

Expose 38 K2

When is God Visiting?

Hello World, this is Expose 247 where we turn the light on Christ using all what has been written about him.

And today we want to say Merry Christmas to every one celebrating and marking today- the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, just like you said yesterday. It doesn't matter whether you mark it or not, but the most important thing is that Christ is born afresh, let Christ be born afresh in our hearts today. So is not just the physical birth. Let him be born afresh.

Today we are going to continue from where we stopped. And yesterday if you remembered very well we were able to establish the reason why you need to listen to this Knock out Series, why you should pay attention.

Because yesterday we talked about, if you are not careful and paying attention to those things, all those benefits of Christ can be *dispossessed*, you can be spoilt. Somebody can plunder you and it will make no effect that Christ died and was risen, that Christ was born like you are marking today. It will make no difference,

And again before we move on, I really want to establish another case, another reason why you need to pay attention, why we need to take this thing serious, what we are talking -The new series we have started, about being careful, about people we listen to, what we listen to, so we don't get spoilt just like we saw in the Colossian that we read today. In the case of the Israelites before they went to Canaan, will you want to talk about it to make another case for this series?

Viewers all over the world if you are listening to us, yesterday we established one thing on this knock out series. We said as a Christian you can give so much power to people in your life to deprive you of the benefits of Redemption because Colossian Chapter 2 that we read yesterday said to us

“Let no man actually spoil you, don't let them take your benefits of your inheritance.”

And you see there is a particular event in the time of the Israelites, when God was dealing with them that comes to mind. You know the twelve spies that were sent out

to spy the land, when the Israelites were about to go out and possess Canaan. And Moses actually commissioned twelve spies to check out the benefits of the new land.

Can you see, when they went out, you notice that ten of them came back with an evil report. They said we were like grasshoppers before the giants in the land. And only two people came back with a good report. That was Joshua and Caleb who did say we can possess the land. But you know what! For those people who listen to those ten spies they actually lost out on their inheritance. Those that listen to the ten spies who said we cannot do this, those who said we are like grasshoppers before the giants in the land.

Now it wasn't the fact that those ten spies lost out on the inheritance of the Canaan they were going into, it was that the people who listen to what those ten spies have to say. And that is what we are stressing out today. It is not just those ten people who lost out on the inheritance of the new land- Canaan, it was also the people who absorbed what those ten spies had to say.

So the scripture is saying Colossian 2 that, if you listen to people who rubbish the Redemptive work of Christ in the name of men's tradition, who rubbish redemption in the name of doctrines, who rubbish Redemption in the name of practices. The Bible says if you listen to those people you will lose out on the benefits of your inheritance in Christ Jesus. And that is why the language that was used there is, the word **spoil**. It says they will spoil you, they will make you to lose out on the benefits you are supposed to have in Christ Jesus.

And one thing that we want to say before we carry on today is, it means this is a very great matter, is something that is so serious! It means that for all that Christ went to the Cross to achieve, when Christ said it is finished on the Cross. Christ said is all accomplished, I've paid the price, I've defeated the enemy. I took the goods of the devil, the goods he stole from mankind, and I restored it back to humanity. For all that Christ did, for all the price He paid, for all that sacrifice He did, it means that if we listen to philosophies, to men's tradition and theories of men and things that men use to rubbish Redemption, if we listen to them. Now it's amazing that we can end up losing out on the benefits' of Redemption. So it is important that you listen to what we have to actually give on this knock out series.

So in order word is either people we listen to, is either will even ever get the benefit at all, because in the case you just mentioned they never even got the benefits. We need to watch out whether they even received.

Some will not even come to the point of receiving. They will never get to know about what the redemption rights and benefits are, because of the kind of people they listen to. And some when they even listen, when they already have those redemption benefits in their life. Some can, they can dispossessed (repossessed). Can be dispossessed (repossessed) from everything by virtue of those they listen to. You either have it or you don't even have it all. So you need to watch out for those two stages. When you want to acquire it, some will even keep you away. You never get to know about it. And some when you have it, some will dispossess you. Can we just move on today about the watching out of the time and to know the visitation of God?

We've already established the reason why this is critical. Today we are looking at the question is **Does God has a set time in which He has chosen to bless you, Does God has a set in which He has chosen to favour you?** Are you supposed to wait unto a particular time next year on your convention, on your program, or a monthly program, or a weekly program, or a bi-annual program? **Does God have a set time in which He has decided he's going to bless you and you are out there waiting for that time to show up?** If that's the question?

