

Exposé 247

Bucket Ministry Series 9

Title: Needy Christians

Am very sure about that. If you remember, we concluded with one controversial statement, I will like to put it that way. I hope by the end of this transmission it will not be controversial. So we will be able to know, and that was Galatian 3:13, 14.

You make a bold claim. Would you like to start from there?

What was the claim?

The claim was that if the blessing of the Lord is not upon your life or is not in your life, it means you are not saved. That was that statement that we did talk about. And the reason we made that statement is to knock out all those mentality that people think you know what? I need to do this, if I am born again, and I'm a Christian, I need to do this and all that to get blessed of the Lord. If you are not blessed you are not even saved in the very first place.

And the working scriptures that we used then was Galatian 3:13, 14 that says Christ had redeemed us (past tense) from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us. So Christ became the curse for everyone who believes. And he says for it is written curse is everyone that is hung on the tree so that the blessings of Abraham might come to us Gentiles and that we might receive the promise of the Spirit by faith.

When he says Gentiles in that place, he is talking about those people who are not ethnically Jews, those who are not natural born Jews which include everyone who is not a natural Jews.

So he says the blessing of Abraham has come to you, not will come to you, not will come to you by and by. He says the blessings of Abraham has come to you.

How did it come to you?

If you believed Christ redeemed you from the curse of the law.

So you can see that exchange, that interchange in the Holy Ghost. It means if Christ became a curse for you then you are blessed. There is nothing about substance, nothing about activities that you do, nothing about your circumstances in the natural. That was not part of the equation in Galatians 3: 13, 14.

So if you think or if you believe or people make you think you are not blessed. It means they are simply saying maybe for you, Christ had not redeemed you from the curse of the

law. So you cannot believe one and without believing the other. So if Christ redeemed you from the curse of the law, it means you are blessed according to Galatian 3:13, 14.

I have to just... because I know some people, some of our audience if not majority will be hitching to ask how will you safely assume and equate salvation to blessing and reduce all of salvation to the blessing in the Lord? Especially, we have church dispensation, people will see the divisions in this, people have learn prosperity message, salvation and they say blessing is...

We are quite aware of such confusion, disagreement and contentions among Christians or among different denominations or different classification in the body of Christ. But the fact is, and the reason why this contentions and disagreement do exist is for two reasons.

Reason number one, is people don't even know what the blessing is. People have different connotation, different ideologies of what really is the blessing. So is one thing when I made a statement if I actually speak a word, atimes we can disagree if we don't even agree on what the word means.

So I think first is the problem with the meaning of the word blessing, that is the very first thing.

So am asking what is the definition of the blessing in that Galatian 3:13 or the blessing you refer that if somebody those not have that blessing is not saved?

Good!

Your statement what does the blessing means in Galatian 3:13, 14 sounds to me that you think that there are types of what the blessing means in the scriptures?

Well that is fine. Am glad you ask.

We can have a look at it.

And the second thing I was going to say was the reason is **we don't even know the purpose of the blessing.** So there are two things. **The first thing is what really is the blessing? Secondly what is even the blessing supposed to deal with in the life of the person where it exists?** I think those are the two reason where there are lots of controversies and contentions today.

Now don't forget please, so that we don't lose track of why we are here.

Don't forget that in the last transmission, we came to the conclusion that the only antidote that God has for sorrow and the pains that come with work is blessing. And that is why we quickly navigated to Proverbs 10:22 that says that let's not forget that the blessing of the Lord makes you rich and there is no unending sorrow that goes with it.

That is the difference between somebody who is rich without the blessing of God. And we then redefine what ungodly sorrow is, using the scriptures. People think about sorrow as just the kind of sorrow that people experience with life in terms of tragedy, tribulations.

We summarized without even having to bore you down that Jesus did say that if you want to live godly in Christ Jesus, you will suffer persecution. He told the disciples that you will have tribulation but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. As long as you are in the world, there will be tribulation. This is going to be for even people who claim to be blessed of God.

So that is not the type of sorrow he was talking about. The Apostle Paul, we mentioned about that, who actually was saying rejoicing in the Lord, was in prison. That is what people will categorize as sorrow; an unpleasant situation. That is not the type of sorrow that the blessing of the Lord did say you will be immune from.

The blessing of the Lord say you will be immune from that sorrow, we define that - unending circle of you trying to use your life circumstances to scratch or to hitch that thing about the fact that you want to feel accepted, you want to feel significant. You want your life to have meaning and you want to use things in this world to give meaning to your life. It never works like Adam who tried to use the fig tree. That is the unending circle of sorrow that the blessing of the Lord should insulate you from if you are really blessed of the Lord.

It's good you quickly added that because some people today might be hearing we are talking about blessing and feel like oh! That is not what I subscribe to, and closed their mind. It's good that you said that this blessing is the antidote for the unending circle of sorrow. It makes rich and never add sorrow to it.

So in case anybody really want to get out of the unending circle of sorrow, you have no choice but to really understand this blessing, the provision of the Lord. So this is the verse you need to listen to, whether you are comfortable or not. So you really need to understand what this blessing is and the purpose for the blessing.

You were asking a question what really is the blessing of Galatians 3:13, 14?

Now, let's expatiate this.

Now, for us to know what the blessing is, you know there are times when it is very hard for us to define a word as it is. Atimes we have to look at the opposite of the word so that we can understand what the word actually means. People do that in common everyday language, some things don't make any sense unless you reverse it and look at the opposite and then you can say if I understand the opposite, then I know what the word simply means.

