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Sunday 1st Message

Paul's 300%

2 Tim 4:9-18

All creation is bound by the fundamental problem. It began from original sin, and the cause is Satan. Therefore, since destroying Satan is the answer to the fundamental problem, Genesis 3:15 was given. All creation will be freed from the curse of the fundamental problem on the day the Lord returns, when the covenant is completely restored to humanity. However, even before the Lord returns, there is a way to conquer and be freed from this curse, and that is the word. In Matthew 4, when the Lord defeated the devil, the weapon he used was the word.

But the word the Lord used at that time was not something he newly spoke; it was a word already recorded in Deuteronomy. With the word written 1,500 years earlier, he broke all the power of the devil that day. In God's word, there is no new or old. Because God has no past, present, or future, it has nothing to do with time. This principle is the same even now. Whether it is the Old Testament or the New Testament, if there is even one word that has come to me, with that one word I can conquer Satan and be freed from everything that has come because of Satan.

Past scars cannot have any power over me if I have the word. The same is true for imprints, roots, and nature. The answer to Satan and everything that has come because of Satan is the blood of Christ, and the way that blood works is through the word. If I have a lifelong word, I will surely conquer my destiny, save my life, and become a sure witness to others. This is what is called the absolute watchtower - something that does not shake no matter what happens. Then I will surely conquer and bring life to everything that happens throughout my life. May the one word you receive today become the covenant of your lifetime.

1. **Paul's 300%**
    1) This is the content and the mentality of Paul's 300% that we must greatly learn from. In order for us to do any work, three things must be prepared: expertise, sense of the field, and a system for continuation. Whatever anyone does, it must be this way. As an evangelist, Paul was outstanding in these three areas. Therefore, he became the one who completed biblical evangelism.
    2) First, his expertise in the gospel was outstanding. Based on his extensive knowledge of the Old Testament, he was a person who had concise yet precise logic and insight that struck the core. Some of the things Paul spoke about regarding religion at that time became issues significant enough to cause social controversy.
    3) First, it was that Jesus was the Christ. This was a very absurd claim to people around the world, and among those who knew God, it became a decisive issue that caused intensive division. Paul consistently preached this message, and on the field, he proved it through the miracles performed in the name of Christ and through the word.
    4) However, while the other apostles also consistently taught that Jesus was the Christ, they were unable to address sensitive topics such as circumcision in depth. Apostle Paul was the only one who clearly stated that circumcision was no longer necessary. For the Jews, this was such a major issue that they even argued Paul should be put to death. Even the Jewish believers claimed that one could only be saved by believing in Christ and being circumcised. However, Paul firmly stated that circumcision was unnecessary, and in Romans 4, he used the Old Testament to prove that Abraham was saved even before he was circumcised.
    5) The idea that one is saved by faith was also a major issue. Since most people were bound by religious traditions, they had serious doubts about whether one could receive such great salvation simply by believing, without doing anything else. However, Paul stated very clearly

that nothing else is required besides faith. While the other apostles also taught that salvation comes through faith, Paul wrote an entire book on this subject - the book of Romans. Biblical scholars summarize the theme of Romans as “Justification by Faith”. This means being made righteous through faith. In other words, faith is the central theme of Romans.

6) Although the author of Hebrews is not clearly identified, most biblical scholars attribute the book to Paul based on its style and content. There, we can clearly confirm Paul’s unwavering conviction regarding the blood of the covenant and his explicit confession of faith. Upon reading it, we find much content that clearly reveals what kind of person Apostle Paul was in relation to Christ and the blood of the covenant.
7) In this manner, Apostle Paul was an evangelist with unparalleled expertise in the Gospel. And because his understanding of the Gospel was so precise, whenever he preached it in person, it was a continuous series of miracles. It was an explosive sense of the field.
8) As a result of this explosive ministry continuing, disciples began to gather around him. Without disciples, this work cannot continue. This gospel movement is meant to be passed down through generations, continuing until the end of the age and reaching the ends of the earth, and this is impossible without disciples. However, because of the accurate gospel and the explosive field, many disciples came to follow Paul.
9) From verse 9 to 22 of today’s passage, there are 17 disciples mentioned by name. The most representative account of the disciples is found in Romans 16, and there are also many records of disciples in 1 Corinthians 16 and Colossians 4. As seen in today’s passage, Paul’s ministry involved calling disciples, sending them, delivering messages, and receiving reports. Of course, he did not neglect going to the field, but as time went on, his ministry was centered on disciples, and that was God’s will. That is how the next generation is raised. This principle is still the same today.
10) The issue is how we, too, can live such a life. It all begins with the accurate gospel. Paul was able to explain this gospel using the Old Testament, and his explanation was incredibly precise. Then, what naturally follows is the sense of the field and a discipleship system. The same applies to every aspect of our lives. The one who possesses the accurate gospel - this is the condition for everything in our lives. This is because the gospel is the answer.
11) God desires to share the gospel. He has no other interests. If there is anything God cares about, it is this gospel. Therefore, having an accurate and correct understanding of the gospel gives us a tremendous advantage in life.
12) If we are prepared to share this gospel with the Bible, the doors that open in our lives will be different. If we continue to live a life of training and listening to the messages, God will also grant us the blessing of 300% in our lives. May we all receive such blessings so that we, too, may live lives like that of Apostle Paul.