Now let the scripture answer this and let's see what Jesus has to say about the time that God has set to favour or to bless you.

Now quickly let's go to the book Luke Chapter 4 and we see an episode in which Jesus talked about the timing of God's visitation to those who believe in the gospel.

Luke 4:17-19

"17. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

Luke Chapter 4, now I 'm going to read from verse 18, I want you to follow us. Before we read there let's go to Luke Chapter 4 verse 17.

Luke Chapter 4:17

“There was deliver unto him...

It means Jesus this is talking about Jesus. He came into the temple and the Bible says as His custom was, He came into the temple. If you read from verse 15 it talks about that.

And verse 17 says they deliver unto Jesus, they gave to Jesus, the book of the prophet Isaiah. Now very soon we going to go to that book and have a look at it because if Jesus was reading from that book, we need to see what was there originally.

And they gave it unto Jesus and when He had opened the book. That is verse 17.

He found the place where it was written. You see, before we go on, we need to make **this fact know that your life, my life, our destiny is in the pages of the scripture.**

And you need to find where it is written concerning you. Jesus said something, He said it is written of me in the volume of your books, I have come to do your will O God.

Hebrew 10:7

“Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me), to do thy will, O God”

It means your life, your destiny is on the pages of the scripture. And you need to find where it is written concerning you. So Jesus found the place where it was written concerning him, and He read from that place.

And verse 18. See what He read from that place. Jesus said

Luke4:18

The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor

Now even though this is not our focus today if you watch that you wonder, Jesus was anointed by God. And you see, you need to know the reason why Jesus said that greater works that He did we are going to do is because Jesus didn't do everything He did because he was God. I repeat that! Jesus needed to be anointed by the Father to do what He did.

Acts10:38

“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy ghost and with power; who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him”

Acts 10:38 says how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth. Everything Jesus did was because he was anointed by the Father. He did it as a man who was anointed by the Father. But that is not our focus today.

Luke 4:18b

And He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted,

(He says this is what the Father has sent him to do)

To preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Now it says

Look at this!

To preach the acceptable year of the Lord

Now it says, look at it... **To preach** which is verse 19.

The word preach there means to declare. Every time you hear the word preach in the Bible it means proclamation. That is why preaching is different from teaching. When you teach people, you explain to them how things work or how things should be. But this is not a teaching that Jesus said he came to do in this context.

Verse 19 says I've come to make a preaching. You might want to say I've come to make a proclamation, a declaration. That is what He's saying in verse 19, to declare, to preach or to make a proclamation. **What proclamation?** To proclaim the year- the acceptable year of the Lord. Now Jesus did that and verse 26 and He closed the book.

Now when you closed the book, it means end of story. Closed the book and He gave it again to the minister and sat down. Now before we begin to explore this on today's series.

I want you to go back to see where Jesus quoted from, for the Bible says He quoted from the book of Isaiah. Now if you go quickly to Isaiah Chapter 61, before we tie this together today. The question we are asking today don't forget is **Does God has a set time to for him to bless you? Does God has a set time for him to favour you?** That is the question we are asking and every person who actually trusting God. Every person who has faith in the power of God needs to understand this question. The answer to this question is critical to if you will still believe in the full benefit of Christ or you will be spoilt of your resources and your benefits that should be yours in Christ. Answering this question is critical!

Look at Isaiah Chapter 61

Isaiah 61

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

2. To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;”

And It says in verse one

See what it said. This is what Jesus quoted in Luke 4

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek;

And he says in the next one

He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, he hath sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives,

See that! That is why I did say that the word preaching means the word proclamation. He says to proclaim, to make a declaration.

To make a proclaim to the captives and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

Look at verse 2. Verse 2 says to proclaim. That is the word. You see, that is why I did say in Luke 4:19. You can replace the word **preach** to be the word **proclaim**. Because in Isaiah 61verse 2. It says **Jesus said I came to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord**. If you have a different translation, **it’ll says I have come to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour**.

Jesus said I come to bring a season. I say it again, I have come to bring a season. I have come to announce to you that this is the year of the Lord’s favour. Don’t forget this was the beginning of the ministry of Jesus.