And I think we might use that strategy to get to down to this blessing of the Lord that we are talking about which is the antidote for this unending circle of pain and the weariness that comes with work.

If you look at Galatians 3: 13 you can see what he did say the blessing of the Lord is supposed to deliver from and we know what that blessing is.

What did he say?

Amp Version

Christ purchased our freedom.

Please note the tenses of God's Word. This is a past tense. This is a done deal.

Go on please

...our freedom and redeemed us from the curse of the law.

If you noticed the very first time, we heard the word curse in the scriptures is right from Genesis Chapter 3. What happened there, when Adam actually disobeyed the Lord, when Adam actually partook of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, the Lord said to him, Adam, curse is the ground for you sake. He said thorns and thistles will the ground bring forth for you, and out of pain and sorrow you will till the ground.

Have you noticed then that when he mentioned that, there was a curse already in creation because of Adam's disobedience? He mentioned sorrow, the pain of tilling the ground.

So please in that context you can see what the curse is. A curse is, it doesn't matter how much engagement, it doesn't matter how much activity you engage in, in this world, it doesn't matter what you do with your hands, it doesn't matter what you do with your time. It doesn't matter what you do with your connection. It doesn't matter what you do with your thought, it doesn't matter what you do with your life, as a whole it will not address or deal with that void that has come, that nakedness, that shame that has come into your life.

You will keep trying, you will keep making effort, but as you do it, you will think you have arrived, but you never arrived, is an unending circle. That is why he used the word sorrow and pain in conjunction with the word curse in Genesis Chapter 3. There is a curse of always moving but never arriving. It is an unending circle of sorrow and pains.

Now, he says in this case that Christ has come to **redeemed** us from the curse of the law. You know one thing that amazes me as we began to look at this issue of the work and rest and the blessing of the Lord, you notice that when Christ when to the cross, that they actually made crown of thorns and put it on the head of Christ. Can you see?

That is very significant for those of use that actually understand Genesis Chapter 3 when God told Adam that the ground will no more yielded forth its strength unto you, thorns and thistle as a symbol of the fact that it will be bringing pain and sorrow. So the thorns and the thistle has become an evidence or a symbol, an emblem of sorrow and pain that comes with tilling the ground.

And that is why Jesus became that curse. He took on the crown of thorns on his head. He remembered what came on Adam in Genesis 3 and as a symbol, he said you know what? I have taken the sorrow and the pains that come with the unending circle of trying to use your work to meet your needs for life. Can you see? He took on the crowns of thorns and he said... that is why Galatian 3:13 can boldly say Christ took the fall, became the curse. The thorns and thistles that we mentioned in Genesis 3, he took it on his head.

Watch it.

He had become the emblem of the curse. Can you see that? Christ had redeemed us from the curse of the law.

Every time you heard the word Christ had redeemed us, am not sure what comes to your mind, the redemption there simply means he took what belongs to us. We were the one that deserved the thorns and the thistle. We are the ones that when God told us in the garden, the voice of the Lord said you are very good. We didn't listen to what God said that you are very good. What did we do? We listen to the enemy in our father Adam if you are in the first creation, if you are not part of the second creation yet. If you are in Adam you in the first creation if you are not saved yet, but even if you are born again and you are a new creation in Christ Jesus, please stop thinking Adam.

You know there are two types of people on the earth at the moment, I know people think today that there are blacks and white folks, you think there are rich and there are poor, you think there are good and there bad. In God's calendar, in God's classification, in God's taxonomy there are only two people, Adam and Jesus on the earth at the moment.

You either fall in the first creation or in the second creation. But it is a shame today, that those who are in even in the second creation, who are now in Christ Jesus are still thinking like a man in the first creation. That is why I said this teaching today doesn't just address those in the first creation, who are not born again yet, but even those of you who are in the second creation, stop thinking like a man in the first creation.

If you are in the second Adam, Jesus and you think like a man in the first creation, your experience will be like a first creation man even though you are in the second creation. That's why this applies to every one.

Yeah before we go further, it is enlightening to know that, even on the cross Jesus had to wear the crown of thorns. Because you know even in Roman history and history of war,

when you go to museum to learn about what happened in war, you begin to see emblem, you see tapestry, you know in French war,.... so we can remember with the crown of thorns to show that yes, he had defeated this, in case anybody is questioning, you know some people actually don't have the full understanding which David had in Psalm 103 and knows what redemption covers, some people feel it covers this and it does not cover this. Maybe they actually thought the curse of the law, that thorns that Christ's blood did not cover for that.

So that is an evidence, an emblem, he had it on him that, that part of the deal was covered, it was properly covered. So the crown of thorns was the antidote to the solution for the curse of the law that came through the thorns and thistle.

Do you know what thorns do? Think about when thorns land on somebody head, you know the pains that come with it. You know the biological, whether psychological, mental, the kind of pains that come when a thorn is on your head.

You see, Christ took it upon himself. Christ said well, this is the kind of thorns and thistle that was supposed to be man's experience because of the toil and the sorrow and the pain.

So we see in the gospel, we see in the epistles that Christ already did that purchased, he took it upon himself.

Am reading Galatians 3:13

And the curse of the law and its condemnation

I like that word, and the condemnation. Every time you hear the word, condemnation think of disqualification. You don't match up. You know that was the voice that Adam was trying to fight. So when he heard the voice, you are naked and you are a shameful person, so Adam thought well, if I am naked and I feel shameful, I feel disqualified. I don't match up, let me do something. Let me sow fig leaves.

