

Exposé 247

Bucket Ministry Series 7

Title: Naked But Not Ashamed

...Even on Saturday and Sunday it makes no difference and that you will be able to understand that, that it please the Lord to call you. You see as a thing of honor and nobility to be call as a minster of God. If you don't understand what we are saying and saying why would you be saying Thank God its Monday? Then you need to go to our transmission page, our website and listen to the last transmission.

And then I will like to remind you that we are on the Bucket Ministry Series and we are still talking on John 4. We are talking about the sitting posture and why the woman had to meet Jesus sitted and later on if we go on in that verse, for those who are familiar with that passage, we know that even while Jesus sitted and the disciples came back, they said oh he was actually doing work.

So in such a relax position, as he was just waiting for food, he was actually doing work. And it reinforce what we shared last transmission when he said my meat is to do the will of him that sent me. He was doing something right there. So something that looks so causal, something that some people have term secular, and some will have feel like just waiting around for food.

Because these days they attach some spiritual connotation like things like fasting and feel like oh, am preparing myself doing the work of God, and people know oh! yes that is a serious task. But who could think of Jesus waiting for food and feel yet am actually doing a spiritual work here.

So really, you need to know that Thank God is Monday is what everybody should be saying as long as this your job is to dress and keep the garden.

I know last transmission we couldn't get to the point where we need to establish where it was after even for the revelation if work will still be on. I think that was where we stopped

I was saying about the fact that even during or should we say after the restoration of all things, will there still be work after redemption, after the whole heavens and the earth has been redeemed by Christ Jesus?

Because the whole reason we went there was to establish the fact that work is not an afterthought of God. And neither is work a curse on humanity contrary to people, religion

might want to think about, whether Christianity as a religion or some other type of religion.

We established in the last transmission that before there was a fall, before there was sin that came into the world there was work. And then we established that through the scriptures.

So what we are supposed to focus on today is to say well, what about at the end of restoration of all things, when there will be no more pain, no more curse, when the old heavens and earth has passed away and there is new heaven and earth, will there still be work? That is what we are trying to figure out by the grace of God.

So join us today as we go on this quest, pouring over the pages of the scriptures to find out, will there be work after or not?

Thank you very much, we want to get quickly down straight to this.

Now, if you look at Isaiah Chapter 60, there is a particular verse, it is very significant to actually pin point or shed light on this issue of work for you as a believer.

Now, as we look at Isaiah 60, we have to establish first what is the time line of that particular Chapter. That is the reason why we began to compare and contrast between Isaiah 60 and Revelation 21.

Now, the reason we are looking at Revelation 21 is to help us to pin point the time line of all the contents of Isaiah Chapter 60.

If you are a student of the end times, you will know that Revelation 21 was specifically written about things that will happen at the redemption of all things, at the point where the dead in Christ have risen up again and not just redemption but God has restored all things back to the original design in terms of the heavens and the earth, and he said no more pain, no more curse.

So we know the time line of Revelation 21, that is not in doubt. But the reason we are going to look at this Revelation 21 in light of Isaiah 60 is to help us pin point what time frame is it referring to, to establish the time line of Isaiah 60 before we then bring out the issue of work from there.

Isaiah 60 from verse 1, you can read that...

Isaiah 60

1. Arise, shine for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee

2. For behold the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people but the Lord shall arise upon thee and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

3. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Now when is this supposed to be, when is this event?

Can you please read Revelation 21: 24?

Revelation 21

24. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it, and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

That is exactly what you read in Isaiah 60 verse 3.

Again, we will pick another one just to make sure we can compare and contrast between that.

Can you please Isaiah Chapter 60 verse 11?

Isaiah 60

11. Therefore thy gates shall be open continually;

Watch that!

He says your gates shall be continually open.

they shall not be shut day nor night, that men may bring unto thee the forces of the gentiles and that their kings may be brought.

That is Isaiah 60 verse 11. Can you please compare that with Revelation 21:25?

Revelation 21

25. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day, for there shall be no night there.

Now, it cannot be more clearer than that, that Isaiah 60 is a prophetic scriptures for the time of restoration of all things.

So Revelation 21 is just corroborating exactly the contents of Isaiah Chapter 60.

Isaiah 60:11 tells us that the gates shall not be shut day or night, and if you look at Revelation 21 verse 25, it says thy gate shall not be shut, not in the day and not in the night.

So please we've been able to establish from the scriptures, out of the mouth of two or three witness, the scriptures says let every matter be established. So we know Isaiah 60 is pointing to Revelation 21.

If that is the case, it will mean as we begin to go through the content of Isaiah 60, please use the lens of the new millennium (the new heaven and the earth) to understand the contents of Isaiah 60.

So let's get down to business, what are the things that the scriptures says will begin to take place in this Isaiah Chapter 60? Can you please start to read from verse 5?