In Luke Chapter 4 verse 18&19. At this stage Jesus had done no miracle, He had not even done anything. This was immediately after the temptation in the wilderness.

In Luke Chapter 4, Jesus said I have come to make a proclamation. Now before we talk about this proclamation, this particular season that Jesus came to usher in, in this

particular place. It is important for us to know in what context was Jesus making this statement.

And you see what comes to mind is, in this place of Isaiah 61 and Luke Chapter 4 it was an echo of Leviticus Chapter 25. Now we are not going to go in there... I am going to tell you what is there.

In Leviticus 25 you see in Israel they have three different feasts and three different seasons.

There was the feast of the Passover which was a reminder of the fact that they went through the Red sea and God delivered them.

They have the feast of Pentecost which happen fifty days after. And they have the Feast of Tabernacle. And you see these are the three recurring spiritual happenings in Israel.

And you see what happen is, God came a command to Israelites. Because God didn't want anyone to be in perpetual slavery. So what God organized was the year of Jubilee. The year of Jubilee is 50 years. You see, there is a seven times seven circle. On the 50th year, God told the Israelites they have to make a proclamation, they have to make a declaration.

Please watch the similarity! God said in Leviticus 25 if you read from verse 8 down to verse 10.

Leviticus 25:8-10

8. “And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years.

9. Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.

10. And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.”

God said in the fifteenth year in which you are in the land, make a declaration. And the declaration says. Tell people it is the season of liberty. And what happens in that season is this...

If you have a slave that was already in the house, they have to go free when you declare the season of liberty. It was called the year of Jubilee. You have to make a declaration.

Now watch this! Somebody makes a declaration, and once the declaration is made, all those who were slaves can go free. In fact, those whose land had been mortgage, the land was meant to be returned back to them as soon as the proclamation was made as this is the season of Jubilee

And you see, Jesus said what I have come to do is, you see me setting the captives free, you see me opening the eyes of the blind, you see me healing the broken hearted. I have come to make a proclamation! This is the year, this is the season, this is the acceptable year of the Lord.

And you see let me say something which is very important as we go back to Luke Chapter 4 verse 18.

When God talks about time, is amazing that we get it mixed up when God refers to time.

You see, let me say this, The Greek Language was the language in which the New Testament was first written. And I presume if you are a student of History, you would simply understand the Greek language is much older than English language.

In fact most of our English words have their root meaning in the Greek. That is the reason why the Greek language is much more richer, and much more deeper in contextual meaning compare to English because it is a much older language.

And you see when the Bible talks about Time, in English language, we always say Time! Time!! Time!! Everything to us is Time. But in the Greek language, they have different meanings for Time. If you check the Bible, anytime it talks about season ,anytime it talks about Time. There are two different words in Greek. Now one of them is *Cronus*, where we get the word Chronological in our English version. The other word is *Karios*.

Now the different between *cronus* and *karios* in fact according to Bible scholars. The word *karios* is the word used for Time over sixty times in the scripture. And *cronus* is used for Time over thirty times in the scripture according to most Bible scholars which is a great thing.

You see the fact is, now anytime the Bible talks about *cronus* which we all know it's talking about time (minutes and seconds), talking about days, talking about calendar year. That is *cronus*. We all know that! The other one called *karios*. The *Karios* is not connected to a particular date or to a particular month. It's connected to a season.

Now in this particular place in Luke chapter 4 verse 19. When Jesus said I have come to declare the acceptable year of the Lord. The language that was used there is the word *karios* in the Greek. Jesus is saying I have come to declare the season in which God is going to favour his people. It is a season. Now when God says there is a season. It simply means is not about the date, is not about the time. Is about the event. And what is the event? **That the person of Christ Jesus has come to make a proclamation.**

Lets' say this very critical! It means then before you were born into Christ Jesus. If you are asking the question when is your visitation? When is God going to visit you?

Before you were born, before you were born into Christ Jesus. Jesus made a proclamation before you were born. Before you give your life to Jesus Christ, he made a proclamation and He declared the year, the season, the *karios* of God's favor. The year of God's favor is already at work even before you ever came in to Christ Jesus.

How did I know this? Look at this, let's go back to the scripture. Luke Chapter 4 verse 20. He closed the book. He closed the book. End of story.

Luke 4:20

“And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and he sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.”