See, that is the voice. That is the reason why I sad this discussion we are having today, is a discussion that should take the issue of the gospel of the Lord Jesus beyond people just saying I want to be spiritual, spirituality and we don't address the practical things of life. The gospel of Jesus is not just about saying my spirit. The gospel is spirit, soul and body. All encompassing.

1Thessalonians 5 say may your spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless until the coming of the Lord Jesus. The coming of the Lord Jesus is concern about your spirit and soul and body. The gospel practically says that unending circle, that disqualification, your work, your life, your activities is a constant fight against a voice of disqualification.

You know, I remember something we talked about many months ago, probably last year. You know we talked about Leah who was married to Jacob. She said now my husband will love me, she was trying to fight a sense... using the birth... giving birth to children.

Leah the first wife of Jacob had to use giving birth to children as a means to lower that voice, as a means to deal with that voice of disqualification, of rejection. And Bible says Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law. He became our rejection.

So anybody can use anything, work, giving birth to children. We talked about so many things. It's good that we are making reference to Leah again, because some people say we are not even working, after all they are giving birth. Anything can be used... anything that you always use to fight that voice of condemnation, to fight that voice of rejection.

Like we said, it doesn't matter how much you do it, you will always come back like Adam and simply say, even though I sow the fig leaves I still feel am naked. Can you see?

So he said Christ redeemed us from that sense of condemnation and disqualification. See the gospel goes deep down beyond the surface. That is what he says there...

The curse and the effect of the curse, the condemnation the after effect...

So how did he do it? He didn't fight that by... You know Christ would have come and simply say eh! People am going to tell you that you are no more condemned, he didn't do that. What he did was, he became... he didn't have to just tell us, he came into our world and became that condemnation.

How did we know that he became the condemnation? You can see that when he was on the cross, he said my Father, my Father, why did you forsake me? Why did you shun me? Why did you look away from me? Why did you look as if I don't count? Can you see?

Am not sure when you read the gospel where Jesus said eloi, eloi lama sabach thani, my Father, my Father why did you treat me as if I don't matter. Why did you treat me as if I don't count? Why have you forsaken me?

Well, all those experience that Jesus was voicing out, that is who we were. That is the voice of rejection that we are dealing with.

You see! Jesus speaking my Father, my Father, why are you forsaking me. He is speaking for every man on the face of the earth. He was speaking for you, he wasn't speaking for himself. It was your disqualification. It was your forsaken, it was your condemnation that he was voicing out, because he took it on himself.

So that is a reminder to you that he did something about it...

by becoming a curse for us.

Now, we know how he became a curse, we've explain that.

for it is written curse is everyone, who hangs, crucified on a tree

Which he did

in other that in Christ Jesus, the blessing of Abraham.

Stop there so we can expatiate.

Now, you asked me a question what is that blessing?

Now, we can only understand what the blessing is, if we understand what the blessing is not. What the blessing is not, is what is in verse 13. Can you see?

That condemnation, that disqualification... if anybody has that, that means they are not blessed. But if all those things are taken away from somebody because he believed in what Christ did, now they are blessed.

So we now know what the blessing is, the question is, the blessing then is are you delivered from that sense of condemnation, that disqualification, the thorns, the thistles, the unending sorrow? Are you delivered from that sense that you need to perform to feel that now you are not forsaken, to feel that now your life is meaningful, to feel that now your life is valuable? Are you delivered from that unending circle? If you are delivered, you are a blessed man.

So we only understand what a blessing is, because we understand what a curse is. You cannot use... is just common sense that if you are going to deal with something. You are going to bring something at the level of that thing to deal with it like we talk about the battle of voices in our last transmission.

So you cannot be talking about a curses to be one thing, and if the blessing is meant to be an antidote to the curse, the blessing has to be something that reverses or is the opposite side of the curse.

So we've explained what a curse is right from the beginning of Genesis and all that.

Now, we now know what a blessing has to be, it means the absence of that curse.

So the blessing of salvation is just the freedom of curse and condemnation.

So nobody can claim they are saved and they are still have condemnation and curses upon his life because we see some people they felt they are saved but they still have curses, they have condemnation and then they have not actually maybe received the freedom from those curses and condemnation and they will lay claim to have the salvation.

That is fine. It doesn't mean they are not saved. It just simply mean that 1Corinthians Chapter 2 is catching up with those people. There is a verse there in Chapter 2 of 1Corinthians. It says now **we have received the spirit which is of the Father, not the spirit that is of the world, so that we may know the things that are freely given of us of God.**

When it says freely, it doesn't mean that it was actually free in the context it costs God nothing. It does mean it cost you nothing. But it costs somebody something. If I give you a free gift, I didn't go to steal it from the shop, I didn't hijack it from the supermarket. I paid for it, for me is at a cost, but to you it is free.

So he said so we might know the things that are freely given us of God of which things we speak not with words that human wisdom teaches but that which the Holy Ghosts teaches, comparing spiritual with spiritual.

What does that mean? It means he says that even the Holy Ghost that you receive at the point of new birth is supposed to help you to understand the things that are freely given you of God. It wasn't enough for God to say I freely give them to us. God didn't just say he gave you freely, God says I need you to understand the things I've freely given.

So for those Christians who are saved but are still acting condemned, or for those Christians who are born again, but still go to work on Monday to prove a point, for those Christians who claim they are saved but are still under that heavy pressure, that deep pressure having to say well, I think if I have this, then my life is meaningful, if so so people are listening to me, my life is meaningful.

