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#### (0:01 - 1:30) Opening Blessing and Introduction to the Message

The speaker warmly greets the audience and introduces the continuation of the sermon series titled *The Armour of God*, emphasizing the message: **"Good defence doesn't win wars alone."** The message is grounded in *Ephesians 6:10*, and a prayer follows, asking for divine anointing and revelation knowledge for all listeners. The prayer acknowledges the believer's call to discipleship, to follow Christ not just in theory, but in application of life principles, resulting in abundant life as promised in *John 10:10*. The prayer ends with a corporate affirmation of "Amen."

#### (1:31 – 4:57) Reading and Exhortation on Ephesians 6:10–18

The speaker reads from *Ephesians 6:10–18*, emphasizing the supernatural strength believers receive through union with Jesus. He highlights that the believer's battle is not against flesh and blood but against powerful spiritual forces. Each piece of God's armour is discussed: truth (belt), holiness (armour for the heart), readiness (feet), faith (shield), salvation (helmet), and the spoken word of God (sword of the Spirit). A critical point is made: believers must not allow lies to become their thoughts—this leads to defeat. The speaker teaches that the power of the Word is released when it is spoken, as the Holy Spirit inhabits the revealed and spoken word, transforming it into manifest power.

#### (4:58 – 7:12) The Power of Decrees and Divine Authority

Referencing *Revelation 1:6*, the speaker asserts that Jesus has made believers kings and priests. Kings rule by decrees, so believers exercise divine authority through spoken declarations aligned with God's word. When the Holy Spirit inhabits these spoken words, angelic forces are activated to carry them out. This spiritual principle underpins victorious living and dominion.

#### (7:13 – 8:35) The Need to Activate God's Protection

The speaker reminds the audience that they are never alone—believers have the Holy Spirit within and angels around them, waiting to respond to the Word of God spoken in faith. A striking observation is made: all armour mentioned in Ephesians is on the front of the body, signifying that believers must face their battles head-on. Cowardice leaves one exposed. Faith must be active, not assumed; passivity or presumption leads to spiritual deception. The believer must tend to their spiritual life like a garden—if left alone, weeds (negative influences) will take over.

#### (8:36 – 14:36) Confronting the Enemy with Faith and Obedience

The message transitions to a deeper discussion on spiritual warfare. The enemy will not retreat unless confronted. The warfare is spiritual, not physical (1 Timothy 6:12 – Fight the good fight of faith). Faith, the speaker explains, consists of two aspects: (1) a relationship with Jesus and (2) obedience to His commands—whether through Scripture or direct leading by the Holy Spirit. Using the metaphor of a license (e.g., driver's or firearm), the speaker teaches that spiritual authority requires adherence to God's governing rules. Disobedience leads to disqualification. Faith is not an interpretation but compliance with God's command: forgive, love, avoid offense. These are not suggestions—they are part of the armour.

He stresses that believers must recognize their enemy: a devil who aims to erode their trust in God's integrity. The devil's goal is to break believers' faith by whispering lies and doubts—particularly about God's promises like "Give, and it shall be given unto you". Acting on God's commands, despite how countercultural they feel, is the true measure of faith. The speaker notes that human nature leans toward self-preservation, but Christ calls us to care for others.

#### (14:37 – 15:38) The Enemy's Roar: Fear, Worry, and Anxiety

Referencing 1 Peter 5:8, the speaker teaches that the devil prowls like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. He brings fear, anxiety, and stress, which consume and cripple believers. These are the spiritual "teeth" the enemy uses. They function to distance the believer from their confidence in God and His promises.

#### (15:39 – 17:42) Suffocating Pressure and God's Provision

The speaker continues by describing how the enemy's tactics can overwhelm a person to the point of emotional and spiritual suffocation. However, believers must remember: God already knows their needs and has made provision in advance (*Psalm 139:16*,

Jeremiah 29:11). Every resource for fulfilling God's path is already within their sphere. To protect against the enemy's fiery darts, believers must confront and shut him down daily through spiritual authority. Peace and confidence are cultivated by taking initiative in the Spirit before the enemy's strategies begin to operate.