See what he said. He gave it to the minister and he sat down.

Let's talk about the word **sat down**. You see when Rabbis' read the scripture. When they read the liturgy, they don't seat down they stand up. And the reason they stand up is this, it is a reminder that this is not settle.

Now let's go quickly to the book of Hebrew Chapter 10. Hebrew Chapter 10 tells about the Aaronic priesthood. It tries to contrast the priesthood of Aaron with that of Jesus.

Hebrew 10:12

“But this man after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;”

He said one thing about Jesus in Hebrew Chapter 10, he said, when this Jesus offered the sacrifice once and for all. He sat down at the right hand of the Father. What does that mean? He sat down and said, well we cannot have to do this anymore.

The Bible says when Jesus made the offering for sin, He sat down. Now why would he say Jesus sat down when made offering for sin. The reason is in the Tabernacle, in the Holy of Holies there was no seat.

If you are a student of the Bible, go and read Hebrew Chapter 8 & 9. Hebrew 8 and 9 describes how the tabernacle look like, all the things in the outer court, the things in the inner court, and the things in the Holy of Holies. There was no mention of a seat. The only thing that was mentioned was the mercy seat where we have the Cherubim and the Seraphim. You see in reality, there was no place in the whole tabernacle where Aaron could sit down, there was no place, because they were not supposed to seat down. Because the Bible says every time Aaron the High Priest and his children Eleazar and all of them, every time they offered the sacrifice, there was a constant reminder of sins, that is not over yet. Aaron you are coming back next year, Aaron you are going to come back in the next two year. Because this season of Redemption is not over. There was a constant reminder of sins.

But the Bible says about this Jesus, this High Priest in Hebrew Chapter 10. This High Priest is different from Aaron why because when this one offered the sacrifice in Hebrew 10. The Bible says this one sat down. He sat down! And said you know what? We've declared the season of Redemption, it's once and for all. It's still in force!

It will be in force for ever more! Once and for all, we would not renew this. We don't need to re-fire the process. He sat down once and for all as a constant reminder to everyone that cares to believe that this season of Redemption is continuous.

Now listen the Bible says in Luke Chapter 4 verse 19 that when Jesus took the book, He read from it and declare the year of God's favor. He closed the book and He sat down. He said that's it. The season is in force. It means then, listen! when God will visit you. Before you came into Christ. Before he came to Jesus Christ. He proclaimed a *karios*, a season of God's favour. That means you were born into a season.

Let's say that again. You don't need to pray for a season. You were born into the season. You were born into the *karios* of God's favour. You were born because it was in force. **How did I know?** Jesus sat down.

When He read it on the last verse "**this the year of God's favor**"...He closed it and sat down. It means it is in force! You don't sit down as a Rabbi when you read. In fact anytime they read in the synagogue they keep standing, if you listen, they don't sit

down. If you want to look at this context, if you watch even the present days Jews, the 21st century Jews, you see them when they are reading from the Scroll, before the Wailing Wall. They have to keep standing because there is a reminder you have to come and reenact it all over again.

Jesus says to you and I that we were born into a season and that season is continuously in force. **How did we know that?** Because as soon as He got the year of the Lord's favour, in Luke 4 verse 20. He sat down!

And He said that season is in force. And if you are asking the question today when is God going to visit you? That's a wrong question. You were born into the visitation. You were born into the season of God.

Having said this, **what do we do?** The reason why so many Christians today are being deceived, are being manipulated, are in a way being deceived to think that you know what, we are going to have our convention on the 21st of Oct 2017 and at that time we are inviting a great minister of God and they will declare a special season over your life and they will proclaim a special season over your destiny. And the reason while people falls for that is because they look at their life, and look at what is happening in their situation at the moment and they presume and come to a conclusion there is no way God would have visited me and my life is like this. It then means I need a visitation.

That is why people get deceived. And the reason you are thinking that way is simply because you don't understand that the Bible says Jesus declared the year of the Lord's favour and sat down.

Now you see, He declared it and sat down! He said we are not changing this, we don't need to re-fire this, we don't need to reenact this, we don't need to re-proclaim this, we don't need to renew this. I have come to declare and am going to sit down. I am going to do what the Rabbis' would not normally do. And this is what we have come to say.