If we try to deal with the sense of disqualification, the sense of shame by the things that we do in this world, it means that even though we are saved, even though we are blessed, but we don't understand the things that are freely given us of God.

I may want to redirect the question so that you can specifically address this, those who feel and agreed that they are saved but they feel the heavy presence of the curse, the weight of curses and condemnation on them, and they feel yes, they are saved, so they feel every time they go for deliverance, because yes, they are saved but the curses and condemnation.. They have instances to prove...

Thank you for that. You've actually made a very good point. Thank you for rephrasing your question in a better way for me to understand.

Well, when that happens what we need to understand there is still basically back to one of the things that we are making reference to...

The reason why I asked is because we were able to establish the blessing of the salvation, the blessing we are talking about that if you are blessed you are saved, if you are saved

you are blessed is the freedom from curses and condemnation as we see in Galatians 3:13. So people still feel who are saved, who do not have doubt about their salvation but they still feel the heavy presence of the curses and condemnation on them. So how do we explain that?

You actually made a word and that word is **'they feel.'** Or maybe let's put it in a deeper sense, they look around their lives and they seem to find evidences to show that they are still under the curse.

Now, I might want to say maybe they come to that conclusion because they see a pattern in their life and they say well, this is what happened to my father, it happened to my mother, I was told it happened to my grandparent, I think is a pattern. There is a curse. Or some might even think that I tried to do something. I tried to be the best in what am doing. Am being sincere with myself and am hardworking. And things are not working out. And somebody points at it and say that means you are under a curse. I presume that is where your question is coming from.

Well if that is the situation, it's pathetic then because it means such people are trying to live their life out going all the way back to Genesis 3. Don't forget the reason why we have come to all these verses of the scriptures, is because we had been moving from Genesis and going to Hebrews.

Don't forget that Adam situation was this, Adam looked even though he was naked before, even though physically speaking he was naked. And by the time he eat the fruit with his wife, physically he was still naked, but we said the difference in Genesis 3:7 and Genesis 2: 25, where he says the man and the woman were both naked and were not ashamed.

So don't forget the natural state of Adam. He was naked. But not ashamed because the Lord God spoke over him that everything he made was very good. But if you notice, by the time we go to Chapter 3 of Genesis, what happened was he said he was naked now he felt shame.

So it means the natural circumstances; they went beyond their jurisdiction. They began to speak something else into Adam's life. They began to speak a curse into his life. They began to speak shame into his life. They began to speak disqualification into his life. They began to speak you are not worthy enough. You don't meet up. You are not to be reckon with in life.

So the nakedness went beyond his jurisdiction. I will say that again. The nakedness went beyond its region in which it was supposed to operate.

So nakedness says I will not just stay as naked, I will speak into your life. I will speak shame into your life. I will say that you are not to be reckon with into your life. I will say that you are not valuable into your life.

So what nakedness did in Genesis 3 was to go beyond nakedness and begin to speak curses into Adam's life. Can you see that?

So your question then is, so what did Christ do?

Christ did not actually necessarily come to say Adam if you notice when.... we are going to go there today by the grace of God, what God did in respond to what Adam tried to do by putting fig trees.

So what Christ came to redeemed us from is from the curse that came with the fall of man. And the curse that came, that sorrow, that unending circle, we talked about that. So what Christ came by putting a blessing is to say you are not naked, I blessed you. That is why in the garden when the Lord God came, he actually took the coat of skin and put it on man.

The blessing of the Lord is to simply say see! the curse, the shame, the ridicule, the disqualification, the condemnation that came because of sin... see! everything is now on Christ Jesus. You are blessed.

Now, the blessing... the reason why this question is so important is the blessing of the Lord is speaking into the sense just like the curse was speaking into the sense. Think about it!

Again, the nakedness wasn't the problem, it is what the nakedness brought that is the problem.

I want to use this analogy, just like when you have disease and you know when they said this microorganisms attack the blood, when you see the attack of the microorganism bringing the disease in the body, bringing fever and all those symptoms and signs in the body. But we see the microorganism was working in the blood, though the effect were on the body beyond the blood. Just like the curse was this, the effect, the shame was outside...

And when the medicine is going to work again, he is not going to attack the body where the effect is. Every pharmacist had to design something that will go to the blood and deal with the root cause of it so that it can have the effect on it. That is what I think is the analogy of that...

That is a good analogy and I think that will help our listeners to get it better...

But to expatiate more on this so that we can understand this. I think we might have to use some other few verses in the scriptures to actually get what this really means in terms of the blessing of the Lord.

I want you to read Acts 20 from verse 32...

Because we need to be on this very well and for people to understand, because some people need to jump out... they don't know how to come out of the circle of unending need for deliverance..

People do that because...

Some people have been on the same particular kind of prayer points for years and months and it seem there will be no end to it.

Yes, you have to understand that as we go to Acts 20 from verse 32 to 35 we are going to read that and look at the experience of the Apostle Paul himself regarding the blessing of the Lord.

What the blessing of the Lord does is, am going to put it this way, and I trust the Lord to give you understanding in all things. You have to understand that your natural life, your physical circumstance, when I say physical, am talking in terms of things that has to do with the affairs of this world, the cares of this world, what you eat, what you drink, what you put on, your bank account, where you live, your connection, relationship, your work... put everything in one box.