#### (17:43 – 18:08) The Enemy's Goal: To Snuff Out Your Light

The devil's objective is to extinguish a believer's spiritual light. The speaker makes it clear that Satan sets up evil strategies to accomplish this and therefore must be addressed pre-emptively and assertively.

#### (18:09 – 22:56) Ambushes of the Enemy: Introduction to Psalm 59

The speaker transitions to *Psalm 59:3* (The Passion Translation), pointing out that fierce men set ambushes for the psalmist's life, symbolizing the traps the enemy sets for believers. These ambushes are strategic and often lie ahead of the believer. He begins a story to illustrate this reality.

#### (22:57 - 24:47) The Enemy's Strategy: Ambush Through Offense

The speaker shares a real-life example about a man who would deliberately provoke others while driving, finding pleasure in upsetting their day. This disturbing behaviour is attributed to demonic influence, showing how the devil can work through individuals to spread offense and chaos. The ripple effect of one person's agitation can affect entire workplaces and families. The enemy uses people as instruments to sow discord, just as he stirred men and armies against Job, or filled the man of Gadara with legions of demons who terrorized ten cities. The speaker reiterates *Psalm 59:3* — "See how they set an ambush for my life" — to demonstrate how Satan engineers emotional and situational traps through people, aiming to provoke offense and bitterness. Offense leads to spiritual pits where individuals remain trapped if they don't confront it with spiritual authority.

#### (24:48 – 25:23) Spiritual Authority to Overcome Ambushes

Referencing *Matthew 16:19* and *Matthew 18:18*, the speaker emphasizes that Jesus has given believers the keys of the kingdom — symbolic of authority and rulership. This authority enables the ecclesia (the governing body of believers) to make spiritual decrees, and to bind and loose on earth. These tools allow believers to get ahead of the enemy's schemes and counteract them in prayer and declaration.

#### (25:24 - 26:10) Identifying Vulnerabilities and Avoiding Traps

The speaker advises believers to write down their personal areas of susceptibility—things that easily offend or frustrate them. These are the prime locations where the enemy sets traps. Referencing *Proverbs 26:27*, he warns that those who set traps for others will ultimately fall into them themselves. Awareness of one's own weak points is a vital step in dismantling the devil's strategies.

#### (26:11 - 29:45) Demonic Councils, Ignorance, and Reversing the Trap

The message turns to *Isaiah 54* and *Psalm 35:8–10*, highlighting that spiritual councils are formed by the enemy with the intent to destroy various aspects of life — health, relationships, finances, and creativity. These plans are strategic and personalized. Believers, however, can reverse the traps by calling upon the Lord to "ambush the ambush." The speaker warns against ignorance, citing *Hosea 4:6* — "My people perish for lack of knowledge" — and encourages the use of informed spiritual resistance. *Psalm 57:6* reveals that the enemy's traps can backfire: "The trap they set for me has sprung shut upon themselves." Emotional overwhelm and fear are signs of the enemy's presence and strategy.

#### (29:46 - 31:15) Fear is a Spirit: Recognize and Resist It

The speaker teaches that fear is not an emotion to be tolerated but a demonic spirit. Referencing *2 Timothy 1:7*, he reminds listeners that God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, love, and a sound mind. When anxiety or fear surfaces, it is an immediate sign of spiritual attack. The believer must not presume faith but confirm they are genuinely standing on a revealed word from God. Faith must be stirred and applied; otherwise, it lies dormant.

#### (31:16 – 33:21) Fear as a Signal of the Enemy's Weakness

Rather than seeing fear as a reason to retreat, the believer should recognize it as a sign that the enemy is panicking. The devil's attempts to oppress with heaviness or dread are often his final efforts to prevent a breakthrough. Believers should not wait for someone else to intercede on their behalf but grow into maturity by identifying and addressing spiritual attacks directly. The speaker reiterates the importance of tracking personal weak points — areas of emotional vulnerability are open doors for demonic attack and deception.

