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(0:01 – 0:11) Introduction

• The speaker greets the audience and introduces the topic: "Dismantling the Ambush of Satan."

(0:12 – 4:01) Recognizing Satanic Ambushes

- Many times, believers face sudden chaos without warning—these are not random but orchestrated ambushes.
- The goal is to uncover how to discern these traps and respond with divine strategy.
- Prayer: The speaker thanks God for His presence, wisdom, and the ability to discern enemy tactics ahead of time.
- Emphasis on standing by faith and receiving revelation knowledge through Jesus Christ.

Psalm 59:1-5 (referenced)

"My God, protect me. Keep me safe from all my enemies, for they're coming to kill me... See how they set an ambush for my life... Awake, O God of Israel, commander of angel armies."

- David's prayer is used to illustrate how spiritual ambushes manifest through people, and how God's intervention is essential.
- Mention of angel armies (heavenly hosts) backing believers against unseen spiritual enemies.

(4:02 – 8:07) The Thoughts of God vs. the Thoughts of Man

God's thoughts and ways differ from ours (Isaiah 55).

- The Word of God is the access point to God's thoughts—through meditation, believers align with His mind.
- God's mindset includes angelic armies, not individualism.
- Jesus said He could call on 12 legions (72,000) angels (cf. Matthew 26:53).
- John 14:12: Believers are empowered to do the same works as Jesus through the Holy Spirit.
- Ephesians 6:10–20: Spiritual warfare is real; believers have spiritual enemies.
- Satan's kingdom is structured like a government: principalities, rulers, and spiritual authorities form a hierarchy.
- These entities work in coordination—not omnipresent, but unified and organized.

• (8:08 – 14:43) Satan's Strategic Operations & the Power of Divine Thought

- Satan's kingdom is not chaotic; it's structured, observant, and goal-driven—to extinguish your light and nullify influence.
- Demonic entities study you, your habits, weaknesses, and relationships to exploit them.
- Pressure is designed to lead to poor decisions.
- Solution: Ingest and meditate on God's thoughts so they become instinctive.
- Isaiah 55:6 (Amplified): Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near.
- James 4:8: Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.
- God's presence is immediate when you call—He prioritizes your call.
- Many miss God's direction because they're expecting an audible voice rather than inspired thoughts.
- Meditation leads to revelation—treasures of wisdom embedded in God's thoughts are accessed this way.

(14:44 – 15:33) Rejoicing in Trial

- Reaffirmation: "Rejoice in the Lord always" (cf. Philippians 4:4).
- The storm will pass—your foundation in Christ assures survival and victory.

- Trials are temporary; God is doing something behind the scenes.
- The end of a thing will be better than the beginning (cf. Ecclesiastes 7:8).
- God's thoughts break open His wisdom, giving insight to dismantle the chaos.

• (15:35 – 18:48) Asking for Insight to Disarm Chaos

- James 4:2: "You have not because you ask not."
- When life feels like a minefield (explosive and dangerous), seek divine understanding.
- Proverbs 3:5–6: Trust in the Lord, don't lean on your own understanding—He will align your thoughts.
- Isaiah 55:6–7: Repentance is key—forsake wrong ways and thoughts to regain divine protection.
- Wrong actions and thought patterns make one vulnerable.
- Ask God what to change; He'll provide heavenly insight into current troubles.
- Hebrews 6:12: Through faith and patience, we inherit the promises.
- Patience = endurance in the trial.
- Kenneth Hagin quote: "If you're prepared to wait forever, it won't take long"— emphasizing unwavering patience yields quick results.

• (18:50 - 19:36) Faith's Rest vs. Struggle

- True faith rests; struggle, worry, and uncertainty indicate a lack of faith.
- If you're still wondering if something will change, you're not standing in faith.
- Without faith, there's no spiritual authority—no angelic reinforcement.
- Faith is the "title deed" (ownership) of answered prayer—when praying for others, one must receive the outcome in the spirit before it manifests in the natural.

• (19:38 – 21:27) Enlarging Your Prayer Focus

- When praying for someone (e.g., for salvation), their life is intertwined with many others (family, coworkers, daily interactions).
- These people can influence or disrupt that person's spiritual progress, and therefore, your life too.