Every natural circumstances of life, what they try to do is, they try to inform something that is not natural.

Am trying to... so you can understand this curses and blessing. They don't just stay as natural. We have needs and our needs are not just merely physical. Our needs are also deeply spiritual. They are deeply psychological. They are social. But what happens is, we try to use our natural circumstances to inform...

So we have physical need, but our physical needs are engineered in nature to inform our psychological and spiritual need. For example, if I feel a sense of emptiness, if I feel a sense of loneliness, is not merely a physical thing. Emptiness or loneliness means I feel that my life doesn't have any meaning. I don't feel happy about myself. That is not a physical thing. That is deeply psychological or bordering on spiritual in some cases.

What people try to do then is, I will try to engage in something physical to see if that thing can feed that sense of emptiness.

For example, some people react in different ways, some go drinking, some abuse, some get to work... that is why some people when they have trouble in their homes, some men

or women when they have trouble in their marriages, some of them bury themselves in work activities to deal with that nagging sense of that trouble. The problem at home is not a work problem but they use work to deal with that psychological stress they are experiencing. Is just the way we are constructed as humans.

So we always tend to use our natural state to deal with a deeper voice, or we are using our natural state to interpret because if some people see that they don't have some people around them, they feel they are lonely... that inform their loneliness. If they see they don't have money, they feel like they are nobody... when they check their account, the physical informs...

But that sense of being a nobody is got nothing to do with how much you have. But we cannot make that distinction, so we say it's how much I have that inform if I am somebody or nobody. Some of you are even struggling now to make sense of what we are talking about. You might be thinking but if you have so much you are somebody, if you don't have so much... is because you have been so much into that system that you can't make a distinction.

If that is the case, how do you interpret Luke 12:15?

You can read it...

This is what the Lord will help us to break down today. And some of you are listening to this today who are being deceived by the world system, deceived by the enemy. Today is your day of liberty in the Holy Ghost.

Luke 12

15. And Jesus said unto them, take heed

Now, he is saying be careful as we also are saying be careful... And also be careful now, Take caution about this.

You know the reason why you tell somebody be careful. If something is obvious, if everybody can see it, you don't need to tell somebody take caution or be careful. The only reason why people will ever say to you take caution or be careful is if something is very sneaky, something is hiding that you will not see it unless you take a close look at it.

That is why we are saying today that what we are talking about, if we are saying that to be a somebody or be a nobody is separate from how much you have or how much you don't have... If you don't see it, it means you are not being careful. You are not taking heed, because you have to look deeper with a spiritual microscope with this.

Jesus said take heed. So whatever it is going to say after he said take heed is not mostly obvious to many people. If not he would not have said take heed if it is obvious, if it is something that is glaring. So it's not obvious to people.

Take heed and beware of covetousness...

Now, you know we keep talking about covetousness, we've mentioned that in one of our episodes. Really you will now see what covetousness is.

Go on please

for a man's life

Which means, look at this... Is he a somebody or is he a nobody? Is he a significant person or is he insignificant? Does this person counts or does he not counts? The life of a man, the quality of his life, who he is... Watch it...

consisteth not..

You cannot find it...

in the abundance of the things which he possess.

Now, that can't be more clearer than what we are talking about.

That Jesus said in your life, you will need to take caution to make a separation. It means many people are not taking caution.

Because the society is informing them...

What happens now...? You said society but you know is a bit of shame that even within the church, within the Christendom, within so call God's kingdom on earth. We have not made that separation, as Hebrews was talking to us about that...

He says we are in a generation that blur the lines between a man's life and what does he possesses. The line is blur.

Now Jesus said, you and I will need to take caution to make a separation.

So what are we seeing then? Jesus is saying what your life is, and what you have they are separate.

See what happens now is, talking about the blessing. I would have wish that Adam knew that in Genesis 3, that Adam knew that what is life is and what he has are separate.

Now, think about this it will mean that from that scriptures that we've just read in Luke 12:15, it will mean then that every time you have, every time you have things, every time you have people, every time you have substances and you say yes, I think now I am

living my life now, it means you have blurred the lines between what you have and what your life is.

I will like to read Romans Chapter 12 verse 2

Amp Version

And do not be confirmed to this world any longer with his superficial values and custom, but be transformed and progressively change as you mature spiritually by the renewing of your mind.

You might want to say that mind renewal is taking caution, thinking outside of the box **focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes so that you might prove for yourself what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable God's plan and perfect his plan and purpose for you.**

He was saying we should no longer be conformed to that superficial value and customs.

So what is the value and customs?

The value and customs links and says your natural state is your spiritual state. Let's put it that way.

Your natural state is your psychological state.

You have, that means you are living a great life now.

Now, you see what the gospel of the Lord Jesus does, it comes into that connection and deals with that connection.

I will tell you the reason.

Now, if you think about the Luke 12 we've been reading. It is important that when Jesus made that statement in verse 15, then began to expatiate on the meaning of that statement in Luke 12:15

He gave us an illustration in the Holy Ghost, to say well in case you don't understand what I said about the fact that, you cannot talk about if a man is blessed or not blessed, or if a man's life counts for something, if he doesn't count for nothing. You can't really tell by looking at what he has.

So what you have should not inform you but it does!

Have you noticed that when people is just like people that have money, for you as a believer in Christ Jesus, the Lord wants you to live a life and be a blessing to others. When people have money, instead of we to say that man has money because it is a great thing to have money, because money addresses things. There are things that cannot be

addressed by money. But when you have money, I will tell you what your conclusion should be. I have money. Full stop!

