Christ, I want to exhibit or demonstrate the reality of that light in this world. He says if you know that you have been made pure, then purify yourself. Demonstrate that thing in this world. Show that to men. Show that you are blessed. Show that you are favoured of God. Show that you have the grace of God at work in your life.

Let's say this emphatically, don't go to a place of worship, don't gather with people in such places where they say things that we call reverse psychology where they tell you to walk so that you can sit. Every time you do that, it means you've just refuse to labour or work hard to enter into rest. That is what we see there.

So I will like to comment on this analogy that you said this is what happen in the kingdom and does not even happen in the natural realm. Even in the competent court of law and there is a case about the paternity, may the parent is saying this doesn't not look like me and everybody knows the son is not acting like the father. A competent court of law will say it doesn't matter what the character is and judging by likeness, they have to go to what the image is, the DNA, what is actually is. Even if the son was really living out of character, he is not consistent with..., it doesn't matter what he does.

So talking about the paternity, he doesn't matter about the character, whether he follows the custom and tradition of the house. It's about the DNA, the image. Even if he is having problem with the likeness, is about the paternity, the DNA, the image. What is the genetic imprint of him? And that is what came to us, that this is the imprint of God, God's DNA on us.

That is why when a child, raising a child in a family especially, those with traditions, you have to work it out. That is why they have governess, they have people to mentor them in the traditions to walk it out, in the likeness of what is in the house, this is how you should be. And they don't say this is how you should be so that we can accept you are a son in the house. No!

You are already a son in the house. And they will be trained all the years to reflect what he actually is. So that when they encounter him outside, they see that this is actually from this family, this is from this royal family. And that is not quite different from what the scripture is.

So we have the scripture to help us to work at the likeness, because we need the likeness, the world need to see, that is their own reference point. And we need the scripture. And in this walking out, we should not be ignorant. We should not allow the devil to take advantage of our ignorance around the area and so want to twist the likeness or the image. I know we are work in progress. At the new birth, we have Christ in us- the spirit of Christ, the life of Christ, the grace, the acceptance, the obedience of Christ. Everything is already done and dusted in us. And here we have a work to do about the likeness and eventually there is a knowledge, 'for we know.' That is the thing!

Most people do not know. You know likeness will solve itself out. Some people do not know. It is because we do not know that we can understand where the problem is. But people know yet am working, struggling with it but yet they did not know they will eventually be.

He says 'for we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is,' but we know that.

So today we want the people to know that. We want everybody hearing us that we will eventually be like him.

You have to work hard at knowing, the laboring of knowing. As long as you have the spirit of Christ in you. The hard work of knowing and eventually you will be as long as you have the image.

And this likeness is not to prove that we are, even the work in progress is not to prove that we have the image of God, is just for us to reflect, so we can have the reference. And then it is work, we are not going to be shy of it. Some people shy at it and say Oh we have the image and that is all. So they are really work shy. They don't work at the likeness. We have to work it out, work at the likeness for others so that they really need to get the reflection of who God is. And then we need to know that eventually no matter the struggle in the midst of it, as long as we have the genetic imprint, we shall be like him.

Don't let the devil come and confuse you.

I wish Adam said for I know I was created in his image and I will eventually be like him and that will have solved all humanity problem.

Now, does that not tell you that all of the problems we have now in our days, it doesn't matter whether you are born again, or you are not a Christian, an atheist, you believe in God. We have a common enemy. That is what you need to know. The reality is every attack of the devil will come at this point of likeness. He is going to try and convince you, I know you said you have his image, how come you don't look like him?

Now for those who are not born of God, who are not new creation in Christ Jesus, you have to know that it doesn't actually even matter whether people claim they are born again or not, the fact is man was created in God's image. The only problem they have is, they still borne the nature of the first man, Adam, they've not borne the nature of the second Adam. We actually had borne the nature of the first Adam and now we are bearing the nature of the second Adam, which the Bible calls second Adam in 1Corinthians 15 which is Christ Jesus. But in anyway, the fact is, is an attack on image whether you have the first Adam or the second Adam.

In fact, the first Adam that image was corrupted so we have to eject ourselves out of the first Adam by believing in Christ Jesus until we came into the second Adam because God is not working anymore with the first Adam. But the fact is, is an image problem overall whether is the first Adam or the second Adam. The fact and the reality is the enemy will always come at the point of likeness. That is what we see there.