Isaiah 60

5. Then thou shalt see and flow together and thine heart shall fear and be enlarged because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the gentiles shall come unto thee.

6. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they...

Agriculture.... Can you see that?

Animal rearing, animal husbandry shall cover thee...

Go on please

the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they...

Those are the produces of those countries, can you see that?

Go on please,

All they from Sheba shall come, they shall bring gold and incense and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord.

That is the result of mining.

What am trying to establish by the Word of God is, see all these things that will come to you from different countries are the produce of those nations. They are things that come from their extraction, agriculture, animal husbandry, all these things will come as a result of the work activities in those countries.

Can you see that?

He said all these things shall come unto you. These are the results of work. That is why he gave you different types of specialization from different countries.

Can you see that?

Go on please,

all they from Sheba shall come, they shall bring gold and incense and they shall shew forth the praises of the Lord.

Now watch that! take note of that because as we began to go on today, when we talk about what happen to work after the fall, we are going to make reference to that.

Don't forget he said all these things, they are bringing them forth for the praise of the Lord. All these things that come as a result of work activities in these countries, don't forget the motivations. So hold on to that as we go further on in Bucket Ministry

And if I may interject about all these things, the last phrase saying... they shall shew forth the praise of the Lord.

People don't actually attach these things to shew forth, people attach these things to vanity. So when people see the abundance of the seas, gold and incense all these things from these countries, how can it be for praise? How can it be associated with the Lord? They feel it has to be for the world, to make money to survive, to help your family...

We are not just talking of something to go by, we are talking abundance of the sea, and that is the word there. We are talking of gold and incense, things of the activities of men.

Now, we are establishing by the Word of God that even work activities outlive the current age in which we are in.

In the days of Revelation 21, when there will be no more curse and no more pain, when the heavens and the earth as we know it will pass away and a new heaven and a new earth will show up, the scriptures is still saying men are bringing the produce of work unto thee. Can you see that?

He said to the praises of our God. We are going to expatiate on that particular phrase as we carry on later on.

Now, verse 7 please?

7. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together

Again, talking about animal husbandry, talking about the producers of all those countries.

Now, the reason he keep mentioning different countries is, I presumed you all know, for those of you who are knowledgeable in terms of resources and raw materials, you know different countries have different areas of specialization. There are some nations that have to import and explore because they have excess of raw materials, excess of certain resources, then they export these to other countries.

The reason why the scriptures keep talking about Kedar, Midian is that those are the natural resources in those countries, and I don't care what kind of natural resources your country has, somebody has to get down to work to convert them from raw materials to something that people can use or shift it to where it can be use.

These are work activities even in the new heaven and a new earth. Can you see?

So work is not just something that happened before the fall, even when the fall is no more. When there is no more sin, when there is no more curse, there is still work as we can see there.

What does verse 7 says please?

7. the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee, they shall come with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory

8. Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?

9. Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

Now, even that men are getting involved in means of transportation. Ship shall come from Tarshish to bring what?

bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

Again the produces of the work of men

So well, we don't want to go too much into that. We've established by the scriptures the fact that work didn't just precede the fall. Even when there is no more fall or when there was no more sin, when God has restored all things, work will still be in action.

Now, we've read Isaiah 60. Let us reiterate this again that we found out Isaiah 60 mirrors or parallel Revelation 21. So we pin pointed the time line of Isaiah 60 and we know that, that was a period that will happen when God has restore all things.

So we've established by the grace of God that work is before and after the fall, after the restoration of all things.

Now having said this, it means this should actually do something to your spirit. It should do something to your understanding, reasoning, to your mentality.

Now, the reason why it is important to talk about things like this for those of you who actually believe the integrity of God's Word, this is the reason for this kind of discussion we are having today.

Have you notice that most people spend so much hours in the place of work relatively compare to the hours they spend in church? Think about it? Even if you do quiet time, which is so important that we refresh our spirit before the Lord daily, even if you do, do you agree with me that the hours you spend in your quiet time every day will probably be

so insignificant to the hours you pour into your work daily? Whatever kind of work that you do.

If you are civil servant or you are somebody that works in a company, you are probably spending 9-5pm for those that are work in civil service on average. And for those of you that claim to be entrepreneurs you probably spend more time on task, and jobs and work than you do in the place of prayer, than you do in the place of worship on Sunday whatever.

It means if we spend that many hours on work, is it not important that we should engage ourselves in discussion of this type when we begin to explore the implication of your work, that your work matters to God. That is what we've established that your work matters to God, that even before there was sin, there was work and when sin shall be no more, there will still be work. That is why this kind of discussion is so critical.