Now we are going to clarify, you see because now we know that we are born into that season. We are born into the proclamation! And you see, let's talk about this quickly which is what we are going to look at again so that people can come in to this Revelation and walk in it. Because the purpose of a Revelation is for people to walk in that Revelation. And we going to clarify that, now you see.

This year of Jubilee that was declared it reminds me seriously about Abraham Lincoln. If you are student of History, American history. According to American history, it tells us in Sept 1862 Abraham Lincoln declared that all the slaves in the

South can go free. He said Jan 1st 1863 Abraham passed it into law and said all the slaves can go free. It was a proclamation. In fact, this quite amazing. If you check most American history books. They called it the Emancipation proclamation. Again the word proclamation. It was called a proclamation of the Emancipation! It means Abrahams Lincoln proclaimed and said, as from Jan 1st 1863, all captives, all slaves can go free, it was a declaration.

But listen, the fact is even though he made the declaration that all can go free. The slaves themselves have to walk out that word. It means it is not enough. This is where the problem is. Jesus came to make a proclamation. He said, it's the year of the Lord's favor. He said the *karios* is the season of God's favour. And He gave evidence for that.

You know, Jesus is not theoretical. He's practical. That is why I like what book of Luke said when Luke was telling Theophilus in Luke Chapter One and Act Chapter One he said **“O Theophilus of the things that Jesus began to do and teach”**

Acts1:1

This is not theory. If Jesus declared I have come to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. He gave evidence for what He was saying. Because in the previous verse in verse 18. He said See! Can you see that the captives are being set free! You see the eyes of the blind are opening. Can't you not see that we are healing the broken hearted? Can you not see that we have come to bring hope to those who are hopeless? Jesus gave evidence for this proclamation to be proved. And you see that, is one thing that God gives a proclamation for a season, it is a different thing for men to walk into that season.

So when Abraham Lincoln made that declaration of Emancipation the slaves themselves have to walk out. In fact there were some slaves owners who did not want some slaves to go free. All the slaves have to do is to tell them have you not heard of the proclamation of Emancipation that we're supposed to walk free. Is the same thing!

The Jubilee in Leviticus 25 when God said, all slaves can go free in the fifteenth year. In Leviticus 25. The responsibility lies on the shoulder of the slaves to walk out of that situation. Now the reason they can walk out of the situation is simply because they understand there was a proclamation. They understand there was a proclamation of Emancipation. And this is where so many Christians have been stocked. They are waiting for a new proclamation. For example, how absurd will it be? How absurd will it be for a slave whose master wasn't allowing him to go after the proclamation to go back to Abraham Lincoln and say, honest Abe, that is what they called Abraham

Lincoln. Can you please make a new proclamation because why? Because it seems I want to walk free from the captivity and my master seems to be very stubborn, he didn't allow me to go.

If he goes back to Abraham Lincoln and say Abraham Lincoln make a much more powerful proclamation, not just the last one, the last one you made wasn't that strong, can you re-fire and re-proclaim? This is how some Christians look at Christ and look at the Power of Redemption. You are waiting and asking God to sending down a new season from heaven. You are saying Father am not too sure whether the proclamation in Luke 4:18 is very strong enough. If I decide to fast, if I decide to wait for our next convention, our next program, if only God can re-fire and re-set, and re-declare a new season in my life. That will be really great. Or send a new Jesus, or can you re-proclaim a new season or can I wait on my father in the Lord or somebody who is anointed of God, or somebody who carries the anointing of the Spirit to make a new proclamation or the one that will be much more potent than what Jesus made in Luke 4:18. That will be absurd!

It is the same way it will be absurd for Abraham Lincoln if they tell Abraham Lincoln and say you know what can you make a new proclamation?

All the slaves have to do to their masters after the Emancipation proclamation was for the slaves to tell their master have you not heard of the proclamation that 'am supposed to walk free? This is what you have to tell every single thing in your life. You speak to every situation that want to rubbish the work of Redemption in your soul. You tell them, have you not heard of the proclamation in Luke 4:18? Have you not heard that I am supposed to walk freely? Have you not heard that God has spoken? Have you not heard that Jesus made a proclamation in Luke 4:18?

He didn't just make the proclamation, He sat down. It means He saying you know what! The season is in force! The season is in place...

And you see let's quickly go to John chapter 8.

The season of the Lord's favour.

So it means if you are asking when will the Lord visit you, when will the lord favour you, the fact is you were born into the season, you were born into the proclamation.