#### (33:22 - 34:38) The Evil Day: Preplanned Demonic Assaults

Drawing on the example of a military strike, the speaker explains how the enemy plans attacks long in advance, with precision timing. He references *Ephesians 6:13 (Amplified Classic)*, which instructs believers to put on the full armour of God to withstand in the "evil day." Believers are called not only to resist but to stand their ground, tightly holding to the belt of truth — the Word of God. Victory is achieved through spiritual preparation, not reaction.

#### (34:40 - 38:08) Proactive Defence: Meditate, Prepare, and Declare

The message transitions into the importance of meditation and preparation. Believers must actively hold onto the truth that they are redeemed, protected by the blood of Jesus, and surrounded by angelic armies. Like David refusing Saul's untested armour, believers should rely on the spiritual weapons they have personally proven. They are encouraged to list scriptures that have produced fruit in their lives, meditate on them (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:2), and apply them with revelation. The goal is to internalize scripture to the point it becomes a living defence against offenses, unforgiveness, fear, stress, and pressure. The speaker introduces 2 Kings 6:8, the story of Elisha warning the king of Israel about Syrian ambushes, as an example of how God reveals enemy plans to those who are spiritually in tune.

#### (38:09 – 44:40) Spiritual Strategy, Heavenly Councils, and Angelic Partnerships

The speaker continues the story of Elisha in 2 Kings 6, emphasizing that Elisha repeatedly saved the king of Israel by revealing enemy plans. This divine insight frustrated the king of Syria, who believed there was a traitor among his officers. The narrative shifts to draw parallels between natural war rooms — such as those used by governments — and spiritual war rooms in the kingdom of darkness. The devil's kingdom, described by Jesus in Matthew 12 as not divided, operates with unified councils, laying traps and pits for believers.

Among the devil's most effective tools are everyday worries and cares, such as financial concerns and life pressures. However, just as Elisha received insight from God, the Holy Spirit has been *commissioned* (John 16) to reveal the enemy's plans to believers. The speaker also references *Hebrews 1:14*, explaining that angels are ministering spirits assigned to serve those who are heirs of salvation. These angels fulfill various functions — healing, protection, provision, deliverance — and are structured like divisions in a military army. Most Christians, he warns, have no idea how to partner with the Holy Spirit or activate their angelic support.

The speaker highlights God's love for variation and individuality, particularly in how spiritual gifts and relationships manifest. Each believer's connection with God is personal and should not be compared with others. Just as marriages differ based on the personalities involved, so too does each believer's walk with the Lord. God relates to His children in personalized ways, and understanding this frees us from comparison and encourages authentic intimacy. Just as spouses maintain strong bonds even while physically apart, believers can sustain strong spiritual connection through covenant and consistent communication.

#### (45:51 – 47:35) Spiritual Growth: From Ritual to 24/7 Relationship

The speaker shares his own journey from having a structured "quiet time" each morning to being led by the Holy Spirit into a 24/7 relationship. The Spirit challenged him, saying that after quiet time, he would be "left behind," prompting a deeper walk where God is included throughout the day. This testimony underscores that while routines can be helpful, what matters most is genuine relationship and obedience to personal instruction from the Lord. He encourages others not to copy his method but to seek their unique path with God, emphasizing that obedience births life and union with the Spirit.

#### (47:36 - 50:19) Individuality, Obedience, and Union with the Spirit

God desires to partner with believers in a way that enhances their natural personality and reflects Christ through them. The Holy Spirit doesn't erase individuality but refines it for maximum fruitfulness. Using marriage as an analogy again, the speaker explains that he is united with one woman, and their specific relationship reflects a unique working together. Similarly, the believer must develop their own walk with the Spirit, seeking to function in excellence without becoming a replica of someone else. The Apostle Paul's exhortation to "follow me as I follow Christ" points toward cultivating a personal, Spiritled relationship, not religious conformity.