You are just saying in another word, the greater part of your life will be spend on work. If you are spending 8hrs, a quarter of your life time is on work. People that do 8hrs, some do 12hrs... and some even do indefinite hours, they can't even account for the hours they spend on work, and yet it seems the body of Christ has not beam the focus on the reality of work.

In case, somebody is watching and saying oh, they are walking about work, these people are not serious enough... am waiting when they will be talking...

And again beyond the fact that we are talking about we spending so much hours on work and where there is not so much biblical expositions on things like this for the body of Christ, beyond that, also one thing that actually come to mind is the fact that there is so much pressure on work in our days compare to traditional times and I tell you reason.

It seems traditional times when people work, the reason why they work is because they want to feed their family. When am talking about traditional times, am talking about maybe 100 of years ago, or 200 years ago, people just go to the farm or they rear animals and say I just want to get enough to make sure to sustain my family, my environment. Work was majorly was mainly to sustain. It was call sustenance. That was what work was.

But you see in the 21st century, work has gone beyond just sustenance. People now, is about the fact that does this thing fit into my personality, does that work fit into my identity? Work is not just something we do in our days for sustenance, it is something that we've attached our very essence of life, the commitment, the purpose, the focus of life unto. And that is why this is so important.

And people do work to build a legacy, some want to be known for their work beyond feeding and sustenance. There is so much pressure in our days compare to the past times regarding work.

And also you can see the pressure when it comes to the fact that, it doesn't matter what level of work you are in, in your place of work or in society, even if you are at the top or at the bottom, the pressure is there. For those at the bottom, to make ends meet, they want to do this job, that job. They want to combine job, there is so much pressure. And for those people you think are at the top, who are making so much money and so much influence, for them, there is the pressure to make sure they keep the ball rolling. That is why some of them unless they actually meet a target, unless they meet a particular level of attainment, some of them might be laid off, even those of the top. So whether you are at the top or at the lower bottom of the ladder, everybody seem to be under pressure in our generation.

This is why such a thing like this, we have to look at this, what is the gospel implication for your work. What is the implication of the gospel for your work? And that is what we are looking at on this Bucket Ministry series.

So let's get on with it.

Quickly we've established these things from Genesis and Isaiah, so let's get on with this. What happened to work? Is there any mutation or something? Did something changed about it? If work could be this glorious before and after, because it was very promising by looking through Isaiah 60 and Revelation 21, who doesn't like the sound of the abundance of these, does not like to look the sight of gold and incense, who does not like all these? Even in the new millennium, it looks promising.

If this work is this glorious before and after, so what actually happen to work? Why did work become so dredging and people feel like..? And some people are so much in a rush, to even get out of their work in a way let me just rush out, as if they are just engaging in something that is not productivity for their soul the way it is being portray today... oh! for the 8hrs, let me quickly just rush.. This is just secular am just trying to take my mind, am back now, and that something you spend more than a third of your life on, and you feel like No, I just have to get this work off me and put on something... change my costume sort of...

You are making a very important point and I think this is one of the reason why we are on this particular transmission. Some even think that your work is something completely secular. It is disconnected from your spiritual service to God. Some think well, I will just do this work anyway, if I don't do it how can I feed my family? That is the reason I am doing work.

Now once I leave my place of work, let me just go to church, let me go to a place of worship, let me read my Bible, now am doing something spiritual, now am serving God. But once I get to my place of work, is just a necessary evil. Something I have to do so I can feed my family.

May I say this by the grace of God, if you've been with us for the past one or two transmissions right up till today, you will notice that is not the mentality we are supposed to carry if we are gospel minded regarding work.

If God gave Adam the mission, the focus of work to do at the point of creation, it will mean that your new creation in Christ Jesus also has to be intertwined with your work. If it is not, if you are making a separation between them, it means you are not looking at your work from the lens of the gospel. And that is why we are on Bucket Ministry series to show you the implication of the gospel to your work.

It's good that we are sharing this today because I could remember some time I work with some senior colleagues back then, I try to look at their life, and see they try to go through their job (this is a high paying job), to give what is expected of them, you can fault them. But when you see them they go, (they are people of a particular faith), when you see them on Sunday or when they are engage in something so call spiritual things, or fellowship or leader of the fellowship. The same people you see they are so animated, they have more energy, and they are just barely getting along here (at work).

But they feel like now let me give more, they feel energize, and you wonder why the dichotomy as a Christians? The same energy that you pour here should be seen in this. But is not there... I was just trying to wonder why?

So I think this is a message that we all need to listen to, and I hope people will have the opportunity to listen to this that it shouldn't be like that. People should not see you and feel like oh! Something has... tummy down, and you come alive because you are now in the place of spiritual service.

If you probably would have asked me to summarize what is the key thing that we've actually brought out of our past two transmissions regarding work? And I will say this that your work matter to God... That is the summary of the past two transmissions.