Now there is something that comes to mind as am talking now. What about if you do have a slave who had a child that was not yet born at the time when Abraham Lincoln made that declaration in 1862 that all slaves can go free?

If you have a child of a slave that was not yet born, if the child was three months in the mother's womb at the time of declaration. If that child was born later on, that child would have been born into that proclamation. It means that child would have been born free. That child would have been born set free, born at liberty, that child would have been born into benefits of the proclamation.

And what we are saying is this that before you ever came into Christ Jesus, before you ever born again, the Bible did says that Jesus made a proclamation in Luke 4:18 that it is the season of the Lord's favour. It means when you were born, you were born into that season. You were born into liberty.

And let's say this categorically which is very important. The Bible says in verse 20 that when Jesus sat down the eyes of people were fastened unto Jesus. They looked at Jesus in wonder and I will tell you the reason.

This is where Jesus is not the same as Abraham Lincoln. This is the reason. It seems in Abraham Lincoln it was just a matter of declaration or setting the laws straight. In the time of Jesus he didn't just make a declaration, He was the declaration.

Let say that again, Jesus didn't make a declaration. **Jesus was the declaration.**

How did I know that? Because the Bible did tells us that Jesus became the sacrifice for sin. His life, his sacrifice, his death, his burial, his resurrection was a declaration itself.

2Cor 5:21

“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him”

Jesus himself was the declaration. And the Bible tells us, **that he that knew no sin was made sin for us so that we can become the righteousness of God in him.** It means, Jesus Christ didn't just proclaim a declaration, He is the declaration. He became a declaration. It means every time you think about Christ, every time you meditate on Christ, you are meditating upon a proclamation.

You see that is why the Bible says in Colossian 2:14-15 that He spoilt principalities and powers, He didn't just make a declaration. He actually became that declaration. It means that, the Bible says **at the name of Jesus.** At the name of Jesus! When we talk about the name of Jesus. We are talking about the status, we are talking about the position, and we are talking about the authority of Christ Jesus. And the Bible says in his name. You see for example, you couldn't just say in the name of Abraham Lincoln. That is a bit weird and strange. But in the name of Jesus. It means when

demons hear that name, what you are thinking you are making a proclamation of the name of Jesus, what demons are hearing? They are hearing the proclamation of an Emancipation.

When you declare that name, the Bible says every knee shall bow. The reason why knees are bowing down is because knees are hearing a declaration. They are hearing a proclamation.

So Jesus didn't just make a proclamation. He became the proclamation. That is why the eyes of those that listen to what He had to say were fastened on him. They were not fastened on what He said, they were not fastened on some theory, this is not about some theory or some kind of principles. Christ is more than principles. Christ is more than liturgy, Christ is more than words of declaration. Christ is the declaration. Because the eyes of people were not fastened on the scroll on He read. Their eyes were fastened on him. They got the point that He is the declaration. And the Bible says He is the ...that is why if you have Christ, if you have Christ you have liberty.

2Cor 3: 17

“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty”

The Bible says the Lord is that Spirit. Watch that! He says the Lord is that spirit. 2Cor 3:17 the Lord is that Spirit and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, because He is that liberty. He is that spirit. He is just not giving liberty. He is liberty.

And that is what we've come to say that if you were born in Christ Jesus if you were born of the Spirit. You were born into a proclamation. You were born into a visitation of God. You were born into the time and the season and the *karios* of God's favour. And that is what this have to say

And you see quickly we have to look at John chapter 8. To see what the Lord has to say to us in John Chapter 8.

Don't let any man beguile you or deceive you, don't let any man steal your possession in Christ. Don't let any man deprive you of your Christ's possession by telling you that there is a date and a time set forth for God to visit you, that there is a monthly renewal. Jesus made that proclamation and sat down. That is it! And sat down.

And you see if you are not having the fullness of God's presence in your life. If you are not getting the benefit of that redemption of that visitation. You cannot decide to go the wrong way about it. Hoping that God will make a fresh proclamation because of your life. It seems Jesus said in John 7, He said if anybody believes in me, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. He said that to make you understand that all

you need for life and godliness is in your spirit man. Is in your belly, you need to know how to tap into it and make demand on what is in there. Not by asking God to actually set special times of visitation.

