

Sunday Service : The Laws of Life Series

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Topic: THE LAWS OF LIFE

Text: Genesis 41:28-36 - *This is the thing which I have spoken to Pharaoh. God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do. [29] Indeed seven years of great plenty will come throughout all the land of Egypt; [30] but after them seven years of famine will arise, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine will deplete the land. [31] So the plenty will not be known in the land because of the famine following, for it will be very severe. [32] And the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass. [33] "Now therefore, let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. [34] Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, to collect one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt in the seven plentiful years. [35] And let them gather all the food of those good years that are coming, and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. [36] Then that food shall be as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which shall be in the land of Egypt, that the land may not perish during the famine." (NKJV)*

INTRODUCTION

Everyone craves prosperity and a better life. Yes, everyone desires not just to be great but to have life in its fullness. This desire is not wrong because God has come to give us life in abundance through Christ Jesus. This is how God wants it for you. He does not want you to live a life that is not of Him nor does He want you to live a life that won't bring His glory to bear on earth. Hence, God in His mercy has orchestrated a life for us to enjoy out of abundance. But if this is to happen, there are laws to make it so.

As a believer you must understand that there are laws that must be applied to help you become what you ought to be in God. Irrespective of your age, level, or class, if you do not put the laws into place, you will be unable to achieve anything substantial to your fulfillment.

Our main text of study today, shows us clearly that without these laws, struggle is inevitable. Overtime, several testament of men who did not put these laws in place in their lives has been established, and we have witnessed how it became a problem to their fulfillment.

"Every law that thrives needs a conducive environment. Therefore, you must have a good and open heart always to receive every plan of God for you and apply it in your life."

There are Three Levels of Laws that govern life;

➤ **Law of the Flesh**

This law bear the consequence of death. It has been written in the word of God, that if you perpetually live a life by your flesh (sin), you will live life as a living dead.

"The first level of law in the Word of the Lord is the Law of the Flesh, which leads to death. It is a law governed by sin."

Sin injects a dimension of living continually in what your heart desires - the things of the flesh which gradually destroys a life. For example, sin will tell you that while you are in service, in God's presence, you can chat. If you comply, you will end up a nonentity because you will keep missing the move of God. Again, there will be points in your life

where sin will suggest to you that a particular lifestyle is normal. Aligning yourself with that dimension means you will begin to struggle for the rest of your life.

➤ Law of the Spirit.

The Bible says the Law of the Spirit leads to life, a law governed by Kingdom of Heaven. Hence, by surrendering our lives to Jesus Christ, we have moved from the government of sin to the government of the Kingdom of Heaven.

"The Kingdom of God governs our lives, injecting the Spirit into our lives; and when the Spirit comes into our lives, we begin to experience life in abundance."

However, when you have ascertained the Kingdom principle of living the life of Christ, life begins to emerge but God will not take you from the world and translate you into his dear Kingdom of life immediately. God wants you to be relevant here on earth and eventually make it to heaven. It is very wrong for someone to think, *"I have given my life to Christ now; it's only about heaven. I don't want to be earthly useful."* This is very wrong because when you get to heaven, such a person will be held responsible for the assignments left undone which are necessary to make an impact on earth.

➤ Law of Life

God saved you but did not take you out of the world because He wants you to work out your salvation with fear and trembling applying the third level of law - the Law of Life, to become what He wants you to be and make a correct impact on earth. You are born again and planted here on earth so that your life can produce fruits.

In John 17, as Jesus was about to live, He told His disciples (paraphrasing), *"I am going, but you are not going anywhere because there is a need for this work we have started to reproduce."* If Jesus had took them away, the flow of work he started would have been halted. So He commissioned them to go, make a great impact on earth, so that the Kingdom may expand.

"After maintaining the the Law of the Spirit, you were here planted by God you to make useful things out of the earth so as to make an impact. It is wrong for someone to say, 'I am only heaven conscious'. You must be earthly relevant."

Do you know you can be rich and still make heaven? You can use your money to finance big kingdom projects. God planted you here not just to be saved and enter heaven. You must apply the laws of life, putting them together in a way that helps you enter into the destination of God for you.

Now back to our text of study, God was about to shift Joseph from the prison to the palace but suddenly, something happened. The Lord caused a problem in the palace for someone to rise. Without problems, there won't be solutions, but God can keep a solution in your hand for you to rise. It is a myopic mindset to believe that if you are not a solution provider, you will rise.

"Men who rise in this world are men who provide solutions. May God make you a solution provider."