#### (50:21 – 52:52) Avoiding Spiritual Comparison and Pride

Comparison, the speaker warns, is a major trap of the enemy that leads to pride — the same pride that caused Satan's fall. Instead of comparing with others, believers should evaluate their own obedience to God's personal call. The teaching returns to 2 Kings 6, where the king of Syria suspects betrayal among his officers. However, his servants reveal that Elisha, the prophet, hears even the words spoken in the king's bedroom. In response, the king sends a great army at night to seize Elisha in Dothan, illustrating a carefully planned evil strategy — the embodiment of a spiritual ambush.

#### (52:53 - 53:39) Seeing Through God's Eyes: Spiritual Sight and Positioning

When Elisha's servant sees the enemy forces surrounding them, he panics, but Elisha reassures him, declaring that "our army is bigger." Elisha then prays for God to open the servant's spiritual eyes, and he sees the mountain filled with horses and chariots of fire. This miracle reveals the unseen army of God already in place to defend them. As *Romans 8:14* declares, those led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God — a relationship marked by inner witness, divine promptings, and spiritual guidance that lead to pre-emptive protection and heavenly positioning.

#### (53:43 – 54:49) Releasing Angelic Protection Through Spoken Decrees

The speaker leads into a model prayer and declaration, showing how believers should release angelic protection into their day: "In Jesus' name, I release the hosts of heaven assigned to me for supernatural intervention, protection, provision, health, and favor." He emphasizes specificity, suggesting prayers that bind demonic strategies and loose angelic forces over one's travels, circumstances, and encounters. These decrees activate the heavenly army, aligning the believer's life with divine defence mechanisms against satanic traps.

#### (54:51 – 56:36) Abiding in God's Presence and Quickening by the Spirit

Activating protection begins with abiding in Christ — being spiritually "plugged in." The speaker outlines his personal process: entering the presence of the Lord through praise and thanksgiving. He compares this awareness to entering a room and recognizing someone's presence. When the Lord enters, it's not spooky — His presence is perceptible. Once the believer is aware of God's presence, they can commit their day and receive quickened guidance — divine inspiration that sets the tone and empowers spiritual declarations. The speaker affirms that this process, while powerful, takes less than seven minutes.

#### (56:37 – 57:29) The Blindness of the Enemy and Divine Strategy

As the Syrian army advanced, Elisha prayed and God struck the soldiers with blindness. Elisha then deceived them, claiming they had come to the wrong city and led them straight into Samaria, Israel's capital. Once there, he prayed again, and their eyes were opened. The king of Israel, eager to execute them, asked Elisha for permission to kill them. Elisha refused, insisting instead that they be treated as prisoners of war—given food and drink, and sent home. This unexpected mercy caused the Syrian raiders to stay away for a time, showing how divine strategy and kindness disarmed hostility.

#### (57:31 - 1:00:41) Return of the Enemy and the Test of Faith

Despite the temporary peace, King Ben-Hadad of Syria returned, laying siege to Samaria and plunging it into severe famine. So dire was the situation that donkey heads sold for exorbitant prices and people resorted to eating dove dung. Elisha remained active, now meeting with the elders of Israel, symbolizing his role akin to a presidential advisor. The speaker emphasizes that demonic strategies are never random. Just as Jesus instructed the disciples to go to the other side and a storm arose, so too do divine assignments draw spiritual opposition. The word of God, sent on assignment, does not return void. However, without speaking and acting on that word, believers risk succumbing to the storm rather than reaching their destination.

#### (1:00:41 - 1:08:47) Counsel, Obedience, and Breaking Carnal Thinking

The speaker delves into the nature of godly counsel, warning against surrounding oneself with passive voices or gossipers. True counsel challenges, sharpens, and contributes to kingdom advancement. Drawing a parallel with governmental cabinets, he notes that collaboration among diverse, skilled people is vital for executing divine strategy. He stresses that every part of the body of Christ has a specific role, and when these roles function harmoniously, the Church manifests Christ fully.