- Often, our prayers are too narrow and don't consider the wider spiritual battlefield.
- The Holy Spirit is the divine strategist—He shows how to pray effectively (Romans 8:26–31).
- The Spirit knows both God's will and the individual's heart.

• (21:28 – 26:33) The Power of Praying in Tongues

- Praying in tongues connects you directly with God (1 Corinthians 14:2).
- Tongues communicate mysteries—unknown things not yet revealed.
- Effective intercession in tongues requires expanding your spiritual capacity and faith.
- The level of faith behind the tongues affects the outcome.
- If you're filled with fear but still choose to pray in tongues, even a small flicker of faith can start breaking through.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3–6: Spiritual weapons must be wielded in faith to have effect.
- Abraham is an example—he was fully persuaded of God's promise.
- When praying for someone, ask the Holy Spirit to move through the structure of their life and influence all related people and situations with righteousness and salvation.

(26:34 – 26:56) Confronting Inner Barriers

- The real reasons we don't speak to others about Christ often lie in hidden fears or internal boundaries.
- Recognizing these as spiritual targets—not excuses—is key to victory.

• (26:57 – 28:37) Breaking the Resistance with Strategic Intercession

- Personal anecdote: The speaker describes a bold confrontation with his grandmother who had strong anti-religious sentiments.
- After intercession and seeking a word from God, he confronts her with a specific word: "You've been sitting on the fence... choose today between God and Satan."
- Her response is surprising: she chooses Christ and prays for salvation.

(28:39 – 30:15) Transformation and Evangelism Through One Soul

- The grandmother, once resistant, becomes an evangelist to her elderly neighbours.
- The speaker explains the importance of breaking perceived "barriers" with faith and the power of the name and blood of Jesus.
- These obstacles are not insurmountable—they're spiritual assignments to overcome.
- Emotional reflection and praise for what God did through her life.

• (30:16 – 33:17) Returning to the Lord's Path

- **Isaiah 55:6–7** revisited: Seek the Lord while He may be found, turn from wicked ways and thoughts.
- Continuing to follow your own reasoning and ways keeps you under a curse.
- Walking in God's path leads to blessing and righteousness.
- People often dismiss the Word of God by saying, "That doesn't apply to me" this is a form of rejecting God's thoughts.
- Exchange your weakness for God's strength by waiting on Him (Isaiah 40:31).
- Aligning with His ways brings you out from under the curse into the blessing.

(33:18 – 33:35) Wisdom that Breaks Through

- Knowing God's wisdom isn't enough—you must act on it.
- Wisdom applied will bring peace even during storms and opposition.

(33:40 – 34:44) Doers of the Word, Not Just Hearers

- Believing in the power of God's Word and acting on it is what leads to breakthrough.
- James 1:22–25 implied: Hearers who don't do are self-deceived.
- Only doing the Word increases the abiding presence and manifest authority of God in your life.

• (34:44 – 39:22) Fear of Man and Pre-emptive Intercession

- Fear of others' opinions (especially family) is a powerful deterrent to obedience and ministry.
- Jumping into action without prayer is unwise.
- Prepare through prayer—don't just react after being attacked.
- Use pre-emptive intercession to prevent ambushes.
- Spiritually, hit the enemy first before he strikes—be proactive, not reactive.
- Matthew 18:18: Whatever you bind on earth is already bound in heaven. Use the authority to bind and loose.

(39:23 – 42:35) God's Word is Sent with Purpose

- Isaiah 55:8–11 teaches that God's thoughts and ways are higher than ours.
- Just like rain waters the earth to produce seed and bread, God's Word accomplishes its intended purpose.
- When God sends His Word, it's like a baton in a relay—meant to be received and acted upon.
- The believer must "run with the baton," taking hold of God's Word in faith and releasing it into circumstances (e.g., oppressive atmospheres or difficult people).
- Speaking the Word with faith enables it to produce its intended effect.