I repeat that! Your work matters to God. If it didn't matter to God, it will not be part of the mandate that was given to man before the fall. And then we also addressed one thing, we saw scriptures, the one that we read that says, even in government he says he is God's minister. The place we read in the epistles, which is quite strange. He said obey authorities for they are God's minister. It means your work matters to God.

So every time you engage in dressing and keeping God's creations, it matters to God. If you are just a minister of God, no matter what you do, no matter your job description, as long as your job is dressing and keeping God's creation, you are on assignment for God.

And you know one thing again, before we go on to some other verses, this particular type of discussion that we are having and the things we are exposing by the Word of God regarding work will also help people to understand the fact that as a believer in Christ Jesus, you cannot afford to think about some jobs as menial and says some jobs are just lower down there or they are very unimportant.

How do you know if a job is important to God? How do you know it matters to God? Use the lens of Genesis 2:15 to view every job. We read that last time, where he says he put the man in the garden to dress and to keep the garden.

Think about it, even a cleaner; somebody cleaning, whether cleaning your house, even if you are cleaner, you are listening to this, you are cleaning that office. If you don't keep that place clean, trust me, it will be hard for people who live in that place to survive a dirty and a polluted contaminated environment. So anytime you clean and you make a place clean, you are helping God to keep his creation. People will not get contaminated or get polluted or live in conditions that could subject them to disease just because somebody is cleaning.

So a cleaner fits exactly into Genesis 2:15, dressing and keeping God's creation.

It is liberating that you are saying this today because you see some place of worship in which they have elevated and try to move people, you have to get this, and try to belittle some profession maybe because of their own greed and feel like no, is low paying, we are organizing seminar to move people from this, how to becoming an entrepreneur and want to make a business men out of people that they are being call to just clean, to do service work, to wait on people. So there is just a pressure, because they put a negative stigma on some kind of work.

And then that remind me of this particular popular thing about one US president who went on an official visit to one Space Center and he met a cleaner there and was trying to engage the cleaner saying what are you doing? And the man answered I am putting somebody on the space.

Yes, he was actually cleaning, he felt like he is actually part of the people putting the people on the space, he didn't just belittle. That is very encouraging. That is the thing.

So there is a pressure now, I don't even know... the pressure is to table some job as unimportant and make people to be ashamed of it. And people really are being forced to take up a job assignment that is not even theirs.

Well, the reason is obvious because we are looking at this from the lens of the gospel. Using the lens of mindset that God wants us to have. So that is why people can begin to demean some type of jobs and elevate some other type of jobs.

Because if the people that will demean their job, if they don't do their job the way they should do it, creations in some cases will not even survive. That is why I said, as low as we think some cleaners are, if they don't do it, things might go out of hands. In fact, it could lead to diseases and death if some cleaner don't do their job. It could happen! Somebody is helping God to nurture his creation by cleaning.

Now, the reason we keep saying cleaner you are wondering, is because that is the kind of job some people think is on the lower rung of the ladder, we are just using that as an example. Apostle Paul said whatever you do, whether you are maintaining or nurturing physical things, you might be maintaining or nurturing human beings. If you are into the medical field or a teacher, you are nurturing young's mind and dressing them up. You are equipping their mind, no matter what you do, your work matters to God.

So what happen to work after the fall? And that is what we should be talking about. You know every time the scriptures make reference to redemption, being born again, every time we hear that word, in most cases, some of us often think about that fact that its just all about the fact that if I am a sinner, my sins are forgiven, now am ready to go to heaven.

Well, if you are here in the past few series, we talk about the fact that as a believer in Christ Jesus, you are meant to take three posture in the realm of the spirit. Ephesians Chapter 1-6 will help in that. And please go and look for our previous transmission where we summarize those three postures. You are supposed to sit, walk in this world and you are supposed to stand. So your walking in this world is what this issue of work we talk about, how does the gospel affect your work? That is what we are looking at.

I just hope some other people are listening because we had encounter and personal interview with people and who truthfully admitted, though painfully that sometimes the way they understood things before, the level of understanding and having a rethinking of things that they would have done better, who actually thought when they feel like they wanted to go to ministry, they have to stop their job they consider secular and feel like I want to devote myself to serve God, after salvation, after heeding the call, they feel like that is it, and they have left....

Some of them truthfully admitted, though some of them privately admitted that if they had known better they don't actually need to remove themselves completely and so we get the notion of full time, all these part time thing, is about still work. I hope we will still get there. Some of the people were in error and were regretting now.

So I don't know if anybody a young man or young woman today, will really need to have to this understanding, you don't want to live a life of regret, I wish I understood this. I wish somebody broke this thing down for me to know that work is this. It doesn't have to be until you come out of something, to enter into something that is when you are doing work for God.

Thank you for that insight.

So let's get down to work to begin to look at what happened to work after the fall.