Returning to 2 Kings 6, Elisha, aware of an incoming threat, prophetically instructs his elders to guard against the king's messenger. The king, enraged at God, blames Him for the siege and suffering. Elisha, however, delivers a word of hope: by the next day, food will be abundantly available. A sceptical officer scoffs, saying it's impossible even if heaven opened, to which Elisha replies that the man will see it but not partake in it. Meanwhile, four lepers, facing certain death, venture into the Syrian camp—only to find it abandoned. God had caused the Syrians to hear supernatural sounds of war, prompting them to flee in terror, leaving everything behind.

The lepers feast and hide treasures but eventually realize the need to share the good news. They inform the city, and though the king suspects a trap, he sends scouts who confirm the report. In a tragic twist, the sceptical officer is trampled to death by the starving crowd at the gate, fulfilling Elisha's prophecy. The lesson is clear: the word of God prevails, and unbelief has deadly consequences.

#### (1:08:47 – 1:10:18) Strategic Deliverance and the Supernatural Armory

The miraculous deliverance from famine demonstrates the precision of God's intervention. The speaker underscores how explicit and strategic Satan's traps are—

engineered to entangle believers in despair. However, there is always a way of escape through obedience and spiritual discernment. The teaching circles back to *Ephesians* 6, reminding listeners that all the armour and strength provided by God is grounded in *union with the Holy Spirit*. Without that union, the armour is powerless.

#### (1:10:19 – 1:13:18) Grace, Positioning, and the Power of the Assignment

Referencing 2 Corinthians 12:9, the speaker emphasizes that God's grace is sufficient in weakness. When believers feel stretched beyond capacity, it's a sign they haven't drawn on grace. Grace is the supernatural empowerment of the Holy Spirit to do what cannot be done naturally. Believers must ask for this enabling and not assume it operates automatically.

The command in *Ephesians* 6 to "do all to stand" is reinforced by the reminder that God's armour only covers the front. Those abiding in the secret place (*Psalm 91*) receive God as their rear guard. A seasoned minister once remarked that we need not worry about attacks from behind—God handles those. Believers must confront the enemy in front with the authority and anointing of their assignment. Like Joshua, they are promised that no opposition can ultimately stop the anointing tied to their divine mandate. Therefore, they must move forward boldly, knowing the Lord's army is greater.

The speaker concludes this segment by calling believers to establish their redemptive rights, build righteous strongholds, and enforce spiritual boundaries. He cites *Isaiah* 60:18 and *Psalm 34:7*, affirming that the angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him. Believers must actively position the heavenly army around themselves through prayer and confession.

#### (1:13:19 – 1:15:37) Establishing Your Defence and Engaging the Offense

The speaker continues to build on *Ephesians* 6, emphasizing the importance of not only standing in defence but also positioning yourself to release an offensive strategy against the enemy's ambush. Before leaving the house, the speaker applies the blood of Jesus as spiritual protection, standing on the truth that he is redeemed from the curse of the law. Referencing *Galatians* 3:13–14, 29, he explains that Jesus fully absorbed the curse, freeing believers to receive the blessings of Abraham through faith and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

#### (1:15:37 – 1:16:34) The Scope of the Curse Outlined in Deuteronomy

The speaker turns to *Deuteronomy 28:15*–68, explaining that these verses outline the exhaustive list of curses that fall on those who disobey God's commandments. The curses are severe and detailed, covering physical, emotional, relational, financial, and

generational devastation. From plagues and diseases to war and exile, this portion of Scripture reveals the terrifying consequences of rebellion, highlighting the magnitude of what Jesus has redeemed believers from.