In fact the time in the gospel that Peter in Book of Acts Chapter 3 talks about the time of refreshing coming from the Lord was because he was talking to men who were not saved. He talked when he was preaching, he said repent and believe the gospel so that the season or the *kairos*, of refreshing can come from the Lord. Repent and believe the gospel. Can you see that?

He was talking to men who were not saved. For those who were saved then it means then let's talk about this. It means if Peter preaching in Acts 3 and said to men to repent and believe the gospel so they can actually come into/get the benefits of the time of refreshing, how can you then say for those people who had believe the gospel, who are still asking for the time and the season to come from the Lord. That is an anomaly. That is an aberration. That is wrong. That is not true. And this is what we are talking about that Christ came to make a proclamation and we enter into that proclamation when we are born into it at Redemption.

Let's see what John Chapter 8 has to say to us about the same understanding

Now John Chapter 8 verse 30

John 8:30-32

30. "As he spake these words, many believed on him.

31. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, if ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

32. And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Now see what he has to say about it. As he speaks these words many believe in him. Now watch that... many believe on him

Then said Jesus to those Jews who believe on him. I want you to really listen to this.

Jesus was saying this to the Jews that believe on him. He wasn't talking about those who didn't believe. It means what we are talking today is for those who believe, who believe in Jesus Christ. Who believe in the son of God, Who believe in the life, in the power, in the presence, in the glory, in the power of Redemption. They are the ones we are talking to.

Jesus said unto those Jews who believe in him. He said if you continue in my words and He said, then ye are my disciple indeed.

And see verse 13. And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free... can you see that?

Jesus said if you believe in me, if you believe in my proclamation, if you believe in my declaration, now one thing is this. You need to continue in my word. That is what we did say, most Christians who are trying to make God to make a fresh proclamation of a new season in your life were going through the wrong pathway. God already made a proclamation, you were born into a season, you were born into that timing, you were born into the *karios*, is the season of the Lord's favour.

But Jesus said if you believe in me. Now He says, you need to continue in my word. Now this is where there is a disconnection. You need to come into the awareness in my word of what I said. He said if you continue in my word then you are my disciples indeed, and you will know the truth, it means then the problem of being free indeed is to know the truth of that which has been proclaimed.

Can you see that?

The reason why so many are not walking free or reason why so many are thinking God will proclaim a special season over their life is simply because the reality of the truth of the proclamation has not dawn upon our spirit.

And if you notice, Jesus said you need to continue in my word. The reason is, because as humans before we give our life to Jesus. We live from our soul, we used to live from our mind, we live from our flesh, it means that we've become so used to and accustomed to living out of carnality. And when you come into Christ Jesus and you receive the spirit of Christ which is a time of refreshing from the Lord. This happens in your spirit man. And the Bible says you need to continue in the word for you to be free indeed!

And this is where the whole issues is. Is the same thing that we talked about in the Emancipation. For a slave whose master wasn't allowing him to go. All is going to do at the year of Jubilee was to say, it is written, I can see that there was a proclamation. There was a year of Jubilee declared. As long as the slave get to know that and proclaim that, and understand that, is a matter of time. He cannot stay bound for ever.

I think that is the point. As Christians we have a big responsibility. And we said it yesterday in the book of Colossian Chapter 2 verse 8. Be aware.... Be mentally alert

And yesterday we made a connection between people who are being merchandized and those who are mentally lazy. There is a connection. As long as you are mentally lazy. You would be a candidate of what? Of merchandized and manipulation by men who want to keep you bound.

The Bible says beware lest any man spoil you. It says as long as you are aware, as long as you are alert. As long as your mind is renewed, men cannot spoil you, men cannot take the benefits of the Cross that you have.

Jesus is simply saying here in John 8 verse 32, Christ is simply saying if you continue in my word, the reality of the proclamation I made will dawn on your spirit. It will dawn on your mind. If you continue.

Can you see that?

He says if you continue in my word, you are my disciples indeed, and you'll know the truth and then you can walk free.

You see! If you notice, He didn't say I will make you free.

And this is where we need to say this. He didn't say if you continue in my word, you are my disciples indeed, you will know the truth and I will make you free. He didn't say that.

The responsibility is on you

He said if you know the truth, He said the truth will make you free.

The truth you know, you'll walk free. You will walk in the season that was already proclaimed for your life. You can then walk in that season.