Now, we need to establish what happen to work due to the fall of man, so we've actually seen from the scriptures before the fall and even when everything has been restored, there will still going to be work from the scriptures.

So what happened to work, or should I put it this way, what effect did the fall of man had on work? Don't forget that when the Lord reported to Adam concerning what he did after the fall, God said the ground was curse for your sake. It means the fall of man affected virtually almost everything you could think about.

So how did work get affected? That is what we are going to look at straight on.

Let get on to Genesis Chapter 3 and read from verse 7.

Genesis 3

7. And the eyes of them both were opened

That is referring to Adam and Eve.

and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons

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

So let's look at the implications of these things that you have just read.

The very first thing was as soon as they fell, the Bible said they felt they were naked and they very first they had to do was to sow fig leaves. And don't forget that we've actually made one thing clear from our previous transmission that what is call work in the scriptures is dressing and maintaining God's creation which means you pick something that is just part of creation, you make it into something that can be useful to benefit mankind. And that is work. And that sounds strange because that was exactly what Adam was set to do.

As soon as they realized they fell, the very first thing was to take up fig leaves, you know leaves are just leaves... if Adam was able to take something that was just leaves and make it into something he can put on their body, please that is work. That is converting God's creation to something that can cover you up. It was a bit strange that the response of Adam to the fall was to get to work. Can you see that?

Adam set to work as a response to the fall.

And then there are some questions that we need to ask ourselves as we begin to explore what happened to work after the fall?

The very first question is, was this the very first time that Adam was naked? Was this very first instance that he experienced nakedness? We need to ask that question, and to answer that question let's go back to the scriptures.

Genesis 2:25 can you read please?

25. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Both of them were naked before the fall.

So the fall did not bring about nakedness. He says the man and his wife were both naked, but there is a closing statement. Genesis 2:25 says and were not ashamed.

Now, why will that additional statement be there? Why will that additional clause be part of that sentence in Genesis 2:25?

Now, the reason why that statement was there is to remind the reader that even though they were naked, you would have expected them to experience a form of shame due to nakedness, but he said it is a bit strange that even though they were naked, the scriptures added that statement (addendum) to say even though they were naked, they were still not ashamed in Chapter 2 verse 25.

And if I might want to ask you the question, why would they be naked and not be ashamed even though they were expected to be ashamed that is why Genesis 2:25 added that clause? The reason will have to be, don't forget we said in previous transmission that when God made everything he was making from day one to day six, God was always making a statement at the point of every creation he made; and this is very good. So even when man was made on the sixth day, God did not go into rest until God said this is very good including the man he made, including Adam and the woman. Everything he made was good.

May I say this that the voice of God over his creation including Adam was so strong that even though they were naked, they still couldn't feel shame? How powerful is what God says? When God said it is finished, God said this is good.

Now, it means even when nakedness hears this is good, you will not feel shame. Am telling you, even when loneliness hears this is good, it will not feel the sense of loneliness. Even when poverty hears this is good, it will not feel the sense of poverty. Even when darkness hears this is good, it will feel a sense of light. When nakedness hears this is good, it will be naked and yet not be ashamed. It means the voice of God upon his creation overrides the sense that the creation could have derived from nakedness, from emptiness, from darkness, from being void. This is powerful. This is what we see there.

They were naked, but yet not ashamed. You know why? Because God looked at everything he made, and God said this is very good, including Adam at the point of creation.

I feel like we should just tabernacle with this revelation sincerely, that Genesis Chapter 2 verse 25. You know it's just making a broader sense to me now, because we see humanity has gone and clothe ourselves with so many things, people have title, degrees and they are still having the sense of shame. So many things, people have become and taken up posts and work so that they will not feel ashamed but yet they are ashamed.

But we find out that then, how he made them, even when they don't have those things. When you look at them they should be pitiful, they were vulnerable. You see them if you are going to use any standard of today's world to judge them, you feel like they are deprive, they are vulnerable, they are expose, they are naked, is not like a good position to be in, but yet there was no shame in it, because there was God's Word on it, and God's presence on it.

I think the way we can go back today is we can't go around and be clothing ourselves with degrees, sowing fig leaves left, right using our time to do this. It can never cover that shame. So we need to go back to the way it was in the beginning in which we allow ourselves to dwell in the presence of the Lord, and that Word of the Lord upon whatsoever that is around us, upon our seemingly obvious nakedness, so that we will not experience shame.

So what will you say a way out of shame now? because if you want to agree with me, everybody, every enterprise is just so that we will not be ashamed. People will say I have to go and work and fend for my family so that I will not be ashamed...

Don't forget that work was the reaction of Adam to the nakedness. As soon as there was a fall... does that not tell you something... we are going to get into this, because as the Lord will help us we will dig deeper into these things by the Word of life.