But it doesn't happen like that in our generation. When you have money, you know what it does? Then it begin to speak.

Now, the money then says you have money then look at money now. Money will speak and say people will say that man is successful. Being successful is not money, but see! it has gone from his jurisdiction as just being money...

Now, is talking now to the psychology of the man, is talking to the spiritual state of the man. So he will say you are intelligent. Some says you have faith...

Is a man of faith or he is smart, he is godly in some cases... In fact, some might even say ungodly. In some countries they will say the reason why he has so much money is he must be cutting corners.

And some in countries, some will feel is the blessing of the Lord, he must really be in good relationship with God.

Have you noticed that money has gone outside the box of money, he is talking now...?

He has gone beyond its jurisdiction and he is now talking.

In fact some will even say the man must be smart, but he can be a dump person. He can even be the dumpiest of the dump. But the money is not just money now, now its speaking. It's talking to us about the quality of the man's life. Can you see?

And the society is interpreting, and is talking to the psyche too and the society have the interpretation for this.

Exactly!

What Jesus wants you to do as a believer is make money money. What he wants you to do as a believer is to make friends friends.

You know some people think that now that I have so many people around me, I have so many likes and shares on social media, some says now I have so many people who care about me, it means I'm not forsaken, am somebody.

So it may not be actually money, it might be work. I have this kind of job and position, now this responsibility, that means I'm important.

So this friends, this relationship there, they are not just staying as friends and relationship. They are now speaking. They are trying to determine the quality of a man's life. They try to determine what a man's life is.

And you see, this is where the whole contention is, that things in this world, they go beyond where you put them and they want to address the psychological, spiritual state.

Then Jesus then speak in this Luke 12:16 to give us an illustration of what it means to make a man's life to be consisteth in the abundance of things that he possesses.

But please before you read it, don't forget he mention the word covetousness. You know why he said covetousness? is that, what will become need, you know we need this to actually satisfy that. In fact, you can put it in Adam case in Genesis 3, he had to use those fig leaves to do that.

Let's go on.

Verse 16

16. And he spake a parable unto them saying, the ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully

That is a good thing, isn't it? When you bring forth plentifully

and he thought within himself saying

His mind has become the converter.

When he says he thought within himself, it means this is where the problem is. That is why you are asking me the problem and say people that look at their life and say they are still curse. What kind of thought are you having within yourself?

So his mindset now is what coverters... our mind is powerful. You know we have a converter that converts electricity from one form to the other.

It's our unrenewed, unregenerated mind that converts natural things and gives a voice to them to speak into our spiritual state.

So we could say that the plentiful ground, the ground that brought forth was the one speaking and the man was just echoing the voice out. Yes, his mind was processing it.

Echoing the voice of those ground that is bringing forth, just like money is speaking and people echoing it by living it out.

So the question is what is the problem? The thought, the unrenewed mind. What is it processing?

What is that plentiful ground saying through the mind? Because the ground can be plentiful for someone else and is not processing it that way. Because is not speaking to him that way...

and he thoughts within himself saying what shall I do because I have no room where to bestowed my fruit. And I said this will I do, I will pull down my barns and build greater and there will I bestow all my goods.

There is nothing wrong with that. Expansion, storage, conservation... even Jesus when the miracle of the feeding of five thousand men without children, what did he says? gather... you know twelve basket they had to make sure it wasn't wasted.

Here was a man who wasn't going to waste resources, he was going to store them in barns.

Now watch it

Verse 19.

19. And I will say to my soul. Soul

What did he say? Soul! I thought it was the ground, I thought it was about storage. I thought it was about fruit, just expansion. I thought it was expansion. Where did the word soul come in?

This is the problem... that is why I said that how can this man in his thought process, his mind became a conjunction point, he connected ground, he connected the storage and his ability to expand his business, he then connected it to soul.

You can't do that.

Now this is the point... making that connection. This is what Adam did as well. So many people their ground is saying to their soul today... their work is saying something to their soul today, your work should just stay as your work.

Whatever you worth, your net worth, your value, your network, your achievement should just stay as achievement. Your position in society, whether you are down there or you are up there in society, it has to stay as position. But what happens is, there will be a problem if it then begin to speak to your soul.

Can you see?

That is why I said, this is the weakness of humanity, when our natural circumstance speak or is addressing the state of our soul. That is exactly what happen in Genesis 3 to Adam.

And you can see something there, apart from the ground, just like you say it converts at the mind, it talks and speak at the soul. There are times these things want to speak, he has the power to stop this at the circle.

Well, you can only stop that with a renewed mind. That is what we read in Romans 12.

So we might not have the control of what the ground is saying, but you can choose what you want to process, what you want to think about before your soul can get something. So you have the mind to shut down and not have the soul say something.

During the thinking process, that is why we have to renewed and say...

Do you then know what the man should have said? If I ask you a question, he would have just said the ground...

Because we don't have the control, if we're being honest, we don't have the control of what the ground is saying, is like the society has given some of these things voices, has given titles voice, even if you say I don't want to say this... titles is speaking I need to be respected because you need to say something all these things, all those barns are saying something.

So there is no problem all those money... actually there are some things you can purchase, there are some thing that can give you an edge, but the process is the responsibility of the thinking through what they are saying, that is our own responsibility. We cannot shut the mouth of all those things, but we can renewed our mind so we don't get suck up in the thought process because if we have defeated the thought process, there is no way we are going to transfer that language interpretation to the soul or what do you think?