(42:51 – 43:24) The Word Is an Expression of God's Thought

- John 1:1–3 (referenced): The Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- God's Word reflects His plans, purposes, and thoughts.
- When we receive the Word, we're receiving God's very essence and intent.

(43:25 – 2:01:31) The Creative Power of the Word

 There's no difference between God's Word and God Himself—His Word is His integrity.

- **Hebrews 1:1–3**: God speaks through His Son, who upholds all things by the word of His power.
- **Hebrews 11:1–3**: Faith is the substance of things hoped for; the worlds were framed by the Word of God.
- Everything seen and unseen was spoken into existence—spoken plans manifested by the Holy Spirit.
- God's words carry creative life and are filled with power when believed.

Dismantling Satan's Ambushes Requires Discernment and Preparation

- **Proverbs 27:12**: A wise person sees danger and prepares; the naive suffer the consequences.
- Satan lays snares (ambushes) meant to drag believers into oppression, financial pressure, etc.
- In such pressure, James says ask for wisdom—God will give it (James 1:5).
- Proverbs 16:3 (Amplified Classic):

"Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him] and He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and so shall your plans be established and succeed."

• Instead of stressing or fearing, give your situation to God—He'll align your thoughts with His.

Aligning with God's Way Brings Stability

- Matthew 6: God already knows your needs; don't act like the fearful who chase security apart from God.
- Seek God's Kingdom and His way of doing things—then provision will follow.
- Stress, fear of failure, and holding tightly to worry block the flow of divine wisdom.

Receiving God's Wisdom: Inspired Thoughts

• When asking God for wisdom in trials (James 1), expect an inspired thought—not always a voice.

- Trust that thought as a "baton" from heaven—run your race with confidence (1 Corinthians 9:27).
- The storms won't shake you if you stand firm on the Word He gave.

Proverbs 22:3 – Be Prudent and Prepare

- A prudent person with insight sees danger and prepares.
- The careless ignore it and suffer.
- When chaos strikes, don't react in panic—"Be still and know that I am God."

"Be Still" Means Stop Resisting God's Way

- The Hebrew word for "be still" means to stop opposing God's direction.
- Just like Saul (Paul) on the road to Damascus—God stopped him to change his direction (Acts 9).
- Acknowledge when you're at the end of yourself. Don't keep leaning on your own understanding.

Proverbs 21:22–23 and Preparing Spiritually

- God always has the solution—how we receive it matters.
- Human reasoning and experience often conflict with God's instruction.
- Admit "I don't know everything," and stop fighting God's wisdom.
- **Jeremiah 29:11**: God has plans to prosper you and not to harm you—trust in His strategy.
- Use wisdom to move from the fire of your situation into His blessing.

(Continuation – no new timestamp marker until later) Speak with Wisdom, Guard Your Words

- Proverbs (referenced): The wise guard their words and avoid unnecessary troubles.
- **James 3:** The tongue steers the course of one's life—what we say determines outcomes.

- Many believers speak God's promises with doubt but are fully convinced of their fears.
- Right words can shift spiritual atmospheres—speak God's covenant promises over situations.
- Use speech aligned with covenant (e.g., thanking God for rain, harvest, victory).

Abundance Comes from Kingdom Alignment

2 Corinthians 9 (extensively quoted):

- Generous sowing leads to generous reaping.
- o God provides seed, multiplies it, and brings harvest through generosity.
- Giving leads to joy, praise, and overflow—not only materially but spiritually.
- o God's grace leads to abundance in all things at all times.

Shift From Scarcity Thinking to Kingdom Provision

- God's way is not lack but abundance—why continue doing it your own way?
- A wrong mindset creates a limiting atmosphere; doubt and anxiety shut down God's possibilities.
- God wants to help you out of the mess you're in, and also prevent you from returning to it.

Trusting God Removes Worry

- Matthew 6 (referenced): "Do not worry." God knows what you need before you ask.
- Worry is for those who don't know God—believers should instead seek first the Kingdom.

(Approx. 1:00:00–1:10:00) Overcoming Anxiety with God's Care

- 1 Peter 5:6–7: Humble yourself under God's mighty hand, and He will exalt you.
- Cast all worries and stress on Him—He cares tenderly for you.