Have you not then look at the scriptures and see that, it will seem from what I can see from God's Word that, there is nakedness but there is the sense that nakedness bring which is shame. It means there is a natural state of man, there is a natural status that you

might be in, but that is not even what is that important, it is what it brings or the sense it brings. What kind of sense? What kind of psychology? What kind of mentality it brings to you? What idea does it bring to your life? That is even more critical. That is why I said in Chapter 2: 25 they were naked, this was their natural state, but you see, it didn't bring shame.

In other words, are you saying your account could be in red, that is naked, empty but do you have a sense of shame?

Do you know what happened after the fall?

Your bank might be empty, what is the sense that do you get from it? What kind of identity does it give to you?

Now, if you notice after the fall, the nakedness didn't change. The nakedness status did not change after the fall. It was naked before the fall, Chapter 2:25, it was still naked after the fall, Chapter 3:7. So what change was in Chapter 2:25, there was no shame to the nakedness, but in Chapter 3 verse 7, there was a shame with the nakedness.

So it means the status physically speaking of Adam did not change, what change was what the status bring to him as his identity. That was what changed.

So the shame is what made the difference in Chapter 2 verse 25 and in Chapter 3 verse 7 of the book of Genesis. That is what we are talking about.

Like what you are talking about, how did he react to it? That is the question. What did he do with it, with this new sense, with this vulnerability that he felt in his mind, this shame that he felt, this exposure that he felt in his mind, what did he do with it?

He set to work... can you see?

This is why we are bringing this thing to the context of our discussion on this notion of work and rest. He set to work as a means to deal with the situation!

And that is what work has become after the fall. Can you see?

Work has taken a new form after the fall.

It is my desire today that our audience and everybody hearing us, which ever platform you are watching this, that you will be able to come to that transit and come to this state of, you can be naked and not still be ashamed. Because people are being naked today, like you said, nakedness has been before the fall and after the fall, it doesn't not even matter.

So people are making a big deal out of nakedness. So to come to the state, even when it looks so empty by all statistics and measurement of human standard, it seems nakedness

but there is no sense of shame in it. That is a higher level of consciousness, higher level of spirituality in which they were before and that is the calling in which we must come back to the way it was in the beginning, in which even though there is nakedness there is no sense of shame in it. Because you see program, everything gear towards... as if nakedness is the worst thing that can ever happen, so let's do everything to move out of nakedness.

Really, does it really have to be? We saw it in Adam, Genesis Chapter 2 and Chapter 3 nakedness was there before and after the fall, but the sense of shame is even the major thing that we should be addressing.

You know what?

You said something but I think from what you just said, it will sounds to me that people don't go about making decisions or trying to say well, now I think I don't want to be naked or I don't want to feel naked or I don't want to a feel a sense of shame. People don't go about making such decisions. The decisions are made for people because of the fall of man. Sin entered into the world and that decision was made for man. That sense of shame came with it.

If you notice, what Adam did was a reaction. It wasn't that Adam said, I think I will try to get to work so as to put God to shame or whatever. He felt the need to go to work to cover up. There was a need, he felt the sense. This is why if you are born again, if you are born of the spirit, let me say this to you by the Word of life, the scriptures says in 1Peter 1: 18, 19 that you are born of the Word. He says the reason you are born again is you are born of the incorruptible seed of the Word of God. God's Word is what came into you as a seed. That is the whole point of being saved that God spoke and God released his Word and the Word became flesh and dwell among us. And that Word Jesus who came in the flesh after his death and resurrection became a quickening spirit and he dwells in your heart.

So it means all your life as a Christian is hearing the Word of life which dwells within your spirit, what is God saying about it?

Now, look at it, look at verse 7.

And they sow fig leaves and make themselves aprons.

Maybe that is the very first time somebody started fashion and design...

Work has become a tool to deal with the consequences of the fall. This is not what God meant work to be.

In the beginning of Genesis Chapter 2 verse 15, we read that God gave man the mandate to dress, and keep his creation, but it seems like after the fall work decide to

metamorphose. Work became something you can use to cover up with that sense of shame. As soon as Adam fell, he had to go and get into fashion and design. He had to take leaves and make it into aprons. Can you see that? as soon as he fell.

I hope somebody is not hearing fashion and design and feel we are demonizing fashion designing. It can be any other thing. Everything!

So here is work coming to the equation.

Now watch this as we go in to the Word, look at verse 8 what does it says?

8. And they heard the voice of the Lord God

Well, don't forget that voice was what they heard at creation when God said this is good.

What did he do with the voice?

walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the tress of the garden

Now, they hid themselves from that voice that matters.

This is what I said before that if you are born again, what matter most in your life is the Word of life which has become a seed in your heart. That is the most critical thing of your new creation. That is why John Chapter 6 verse 63 says the **flesh profit nothing**.