So for you if you are a Christian, if you claim you are blessed. You know what the enemy does? All he has to do is, look at your life and look at one or two things around you going on at the moment and he is going to say is that how somebody who is blessed, is that how their life look like? Is that how their financial situation is meant to look like? Is that how their families is meant to look like? Is that how their health is meant to look like? Is that how their location is meant to look like? Is that how their country situation is meant to look like? He is going to come around and look at things around and say is that how this thing should look like if you claim you are blessed? This is where he came to deal with Adam.

And how do you respond? You labour. You work hard. That is why he says labour to enter into rest. You are going to tell the enemy, you won't drive me out of rest.

No! I believe what was said concerning my life.

And again don't be looking out for the enemy to come and tell you are actually blessed all the time. What the enemy does atimes is what we are emphasizing in reverse psychology. If he tells you do this, so that you can be blessed. If he says do this so that you can be blessed, and you want to get down to that thing, it means you've already accepted that you are not blessed.

You see, atimes we always figure this attack in a very funny way. If he says do this, if he says act like this so that you can show you are righteous. or he says you want to be blessed, you want God to bless you, this is what you have to do. Or when he says all that, he has come to do reverse psychology, don't give in. Work hard. Labour and stay sitted. Labour to stay sitted. That is what we see.

Now before we actually continue...

You want to say one or two things?

Yes, I was just thinking I hope our viewers will not forget the link that this Genesis Chapter 1:26 &27 is showing the Ephesian link about sit, walk. And say let them have dominion. All of these have been in the plan of God right from the ages.

The people that care about the dominion and feel like, yes is dominion you are excited about. Some people think like oh! They are just being smart, they are really special that is why they are thinking of dominating. It has always been the plan of God right from the beginning, and it is just intertwined. So we cannot really separate the image, the likeness and let them have dominion over these... And that is where the sequence is all about.

Thank you for that.

Now quickly before we actually progress with these things.

Let's go quickly to 1Peter Chapter 5 verse 7. The whole point we are trying to make is, we are trying to show you why resting require a lots of effort. You've got to put in the effort to enter into rest.

So we now know that actually Adam did not put in the effort.

1Peter 5

7. Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you.

Casting all your cares upon the Lord. It means he is saying that at the moment, you are his responsibility. And the reason why somebody can be your responsibility even in the natural world, in this secular world, in this world that we are in, you are going to have a level of connection or relationship with somebody, before they can be your responsibility. Is either you have an uncle, or Boss and he's responsible for you or you are a son or daughter in the family and the family is responsible for you.

Casting your cares upon somebody for them to be the one caring for you at least establish or underscore the point that there is a relationship in place. There is acceptance. There is something that is done and dusted.

Can you see?

Rest!

Now he says

for he cares for you.

Now again is now asking this person in verse 7 to actually come to that understanding. You might want to put this in that, to labour, to work hard, to bring themselves to that understanding. Can you see that? So that is sitted. To labour, to work hard, to drive this understanding into their mentality

Now let us say this, the reason why atimes we talk, you know some kind of response that we actually give to life atimes actually indict our creator. Atimes we act like we are orphans in this world. That is why Jesus said in Matthew 'do not worry about what to eat or what to drink.' He said the pagans, those who don't have a God in this world, those that could not claim they are sitted with Christ. He said those are the very things that they do. He said why then will you be acting like that? If we are acting like pagans or heathen in the way we respond to life, it means we are not accepting the reality of the fact that somebody has taken responsibility virtue of the relationship that we have with him.

He said will you just labour with that understanding? Will you fight through life with that understanding? That is what verse 7 says

Can you go on please?

Verse 8

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil,

Now, you know every time we talk about the devil, you are thinking about the person with the two horns, the dragon teeth, coming wild at you.

Now, there is a reason why verses in the scriptures are connected together.

In verse 7, he talked about how you walk in this world. Your cares are not things in heaven. Your cares are things of this world. That is why they all ended in this world. What to eat, to drink doesn't go with you to heaven. They are the things with this world, your walking, your relationship with this world.

And when he said that in verse 7, look at verse 8. So you can simply say 1Peter 5:7 talks about your sitting(He cares for you), your walking which is the cares of this world, and then verse 8 talks about your standing.

Again, right there in 1Peter 5:7, 8 is sit, walk and stand. Then he talks about the enemy. How the enemy shows up, what will the enemy do. The fact that there is a demonic attack that is going to come, maybe through people or come through your things, or dreams or imaginations. Of course demonic attack will come through those things, but specifically in 1Peter 5:8, he talks about the devil walking about as a roaring lion. Walking about where? Is he walking about in space, or walking about in the mountain, or walking about in the ocean? Where is he walking about?