- The challenge is leaving those worries there—not picking them back up.
- Mental clutter and fear must be cleared to receive inspired thoughts from God.

Clearing the Mind to Hear from God

Ask God to cleanse preconceived ideas with the blood of Jesus.

Philippians 4:6–8:

- o Don't worry about anything; pray with faith-filled requests and gratitude.
- o God's peace will guard your heart and mind.
- o Focus thoughts on what is true, pure, honourable, and praiseworthy.
- o The peace of God will be with you when you live this way.

Make an Appointment with God – Release Your Faith

- James 4:8: Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.
- Set aside intentional time to hear from Him—faith is trust.
- Faith is what connects you to hearing clearly from God.
- Ask God to help you trust Him fully.

(Approx. 1:10:00–1:20:00) Practical Faith and Wisdom from James

- James 1:2–4: When facing difficulty, see it as an opportunity for great joy.
- This seems opposite to our emotions—but it activates faith and spiritual endurance.
- Endurance leads to maturity and lacking nothing.
- **James 1:5–8:** Ask for wisdom without doubting—God gives generously without reproach.
- Don't be double-minded or unstable. Stay committed in your belief.

Understand Your Identity in Christ

When born again, the believer becomes one spirit with Christ (1 Corinthians 6:17).

- The Holy Spirit, sent by Jesus, now lives in the believer and knows all God's plans.
- One divine thought from God can change everything—remove anxiety and open the path.
- The Holy Spirit is not "out there"—He is in you and wants to partner with you.

God Partners with You, Not Does It For You

- The Holy Spirit provides wisdom, not a replacement of your role.
- Clear the path (anxiety, fear, worry) so His thoughts can rise in you.
- Psalm reference (implied): "Let God arise and His enemies be scattered."

(Approx. 1:20:00–1:30:00) Living Out the Word – Stability and Strength

- **Hebrews 11:6:** Without faith it is impossible to please God.
- Faith must live within us—we must passionately seek Him.
- James 1:3–8: Trials test your faith and produce endurance; asking in faith is key.
- Don't waver or be half-hearted. Double-mindedness leads to instability and unanswered prayer.

Trusting God Is Not Passive – It's Active Resistance Against Fear

- Giving your situation to God doesn't mean doing nothing—it means stopping the mental opposition to His way.
- **2 Corinthians 10:3–5:** Though we live in the natural realm, we use spiritual weapons to pull down strongholds.
- Thoughts of fear, worry, and stress must be taken captive to obey Christ.

(Approx. 1:30:00+) Guard Against Spiritual Apathy and Reactivity

- Many live casually, unprepared spiritually, and then blame God when disaster strikes.
- This casual, passive lifestyle leaves you vulnerable to Satan's ambush.

• Use spiritual armour, live by faith, and stay alert to avoid spiritual sabotage.

(Continuation) Dismantling the Ambush: Spiritual Warfare in Ephesians 6

• Ephesians 6:10–18 (quoted and expanded):

- o Be infused with supernatural strength through union with Jesus.
- Put on the full armour of God to stand against the "evil strategies" (ambushes, snares) of the accuser.
- The battle is spiritual, not physical—our enemies are demonic powers and rulers of darkness, not people.
- The armour includes:
 - Belt of truth (God's Word)
 - Breastplate of righteousness (holiness guarding the heart)
 - Shoes of peace (readiness to speak the gospel)
 - Shield of faith (to quench fiery darts—negative, fearful, anxious thoughts)
 - Helmet of salvation
 - Sword of the Spirit (the Word of God)

Arrows of the Enemy = Toxic Thoughts

- The devil's attacks are aimed at the mind—fiery arrows of fear, stress, anxiety.
- You must meditate on God's thoughts, not the enemy's.
- Referenced again: 2 Corinthians 10:3–5 spiritual weapons dismantle strongholds of wrong thinking.

Demonic Puppeteers & Manipulation of the Mind

- Behind emotional responses and habits is often a demonic influence ("puppet master").
- From childhood, both a guardian angel and a demonic spirit are present—speaking conflicting thoughts.
- Spiritual pressure creates predictable reactions.