#### (1:16:34 - 1:20:30) The Horror of the Curse and the Power of Redemption

The curse includes being scattered, having no rest, living in fear and doubt, and enduring mental torment. Yet the speaker rejoices that believers have been redeemed from this in full. Jesus paid the price, and believers are instructed to say so—"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." He challenges the audience: if they say they are redeemed, do they believe it? Only when belief in God's Word dwells in the heart and is spoken with faith does it carry spiritual authority. Words without belief are powerless. The curse is real, but redemption is absolute. Anxiety, fear, stress, pressure, and oppression are all manifestations of the curse—and Jesus destroyed them.

#### (1:20:31 – 1:24:51) Recognizing Symptoms of the Curse and Taking Inventory

The speaker explains that *Acts 10:38* shows Jesus healing all those oppressed by the devil, demonstrating the superior authority of the Kingdom of God. Yet, this authority must be believed and acted on. He urges the listener to write down areas in their life where they are susceptible to the curse—whether that's infirmity, broken relationships, financial fear, or emotional instability. Once identified, these spiritual vulnerabilities can be dealt with one by one, like plugging holes in a leaking dam. Through obedience and the power of the Holy Spirit, the blessing of Abraham becomes active. The speaker emphasizes that activation is key—without it, redemption remains dormant.

#### (1:24:51 – 1:25:59) The Promise of Divine Protection in Isaiah 54

Turning to *Isaiah 54:15–17*, the speaker explains that God reassures His people that any nation or power that comes against them is not sent by Him and will ultimately be routed. Even though weapons may be formed against believers, they will not succeed. God Himself has created the smith who forms weapons, and the armies that destroy—but He has also declared that no weapon formed against His people will prosper. This promise includes courtroom victories and freedom from lies. *Revelation 12:11* is invoked, reinforcing that believers overcome the accuser by the blood of the Lamb, the word of their testimony, and not loving their lives unto death.

The speaker expands on the Isaiah 54 passage, pointing out that any situation sent to harm a believer can be reversed. The devil may plan downfall, but God has already ordained recovery. Believers must understand that every weapon formed against them is already anticipated by God, who has also created the means of its defeat. Whether through the shield of faith, angelic intervention, or divine ambush, God will ensure justice and deliverance. This is the heritage of God's servants—a divine guarantee of protection and victory. The speaker transitions to *Luke 18*, highlighting how Jesus taught about persistent prayer through the parable of the unjust judge. The widow in the parable relentlessly demands justice—not vengeance—and ultimately receives it.

#### (1:30:28 – 1:30:59) Seeking Justice, Not Vengeance

The speaker differentiates between vengeance and justice. *Romans 12:19* makes it clear: vengeance belongs to God. If believers try to take revenge, they step outside of grace and into a demonic trap. Holding unforgiveness not only blocks justice but brings torment (*Matthew 18:18*). When pain is buried rather than healed, it festers. God cannot access and heal what hasn't been surrendered. The first step toward healing is forgiveness—then justice can be requested in righteousness.

#### (1:30:59 – 1:32:06) Justice as a Kingdom Right

Returning to the widow in *Luke 18*, the speaker emphasizes that she was "demanding her rights." This is not arrogance but spiritual assertiveness. Justice is the believer's inheritance—part of the blessing and redemptive covenant. Even an ungodly judge responded to persistence. The speaker highlights that when we demand justice God's way—not through retaliation or bitterness—but by coming boldly before His throne, God rules in our favor. He turns what the enemy meant for harm into a tool for blessing, and vindication is assured for those who trust Him and persist.

#### (1:32:06 - 1:32:20) God's Justice Is Swift for the Faithful

Jesus affirms that if an unrighteous judge would respond to a widow's persistence, how much more will the righteous Judge—God—respond to His people who cry out to Him day and night. The promise is that God will *not delay* but will pour out His Spirit and give swift justice to those who do not give up. The speaker urges the audience to keep pressing forward: "Go to the other side." No matter how tough it gets, don't quit, because God is on your side.

Referencing the widow, the speaker calls believers to be unrelenting in faith, expecting God to answer as they remain in prayer. When the Son of Man returns, will He find that kind of persistent, undying faith? Believers are reminded of their responsibility to pray not just personally but for nations—declaring God's justice and will in countries like Australia, America, England, and even individual states. It is through such intercession that the kingdom comes and God's will is established in the earth.