I agree with that 100%. That is why when you read Romans 12:2 that **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, do not be conformed with the superficial values and custom...**

You know what? This is really very a vantage point to begin to point out the implication of the gospel. Because here was a man that needed those things to actually sustain his soul. His soul is separate. His soul is the core of his being. The core of the value of his life. And that is the only thing that only the redemption in Christ Jesus is actually able to address.

Now if you notice this man, what should you do as a believer, but if you are not saved yet, what should you do?

The fact is, there is only one person that speak to the soul, the core of your being, the core of who you are, what is your life? It's only God that has the power or the right to address that part. Because when he said my soul it means the fact is, the soul of this man, talking about the depth of who he is, the value of his life, the significance, the meaning of his life, this is the seat where God is supposed to sit. That is the rest that Christ brings.

Which means, he is simply say oh! my soul is already... Christ had already said that I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. I have sufficient enough. Christ already said that

am fully accepted in the beloved. Christ had already said am not condemned, am not disqualified, am qualified. Christ had already said, there is no curse.

Sorry ground that is breaking forth, you can't even speak to that area, there is only one that speak to that area of my life. This is what the man's response should have been. This is what the Bible talks about in simply saying that unless you enter into the rest of God (Hebrew 4:10), we will not be delivered from the pain and the weariness of labour.

Can you see?

This is a man... he is trying to use that thing to inform him.

And let's say this before we carry on. Two things will happen to every person that begins to walk in the ungodly principles of this man. Am even speaking specific not just to those who are out there in the world, who are not saved, even for those who are born again, who are Christians.

Two things will happen, if you succeed, if you actually make it and you break forth and your ground breaks forth. It will go to your head, because you need that success to feel that you are a somebody. You need that success. You'll become needy. That is why we have needy Christians.

That is why he says beware of covetousness. They need the validation, something to do more work...

You need your ground to break forth. You need to expand. You need it.

Now, expansion is not something that you do only, but is something you need.

You see Jesus has come to break the sense of needy Christians. That is the reason why if you notice in verse 15 of Luke 12, the very first thing he says beware of covetousness. That you always need, you will need the ground to break forth. You need it.

Now, if in this man's case, he needed the ground to break forth, you know why he needed it? Because the ground has to help his soul.

So is not a matter of expansion... expansion for this man is not expansion. He needed more from the expansion. He needed more than the expansion. This is what is called covetousness.

When you need things beyond what those things are in the natural. You need people to affirm you, to validate you. You need things, you need project, you need the contact with people. You need people to recognize what you are doing. You become needy. It is call covetousness.

Like I said if you are successful, it goes to your head. And if you fail it goes to your heart.

I was about saying that because I hope somebody will be able to find out that, there is no problem. The problem is not about the ground breaking forth because some people go to this verse and feel like this is not for them. Their own ground is not bringing anything plentiful, and so they feel this is not their own problem

But you know this could be illustrated in another way. This parable could have been a certain man whose ground does not bring anything. And yet that is why this scriptures has implication for both - for the ground that brings forth plentifully, because what we started was, this question I was asking about those people feeling the weight of curses on them.

So assuming this case of this man, the ground was not bringing forth plentiful, it was bringing thorns and thistles, he could not expand... So there is a speaking too, that can speak to them.

And we will now be telling the soul that you are curse, you are not really saved. Because people thought this verse is for those who are rich, well to do, who are making it, and that is why they bring it out in Christian business meeting and say this is the appropriate

If you read verse 26, I will encourage you...

Verse 26, 27 of the same Luke Chapter 12. He says don't worry about what you are going to eat, what you will drink, what you will put on...

You think that is addressing people who don't have. Who are the ones that are rich, extremely rich people don't bother about what to eat or drink or put on.

Jesus is not concern about whether you are in verse 26, 27, 28 or 29 or you are in verse 17, 18. It's the same problem.

Whether you have or you don't have, it's irrelevant...

Because it could be the one speaking curses to people and feel like since you don't have, you can see your neighbor garden is bringing forth plentifully... and since yours, you put the same effort and you do the same thing is bringing nothing. So you can now begin to speak to your soul, you begin to think within yourself, that mean this salvation is not enough. Maybe Jesus did not do it all, I need to do some other thing and begin to speak to your soul. You are not accepted in the beloved. There is no favour of God upon you and become need too, needy for deliverance...

That is the point.

If somebody comes to me and they say they are under a curse, being a believer. If they believed that Jesus died for them and Christ became a curse for them and they said well, at the moment I think am under a curse. I think the question we should ask such Christian is how did you know you are under a curse like God asked Adam, who told you?

Now, in most cases, some of them have to then refer to things to say this is not happening...

If that is a response with you, we are not anyway different from this man of Luke 12:15. Because he also look at the ground that broke forth and said my soul... Can you see?

He spoke my soul.

You too, you are looking at your ground that is not breaking forth and you too are saying my soul. See! We are in the same boat.

Is it not pathetic that some people come to some places of worship and they were telling them for you not, those are the people that even define curses for people and by telling people if this is not happening in your life, you cannot do this, you cannot make this contribution in society or even into that place of worship, you are really curse.

So they got the definition of what curses is and what blessing is based on the superficial values and custom that Christ was warning us from in Roman 12. They bring it to the place of worship. They bring it to even the biblical interpretation. They subject curses and sometimes they get some anecdote from all those. They go to Old Testament and feel like this curse of Cain and everything and people are still under the heavy weight year in year out.