I like the translation that says human nature doesn't benefit anything, but it is the spirit that impacts, that put life into man. And he says the Word I speak to you, they are one that become the dimension of the spirit that impact life. Can you see that? It means if you don't hear the Word, there is no life in you.

Here was Adam running from the voice of the Lord. The voice that told him that this is very good, this is why he had a problem. That was why he was naked and he was still not ashamed, because a voice spoke to him that you are good. A voice spoke to him that you are accepted. A voice spoke to him that you are qualified. A voice spoke to him that you are of value- inestimable value. A voice was speaking over Adam. That is why even though he was physically naked, there was no shame because there was a voice over Adam's life.

The Bible says the **voice of the Lord is upon many waters**. The word waters prophetically stand for nations. The voice of the Lord was upon Adam and he was naked... but yet he was not ashamed.

I'm telling you, if you received the Word of the Lord for your life, if you receive the voice of the Lord that came through his son Jesus, if you receive the voice of the Lord that came through the Word of life that became flesh and dwell among us, if that voice is

speaking within you and over you. It doesn't matter what your physical or natural state is, you will not still experience shame. That is the point.

Verse 8 tells us that Adam was not just running from God's presence, he was also running from the voice that spoke over him that says it is very good.

Now see what he says...

I will like to say something at this point because is it not the same thing we are experiencing today, because people might just think we are just talking about mystical figures, talking about what happen in the past, Adam and Eve, and they did not see that we are the Adam and Eve today.

And we find out that people are still running away from the voice of the Lord today, because we have the voice of the Lord he has given., in fact we are born of the Word, what he said of you, who you are, Check the book of Ephesians, all the epistles of who you are and what Christ has declared and what he made you. But we just find out that people are running away from that voice today, anything but the voice. What is the new creation, what comes into your spirit, and that is what he's talking to them if you hear his voice today, do not harden your heart.

Today the voice of the Lord is going forth, even as we are speaking, we are trying to tell you what the voice of the Lord is saying. We stand as an oracle and speaking with the ability that Christ speaks. That is why the voice is going out today and you will do well not to hide like Adam. You can't win this hiding game. He lost out.

Thank you for that.

The Word of the Lord will speak to every nakedness and you just wonder where is the shame? No Shame! Genesis 2:25, they were naked but not ashamed why? There was a Word of the Lord, and what was the Word? This is very good.

And you know what? By drawing the implication of this for you in the New Covenant in Christ Jesus. Don't forget the fact that you are also a new creation in Christ Jesus. Old things have passed away, all things have become new. (2Corinthians 5:17)

Just as Adam was God's first creation, you are the second creation in the second Adam. So it means you are also God's creation. And when you also came into being, when God created you... if you believe Ephesians 2:6 **'for by his grace are ye saved through faith, it is not of yourself, it is the gift of God less no man should boast,' the next verse says for we are his workmanship,**" We are also created in Christ Jesus. That is why we have the right in the spirit to compare and contrast between this new creation and that first creation Adam. That is why you see us coming to Genesis.

But let me say this when you too were created in Christ Jesus, God also said to you, this is very good. The Bible says we were God's righteousness in Christ Jesus. He also say you were very good.

And if you receive that voice and you meditate on that voice and you receive what the voice says over your destiny, I don't care any nakedness in any aspect of your life, you will not experience a sense of shame, if only you receive that voice. It means once you reject that voice or once you don't meditate or dwell on that voice, what happens is, you will engage in activities to feed the sense of what that voice should have brought into your life.

That is why we see Adam, as soon as he fled from that voice, he engaged in work- an activity so as to cover up and feed what the voice should have supplied in his life.

So it wasn't the change as it were of the natural state of the Adam that was the issue, it was the change in what the natural state was feeding into his psychology which is the big problem that we do have.

Should there be any one listening and thinking in my own particular case, am not running away from the voice of the Lord, I am going to religious meeting, I go to place of fellowship where they open the scriptures, at least that is the voice of the Lord. But I want you to pay attention and pay close attention to what you are actually hearing, what is the being paraded as the voice of the Lord.

Some are voice of men, they are even voice of experience, because people go to Old Testament they don't even know what is the voice of the Lord, even voice of Satan, voice of human experience in their work and they are taking it hook line and sinker as the voice of the Lord.

I think people need to come and know which is the voice of the Lord now. Because if we are saying people should not run away and hide away from the voice of the Lord, they need to know what is the voice of the Lord, because some people are trap and thinking they are in an environment, atmosphere of God's Word and they might feel like they find these things in the Bible.

It was good that you mention that, but you see John 8:31, 32 that we read in the past...

“Jesus said unto the Jews that believe in him...”