Verse 7 talks about the fact that be careful about your cares in this world. Can you see? If you seeking for the devil flying in the air, you might miss him because right in your cares of this world, right in the things you think what will I put on? How will I survive? What will happen to my children? What will happen to my future? What will happen to my career? What will happen to my Job? Will I lose my job? Will I lose my career? All those things that is weighing you down, Bible says watch it! (That is where the devil is)

Verse 8, he is loitering around. When he says he is loitering around, he is looking through which of those circumstances can I come in through? He is not flying in space as you might have thought. He might be, but predominantly when he is trying to deal with us, he comes at the point of walking. That is why he says he came to Adam at the point of walking. That is the stage he comes in. Can you see that?

He says

...seeking whom he may devour.

Can you continue from verse 9?

9. whom resist steadfast in the faith..

That is your standing now.

Can you see?

Take your stand.

knowing that the same affliction are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

Is it in the heavens? No! It is about your walking. Can you see?

So he says if you don't fight with what you know about the fact that somebody cares for you, if you don't fight with that, what happens is you will not walk right. And if you are not walking right, it means you are so encumber with the cares of this world. And if you don't walk right, he says watch it. How can you stand when the enemy is roaring about seeking whom he may devour?

You can see, right in those verse, this revelation of sit, walk and stand is just all over the different parts of the scriptures.

I can see that at this point, I think this is where we are going to wrap it up. We can see that the devil is in the details here, all those cares, all those things that we get encumber with in this part of the world and he is telling us that we are not alone in this.

So if we choose not to sit and walk, there are other brethren will choose to sit, walk and stand. So you cannot feel I am isolated, and feel like Oh! nobody understand what am going through, you can't understand. Some might say oh!, from where we sat, you can't understand from where they are. And people are listening and say, is so easy for us to say this.

But the scriptures is saying you are alone, all your brethren in the world, in the same world that you are. They are undergoing the same thing. They have the same opportunity. They have the cares around them, and we see the devil too, he is locking around...But would you allow the devil to have his way by you not?

The only way you cannot allow him to have his way is by being sitted, being grounded in knowledge because knowing we find the recurring the word, knowing, knowledge all through. We must sit grounded. So we cannot sit idle. That is the thing. We can't sit idle. We sit with the knowledge and we fight with it, and we labour with it. We labour with that knowledge.

And then see, before we actually round up today, I would have wish we could tell you viewers who are listening to us, that every time you are sitted and you've accepted and you live your life in the revelation of what was accomplished at the death, burial and

resurrection of Christ. That the enemy will not bother to come and manipulate you. I wish we could say that. But that is not true.

That is the reason why the scriptures say in Isaiah that no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper. It means if they're formed against you, they will not just hit at their target if you fight to stay in rest.

It means the enemy will actually come like he came to Adam. (...seeking whom...so is not everybody he could really access, yes he is walking around to see those who are not grounded in it. That means he will not get everyone, he's seeking whom he may devour.)

Is not like he is going to devour everyone, like whom he will devour. And I hope you will not yield yourself.

There is something that came out to me now in that verse 8, he says '**he walks about.**' As you are doing your walking, he is doing his own walking as well. You are both doing your walking in this world. Can you see that? You are walking in this world and he is doing his own walking in his world. That is what he does as well.

There is this analogy before of something between different animals, I don't know if you have come across that or some people might have, which they said some eagle or something staying on the top of the tree and they illustrated that even if you are going to stay and you want to copy another animal that can stay, you cannot stay idle. It is just telling you, even in your sitting position you cannot stay idle. It is a fighting position... That is the point. "let us therefore labour to enter into rest."

If not you just be a meal for the devourer who is walking around, and if we care to be a meal some of our other brethren will not be. That is what that verse means. The choice is yours to take to see that you want to get sitted. And we hope you make a wise choice which you are going to stay sitted and when you stay sitted, you stay grounded and then arm to the teeth... and you must work hard at it.

And you know that the devil is going to walk around looking for those opportunities around your daily life to see opportunities to devour, to say No, I have all the knowledge. I am already arm in my sit and am not going to yield ground. Stay rebellious. Let us labour to enter into that rest.

So we invite you into that labour of rest today.

Next time, we are going to come your way whether through the Youtube or any means. We want to say labour to enter that rest of God and you don't sit idle. Work hard at rest.

If you have any questions, any comments, anything that need clarification, please send it through our page or where you are watching, as the Lord give us the grace, we will be able to answer them.

Till we see you, we want to say labour to enter into rest. Amen

God bless you...

Bye!!!