I just hope that the light has come today with this exposition.

As we begin to round up now, if you just read the last verse 21 which is the last comment the Lord Jesus gave regarding that parable.

So is he that layeth up treasures for himself and is not rich towards God.

So the whole point, does that not tie up Proverbs 10:22; the blessing of the Lord, it makes rich. The same rich is spoken of in Luke 12:21, rich towards God.

It means what the blessing of the Lord does for you at redemption is it makes you rich.

I know people don't like that. Some people says no! let us not twist the gospel... The Bible says if you have the blessing of the Lord, it makes rich.

Let us make a statement, if you are redeemed from the curse of the law, it means you are blessed of the Lord and if you are blessed of the Lord, you are rich. Towards God you are rich.

Now, that rich there should deliver you from every sorrow. Proverbs 10:22

So it means every believer in Christ Jesus, every needy mentality that goes beyond I must get out of... I have this to

So which the rich in this case is about the soul of a man.

So if you will stop using things to feel rich, to feel that yes, now I counts. Now, I matter. Now, life is significant. That is the voice that Jesus spoke upon your life....

Some people feel that they need things to happen so that they can feel blessed.

No! He said if you are blessed... how do you know you are blessed?

Watch it!

The curse of sorrow that should be on your life, Christ took it upon himself. He took the crown of thorns on his head.

So you have no doubt that he's taken whatever you deserve and that should speak to you. And when it speak to you, oh my soul is satisfy. Oh! I counts towards my Father.

You know really in practical terms not everybody's opinion matter to your life. And people say I kind of deliver to some extent that one of the major causes of failure and confusion in life is trying to please everyone. You can't really please everyone. Even Jesus did not please everyone. Some people rejoice at the word of Christ and some people hated him for his words... You cannot please everyone. Even Jesus said if every man speaks well of you, he said something is wrong. You've not done something right.

He said every man cannot speak well of you, if they do, something is wrong somewhere.

So you cannot really please everyone.

You know one thing? There is somebody whose opinion really matter, that is the person you try to please and that is what should speak to your soul. He is the only person that has the right to speak to your soul. Nothing should speak to your soul.

Your heavenly Father is the one whose opinion matter most about your life. And the person whose opinion matters about you says that you are accepted. That settles it.

The person whose opinion matter says you are my beloved son. He gave you the right to be called the son of God and made you joint-heirs with Christ and everything that the Father has is yours. You are justified. You are blessed. You are favoured already. So how can you have favoured and feeling a sense of curse?

You are favoured of the Lord. Can you see?

You are redeemed from life curse and that recurring pattern... Life is meaningful for you now. There is a purpose for life. You have nothing to prove anything. You don't need things to prove anything to anything or anyone any more even to the Father.

You know some people feel, is not even the world they want to justify, they want to prove to the Father...

The Father said, you know what? I've already anticipated the fact that you have proving yourself in Christ to me. Christ proved it.

And that is why when Jesus got to a point, the Father first told him that this is my beloved son in whom I'm well pleased. But again the second time, in the gospel that was before he started ministry in river Jordan. But after he's done some ministry for some few years and Jesus had learnt obedience from the things that he suffered and all that. And he was obedient, the Father said this is my beloved son in whom am well pleased, hear him. Voice of approval.

The hear him was like a badge on Jesus's... He learnt obedience by the things that suffered. If there was no guile, error found in his life.

The Bible says all those things that he did, what does he deserved? If Jesus paid the price, he went through all the stress, what did he deserved. He deserved the blessing. The blessing should go to the person that deserved it. You know what he got? A curse. Well, that is not fair right?

How can Jesus go through all these, and he still got a curse?

He got what he never deserved so that you can get something you never deserved.

And that is what the pagans are looking for. They are looking for approval.

Jesus said in that Luke 12, he said the pagan seeking all these things.

They are running around. They need their ground to break forth to arrive. But you arrived first even before your ground breaks forth.

So your ground is immaterial for you as a believer in Christ Jesus. You arrived first because you just got the credibility of Christ.

Everything that Christ was given, you then took it and Christ got what he never deserved. And what the ground gives to them, you already have it.

People that are looking for their ground to break forth, the purpose is not the ground. They wanted the ground to do something.

But you have got what the ground should give them. You have become before anything comes out of your ground

That is why the pain of being a pagan, and the pain of not being saved, and also the pain of being saved and not understanding your salvation. The pain of pagan Christianity.

They need the ground to break forth because they wanted something from the ground and that is the thing that Christ...

I think next episode by the grace of God. We are going to propose a thesis, we are going to propose something.

You want to join us in our next transmission. I will just tell you what we are going to be looking at. Which school of thought is right, those that says that when you are born again then you are rich, God will bless you with money and all that and some say no! when you are born again forget about money is just the spirituality?

We want to say thank you for joining us today. We pray that there is illumination today from what you've heard and you are going to work probably in this light that you are already arrived. Before your ground breaking forth or not, you have already arrived, and that is a good place to be.

So should you have any questions or comments or clarification? You know what to do. You just send it though our page, and by the grace of God we are going to answer as the Lord gives us the ability.

So want to say you share this with those people and we want you to live out this truth. It is much important to live out this truth in your life. You are not just hearers alone, you live it out in your life.

So till we see you next transmission, you know is have already getting heated up. If you have some contribution, we will like you to contribute to that. We want you to think ahead.

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

God bless you.

Bye!!