He didn't say that to unbelievers, he didn't say that to those who are still trying to believe in him. **“Jesus said unto the Jews that believe in him that if you continue in my Word, you are my disciples indeed and you will know the truth and it will make you free.”**

It will mean that even those people that claim to have believed in him still needed to continue not in other people's word not in the words of popular opinion not in the word of common sense, not in the words of people interpretation but they have to continue in his Word. And that is the Word that become the truth that makes free.

So it means even if you claim to be born of God, the onus lies on you to seek out what the Word of life says and that will take us to the epistles where it says that **rightly dividing the Word of truth**. It means if the Word can be rightly divided, it could also be wrongly divided. It means you have the responsibility in the Spirit to seek out the voice of the Lord. You know why?

Once you receive that voice, it will make every nakedness useless if that is the word to use, it will make every nakedness inconsequential. It will make every nakedness because the word brings with itself the identity for your life. And that is what we see there.

Now, continue from verse 8 please?

Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden

Among God's creation- the tree that God made...hiding among the creations of God, using God's creation as...

This is amazing...

And people are doing that today...using that everything that God made to hide away, not to ask the question that matters about life. And that is why you see people today, most people ... in fact I might want to digress a bit to people who even claim there is no God, or people claim if there is God, this and this should happen and all that.

You see in reality most of those people who says those things, if you watch out, most are not even quiet enough to ask the question that matters about life, why am I here? What is the purpose for life? People are scare to ask the big question. You know what they do?

They get busy with everything so they don't have to face the big questions of life.

I think they are hiding, we might say they are hiding among God's creation. They might even using the internet to hide and question things, even the one that are questioning... they are hiding using the things that God made among the trees...

So the medium for them to express their confusion and their doubt, are just the trees of the garden... instead of looking at the trees and say if this tree was there, it has to be that there has to be a designer. They are even using the tree to hide... using God's creation to hide again...

Imagine!

So they hide under internet, they hide under the things that they gave them the reason and still hide under it again, and instead of them to employ the same thing...

So they are hiding among God's creation...

Is it not the book of Psalms that says fool says...

And when he said... the intellect by which he said there is no God, or the reasoning by which he says there is no God. If not for God, who gave him the mind, will and emotions, how can he come up with such a reasoning?

So they too are hiding under the tree and is not only about them alone because most people have device a way just like Adam was devising using the fig leaves to make something out.

People are hiding today, there might not be tree, some might not feel like Oh, am not actually questioning whether there is God or not. But there is so many things we are using God's creation to hide, hiding from the voice of the Lord.

So we are going to use the trees, all the things he has created to hide away from it. And people most time might want to equate like since, am hiding under the tree, so is like am just open... Since am not hiding away from the tree, like am accessible, am open to the Lord. No! You cannot use his creation as a means to him.

Well, the only way we can know if somebody is trying to use work as a means to hide from the reality of the voice of the Lord. It is simple!

We want to if your current status, your nakedness, your exposure, your loneliness, whatever you are experiencing in your life at the moment, what kind of sense is it bringing to you?

Are you getting your sense from the voice of the Lord or are you getting your sense by looking at yourself and coming to a conclusion, now this how we know who is listening to what the Word of the Lord says or who is going to engage in work as a means to cover up, because everyone must listen to a voice. Everybody must listen to a voice.

Now, I said that because the next verse says...

For time we won't be able to go further than that....

Well, we are just opening this, this is going to be very serious. We believe the Lord that destiny that has been under bound by the voice of the enemy will be liberated through this exposition we are doing. The life and the power of God is going to the air waves.

Let me say this, you want to stick with us on the transmission. We just began to scratch the surface of this thing. This is serious and you want to keep on connecting as we go on to the next episode.

So just not to drag it further, you either listen to the voice of the Lord or you listen to the voice that your work is saying... Because the fig leaves can speak to you and say use me to cover up... yeah get to work, and here is the voice of the Lord in which you don't have the sense of the shame.

Like you said people need to listen to this...

So nakedness is not a problem, what does it bring is the problem. The sense it gives to you.

How do we know what sense it gives to you is about your actions afterward... are you going to run to work to just cover the sense or are you going to run to work because you are going to dress and maintain God's creation.

You can run to work to cover up for yourself, because there is a sense, economy has prove a sense for you, the society has prove a sense for you and so you are running to work to do that. Or you are running to work to dress and keep the garden.

You can either be doing work in Genesis 2:15 or by doing work in Genesis 3:17.

See! that is what we said about the fact that work has changed now. For humanity, we've changed the whole point about work.

So do we want to say you connect with us again in our next transmission as we continue as explore further, am sure the last has not been said...

No! we just began to look into it.

So till we see you next time, we want to say as you have receive Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.

We want to ask you to share this among those you feel might be blessed of this. And should you have any questions, comment or anything that need clarification, please do not hesitate to hit us back

So till we see you next time, we want to say bye!!!