#### (1:33:34 – 1:35:38) Praying for Authorities and Releasing Angelic Assignments

The speaker emphasizes the importance of praying for those in authority, as instructed in Scripture. He suggests making a list of local, state, and federal leaders, meditating on Scriptures related to government, and seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance for strategic intercession. With each assignment comes an anointing. As faithfulness is proven, greater assignments are given. The devil's aim is to steal time—so spiritual focus is essential. By understanding redemptive rights and enforcing Christ's victory, believers release God's ambushments to destroy satanic traps.

#### (1:35:39 – 1:36:34) Activate Angels Before You Sleep

Each day requires spiritual preparation. Believers are encouraged to release angelic hosts before bed, covering the next day and ensuring rest is protected. Angels do not sleep and should be dispatched to minister and war on behalf of the believer even during the night. Standing firm includes not yielding or fleeing in fear, but maintaining spiritual ground at all times.

#### (1:36:35 – 1:39:55) Courage Under Fire and Grace in Tribulation

Drawing from Revelation and Philippians 1:28, the speaker affirms that fear and intimidation are signs of ambush. Believers are instructed not to run. Cowardice is not welcome in heaven. Those persecuted for their faith receive crowns and the martyr's reward. The speaker references the three Hebrew boys in Daniel: even in the fire, they stood firm, and God appeared with them. Their boldness was proof to their enemies of impending destruction and a witness of salvation from God. Believers must not shrink back in fear but trust that grace will empower them to stand in tribulation for God's glory.

Believers are instructed to pray in tongues, especially when they don't know what to pray. The Holy Spirit intercedes and reveals the traps ahead. The strategy is to pray proactively, not reactively—to dismantle demonic ambushments before encountering them.

#### (1:40:18 - 1:42:44) Praying With Purpose and Unlocking Spiritual Blessings

The speaker exhorts the congregation to get "on the front foot." Declare the blessings of Abraham over your life: going out and coming in, the angel of the Lord going before you to make your way prosperous. Ask the Holy Spirit for insight into how to harness these blessings and pray with purpose. *1 Corinthians 14:2* teaches that praying in tongues releases mysteries—hidden plans, rewards, and preordained blessings—that will become manifest. Decrees made with revelation and spiritual authority release angels and establish God's will.

#### (1:42:47 - 1:43:40) Don't Spend the Day Putting Out Fires

If you spend your whole day reacting to crises, then no ground is gained. Productivity and reward are lost. The key is to deal with the enemy before the day begins—be proactive, not reactive. Set your defence early and don't allow the enemy to waste your time with unnecessary distractions or emotional upheaval.

#### (1:43:41 – 1:45:06) Pray Ahead Into the Future Like Jesus Did

Referencing *Romans 4* and *John 17*, the speaker reminds listeners that just as Jesus prayed generational prayers for future believers, so can we. Believers can—and should—pray over their week, their month, their year. Many setbacks happen simply because the groundwork of prayer hasn't been laid. If the believer doesn't pray ahead, the enemy sets traps unchecked. But God is looking to bless and position His people. Prayer ahead of time invites that blessing and secures divine order.

### (1:45:11 – 1:46:29) The Sword of the Spirit: Spoken Word Empowered by the Holy Spirit

The focus now turns to the sword of the Spirit. This isn't just Scripture—it's the spoken Word of God energized by the Holy Spirit. Just as Revelation 19 shows a sword coming from Jesus' mouth, the believer's authority is exercised when the Word is spoken in union with the Spirit. Romans 1:16 confirms that the gospel is the power of God.

Romans 10:17 teaches that faith comes by hearing the Word of Christ. Jesus is both the Word and the object of faith. Without that understanding, believers miss the power.