- **Proverbs 6:2:** We are snared by the words of our own mouths—speaking frustration gives legal ground to the enemy.
- These spiritual influences (e.g., loneliness, fear, anxiety) can be bound and cast out.
- Jesus cast out demons regularly; believers must do the same today.

Matthew 18:18 – Authority to Bind and Loose

- Jesus gave authority: What you bind on earth is bound in heaven; what you loose is loosed.
- You can bind fear, loneliness, stress—each is a spiritual entity with characteristics.
- Inner torment often stems from thoughts we've accepted and spoken.

Matthew 12 – Filling the House

- When a demon is cast out but the "house" (person) is empty, it returns with seven more
- The house must be filled—with the Word and with the armour of God—to remain free.

The Word = the Belt of Truth

- **John 17:17:** "Thy word is truth" putting on the belt of truth means speaking the Word.
- Jesus' example in **Luke 4**: When tempted, He responded, "It is written."
- Don't declare what you see; declare what God has promised.
- Speak over your household, land, health, and finances what the Word says.

Angels Respond to the Word of God

- **Hebrews 1:14:** Angels are ministering spirits sent to serve believers.
- They act on God's Word when spoken in faith.
- Believers must assign angels through faith-filled speech.

 Farmers' testimonies show rain and favor come when they speak blessings over their land.

Romans 12:2 – Renew Your Mind

- Stop conforming to worldly thinking; be transformed by renewing your mind.
- Instead of asking God to bless your plans, align with His already-blessed plan.

Luke 10:19 – Jesus Gave Us Authority

- Jesus imparted authority to trample demonic powers—nothing will harm us when walking in that authority.
- It's not about personal strength; it's about divine authority (like a police officer backed by government power).

John 10:27 – God's Voice and Our Response

- Jesus' sheep hear His voice and follow Him. We must clear the noise (fear, preconceived ideas) to hear.
- **John 10:10:** The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy, but Jesus came to give abundant life.

Psalm 144:1-2 - God Trains Us for Battle

- This Psalm is linked to David before Goliath:
 - o God trains our hands for war and our fingers for battle.
 - o He is our fortress, shield, and deliverer.

Living by the Spirit Requires Participation

- Like owning a new truck and never driving it, many believers have received the Kingdom but don't activate it.
- We've been transferred from darkness into God's Kingdom—now we must walk in it.
- The obstacle is often not the devil, but our own thoughts.

Renewing the Mind vs. Positive Thinking

- This is not about self-help or positive thinking.
- It's about embracing **God's thoughts**, which declare all things possible to those who believe.

Isaiah 54:14 – Established in Righteousness

- "In righteousness you shall be established... you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear."
- Jesus became sin so that we might become the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- Righteousness brings protection from fear and terror—they will not come near.

(Continuation) Your Enemies Will Gather – But Not By God

- Isaiah 54:15: "They shall surely gather together, but not by Me."
 - The enemy gathers to steal, kill, and destroy—but God is not the author of the ambush.
- When you are under pressure (e.g. foreclosure), target the spiritual source—take down the *puppet master* behind the people.
- Then, declare **Proverbs 3–4**: The favor of the Lord surrounds His elect.
- Testimonies shared of impossible situations being turned around by favor and divine intervention (cf. **Ephesians 3:20**).

Activate Your Weapons of Warfare

- Use:
 - The Name of Jesus
 - o The Blood of the Lamb
 - o The Word of God
- Isaiah 54:17: "No weapon formed against you shall prosper..."
 - Every tongue that rises in judgment must be condemned.

- Declare: "This is my heritage as a servant of the Lord."
- God will make a way where there seems to be no way—don't respond in defeat, respond in faith.

Enforce the Victory Already Won

- 2 Corinthians 2:14: "Thanks be to God, who always causes us to triumph."
- **Galatians 3:13–14**: Christ redeemed us from the curse so that the blessing of Abraham might come upon us.
- We are heirs of the promise—just as a son inherits from his father.
- **Deuteronomy 28:1–14** (extensively quoted):
 - o If you obey God's voice:
 - Blessings overtake you.
 - You'll be blessed in the city and field, in your family, finances, livestock, storehouses.
 - Your enemies will flee in seven directions.
 - God commands the blessing over all you put your hand to.
 - o Declare these promises to defeat the ambushes of the enemy.

Use the Word to Declare Over Your Land and Situation

- Don't just passively wait—decree the Word.
- Speak to the land, to the clouds, to your storehouses.
- Job 22:28: "You will also decree a thing, and it will be established for you."
- Angels are released when God's Word is spoken in faith (Psalm 103:20-22).
 - o Angels respond to the "voice of His Word."
 - They won't plant or harvest, but they'll bring rain, ward off pestilence, and protect crops.

Don't Presume – Partner with God

• Don't act presumptuously (e.g. assuming blessing without alignment).

- Instead, partner with God's plan for your life.
- Jeremiah 29:11, Psalm 139:16, Ephesians 2:10 all point to a pre-ordained destiny for each believer.
- Align with that destiny, and the blessing follows.

Establish Yourself in Righteousness

- **Isaiah 54:14**: "In righteousness shall you be established... you shall be far from oppression."
- Jesus became sin so we could be made righteous (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- 2 Corinthians 5:17: You are a new creation in Christ.
- Stand in righteousness to drive out fear and terror—they will not come near you.

God Alone Leads You – No Strange Gods

- **Deuteronomy 32:7–14** (quoted):
 - God found Israel in a waste place, led them, instructed them, and called them His inheritance.
 - o Declare: "No strange god leads me!"
 - You are the apple of God's eye—He loves you as He loves Jesus (**John 17**).

Final Summary Point – Pre-emptive Intercessory Prayer

- You must pray ahead of time—before the crisis.
- Get ahead of the devil's ambush through pre-emptive prayer.
- The Holy Spirit must be **invited**—He's a gentleman and won't override your will.
 - o If you choose to reject God, He'll honor your choice.
 - Salvation and destiny are offered but must be accepted.

Romans 8:26–30 – The Holy Spirit Empowers Prayer

- When we don't know what to pray, the Holy Spirit:
 - o Intercedes with groanings too deep for words.

- Pleads according to God's plan and destiny for our lives.
- God is the heart-searcher; He knows our needs and aligns us with His purpose.
- Romans 8:28: "All things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose."

(Final Section – Approx. 2:05:00+) Glorified with Christ – Nothing Can Stand Against Us

• Romans 8:29-30:

- Jesus is the firstborn among many brothers and sisters—God's family.
- God pre-determined our destiny, called us, justified us, and glorified us with Christ.
- o Romans 8:31: "If God is for us, who can be against us?"
- Emphasized: There is no opposition that can stand against those who are aligned with God's call and righteousness.

Final Exhortation: We Need God

- Declaration: We cannot do it on our own—we need God.
- God's Word is eternal, unchanging, and trustworthy.
- Matthew 24:35 (implied): "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away."

Closing Prayer and Activation

- Thanksgiving for God's Word and Integrity:
 - o God never has to update His Word—His promises remain forever.
 - When we stand on the Word, we stand with God's partnership.

Prayer of Deliverance:

- Break bondage of fear, anxiety, stress, hopelessness, and helplessness:
 - "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit" (cf. Zechariah 4:6).
- The Holy Spirit is called to wield the two-edged sword and cut all bondage.

Heaven's Armies Released:

- The hosts of heaven are loosed to enforce victory.
- o Divine intervention is declared for all facing oppression or confusion.

• Prayer for Mercy and Direction:

- o God is asked to give clear thoughts, direction, and supernatural peace.
- Situations like land, career, work, and everyday issues are placed before God.

Declarations:

- o The curse is broken.
- The blessing is released in Jesus Christ's name.
- o "Let the light break forth"—into people, their lives, and circumstances.

Closing Blessing and Benediction

- The miraculous turnaround is declared over all who are listening—both locally and globally.
- Special address to online/international viewers:
 - o No matter what time or place you're watching, God's hand is on you.
 - o God is leading you **out of the mess** and **into righteous abundance**.
- Final farewell: "God bless you, we'll see you next time."