#### (1:46:30 - 1:47:30) Obedience Is the Path to Faith

Faith is not something to chase abstractly. When Jesus' disciples asked Him to increase their faith (*Luke 17:5*), it was in response to a command to forgive. Faith increases through obedience. If God commands something—like forgiving someone—you don't first wait to feel ready. You obey, and faith is activated. The source of faith is Jesus, and connecting with Him activates the power.

#### (1:47:31 – 1:48:18) Obedience Unlocks the Assignment and Its Power

Power is connected to assignment. The speaker makes it clear: if God gives you an instruction, He has already assigned the authority and anointing for its fulfillment. The church must get ready because opposition is increasing. This message is a wake-up call. The harvest is coming, and the church must be prepared by walking in obedience and power.

#### (1:48:19 - 1:49:43) Study the Angelic Realm and Activate It by Faith

The speaker urges listeners to study angelic assignments in Scripture. From Old to New Testament, angels are active in protection, provision, warfare, and more. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you how to work with them. *Hebrews 10* warns not to cast away your confidence in God's Word—because obedience brings reward. The heroes in *Hebrews 11* are highlighted, those who lived by faith without seeing the fullness of their promises, yet remained unwavering.

#### (1:49:43 – 1:51:35) A Better Covenant and Faith's Fullness

The speaker concludes the message by drawing attention to *Hebrews 11:39–40*, explaining that the heroes of the Old Testament, though commended for their faith, did not receive the full promise. God had planned something better—*faith's fullness*—for us, so that they would be perfected together with us. This truth emphasizes the superiority of the New Covenant. The speaker explains that while the Old Testament offers powerful faith examples, the New Covenant equips believers to apprehend their destiny and daily assignments in a more complete way. He underscores that anxiety is one of the great distractions, robbing believers of their purpose and fruitfulness.

Continuing into *Hebrews 12:1–2*, the speaker reminds the audience that a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us, urging us to run our own race with perseverance. We are exhorted to release old wounds and sin so we can finish the race marked out for us. The focus must be fixed on Jesus, not the natural world. Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith—He endured the cross for the joy of securing us as His own. The speaker warns believers not to collapse under pressure but to endure as Jesus did. This mindset is not passive; it's militant. We are not to curl up and beg God for help, but to rise in authority, stand our ground, and enforce our spiritual rights as kingdom citizens.

#### (1:54:56 – 1:57:54) The Power of Decrees and Angelic Response

In wrapping up the teaching on the armour of God, the speaker reiterates that believers are to bind and loose (*Matthew 18:18*), pray in tongues, and speak decrees rooted in Scripture. When a word from God becomes alive in our hearts (*John 15:7*), and we speak it with faith, angels respond. He references *John 1:12* to affirm that believers have been given the authority to act in God's name. As ambassadors of heaven, we are to reflect the will of our King, Jesus Christ. His will is that all men be saved, and we are authorized to proclaim the good news, demonstrating the righteous law of the kingdom.

#### (1:57:54 – 1:59:50) Heaven's Partnership with the Earth Through God's Word

The speaker refers to *Psalm 91:11* and *Psalm 103:18–22*, which describe angels heeding the voice of God's Word. As ambassadors, believers speak God's Word on earth, and angels act upon it. The spiritual government of heaven flows through the authority of God's Word spoken by His people on the earth. It is our responsibility to be heaven's echo—speaking what He says, so His will can be done.

#### (1:59:51 - 2:00:00+) Final Prayer and Commissioning

The sermon closes in prayer. The speaker thanks God for the living, productive nature of His Word and asks for supernatural recall and practical application. He prays that believers would pursue their daily spiritual assignments with diligence, focus, and insight. The Holy Spirit is invited to help release the heavenly hosts to dismantle traps, neutralize distractions, and establish the blessings of Abraham in every area of life. The prayer affirms that every enemy will be scattered and overcome in Jesus' name. The believer is blessed and commissioned to walk forward in victory—under the blood, under the banner of justice, and in the authority of faith through Jesus Christ. The message ends with thanksgiving and a powerful amen.