God wanted to elevate someone, and to do so, He needed to go far into the palace because of the level to which God wanted to lift him by orchestrating a major problem in the palace. The king slept and had a dream that no one could interpret. Then Joseph was remembered in the prison being someone who knew how to interpret dreams, hence they brought him. In that scripture, we saw two laws;

THE LAW OF CLARITY

The first law that makes a man stand out in his generation, in the kingdom of God, in your workplace, or whatever you are doing, is what I saw in that scripture:

Genesis 41:28-32 - *"This is the thing which I have spoken to Pharaoh. God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do. [29] Indeed seven years of great plenty will come throughout all the land of Egypt; [30] but after them seven years of famine will arise, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine will deplete the land. [31] So the plenty will not be known in the land because of the famine following, for it will be very severe. [32] And*

the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass. (NKJV)

From these five verses we see the first law, the Law of Clarity. If you will excel and rise above your counterparts, the first thing God is calling you to know is the Law of Clarity. God has called you, do you know what He has called you to do? You cannot excel beyond what you know. Men who become are those who know something. The difference between the rich and the poor is a acquisition of a specific knowledge. If you want to be rich likewise, it is not by asking for money but by asking them to tell you what they know. "What do you know?"

The king had a revelation about what God was about to do, but he was confused and in darkness despite the revelation. Clarity is needed. You are here yet you have not identified what you want to do with your life, you need clarity. There is a pain in my spirit because there are many things God wants to do in your life, but there is a major problem of clarity. You are confused; that is why you do many things together.

Place your right hand above your head as I declare to you, "Every area you are confused, I speak to you: receive clarity. Let there be light in the mighty name of Jesus!"

The Bible says, "My people perish for lack of knowledge." It is because they don't know that's why they perish and are destroyed. What do you know? The first level of law that you must ascertain if you want to rise is to know.

If you don't know, you don't know. There is nothing anybody can do about it. **And listen to me: in the principle of life, there is nothing called sincere ignorance.** Even if you claim that as an excuse, what you don't realize is that you have been drawn back into years. What you should have covered, has been left uncovered.

What do you want to do with your life? At 500 level, you don't know. After two kids, you don't know. At 50 years old, you do not know. This means you lack clarity. I really admire Pharaoh for one thing, the man stood still until he gained clarity.

"You can't rise beyond what you know. Therefore, if you want to gain clarity in life, you must start with God."

Verse 32: *And the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.*

Clarity comes only by God. Everything that has to do with clarity and it's law must start with God. That is why I pity people who do not know God. They don't know what they want. Let me say this again, you can do many things together, but if you do not have the understanding of what God really wants you to do, you will continue to struggle. You can't joke with your God in gaining clarity. ***Life is not just about marriage and giving birth. Life is about knowing what I am called to do.***

Sir!Ma! What are you called to do? No wonder you become a beggar because you don't know who you are. Young people, I beg you, what do you want to do with your life? At this level, you party all around, you say you are enjoying life? Purpose! Clarity of life - What is God wanting you to do?

Yes, you have been blessed with prosperous children and even with grandchildren, do you think that is the end of life? That is not the end. How many people can say, apart from your biological children, that you have touched their life? Clarity of purpose!

You are now 70. You are now 60. You are now retired, but you have not identified the next phase of your life. What is God wanting you to do? Can you bury yourself in your room and pray and ask God, "What have you called me to do? Give me clarity of what you want me to do."

In the University of Ilorin, I remembered when one of my friends began to pray at 300 level, "*Lord, I'm about to graduate. What do you want me to do? I do not want to go and start queuing the way others do for job.*" By 400 level, first semester, the Lord opened his eyes with the scripture where Jesus was roasting fish, and he caught it. He became an exporter of fish abroad and he rose until he discovered another thing to do.

"Life is not hard. It is because you don't know the law that governs it. It is the law of clarity. It starts with God."

I know you are married. I know you are praying to be married, but life does not end there. What is God is calling you to? I need to pour out my heart to you. People of God, there is a call for you to know why you are here. There is a call for you to know what

you are doing and why you want to do that which you want to do. I know and I work towards it. Clarity!

Pharoah knew. They invited Joseph, and he began to interpret the revelation of the Pharoah to him. Sometimes you need to seek knowledge for you to know. Sometimes you are praying, and a great idea comes into your heart. It is a principle of rising. You need to go after knowledge. Learn to ask "Why?". Why is God bringing me into this point? Why is God asking me to do this? When you know, you are begin to establish your clarity in God and what God wants you to do.

Yes, sir. Yes ma'am. Why did God bring you to Ilorin? Why did God retain you in Believers' Heritage Baptist Church? Why did God make you marry that man? Why did God make you marry that woman? Why? Clarity! **Solutions will not be birthed until you have a target of where you are going.**

Stop following life like every other person. You go to school then graduate. There is more to life than that. Do you know it is possible to finish school and not feel fulfilled? Do you know it is possible to get a job and not feel fulfilled?

"There is more; search inward, search inside of you. Take 30 seconds to pray now: "Lord, open my eyes. Let light come. Let light flood my eyes so I can see clearly." In Jesus' name, we pray."

How do I gain Clarity?

1. Warfare

You gain clarity by warfare. One of the things that can unveil your eyes is prayer. Do you remember Daniel? The first time he needed to interpret a dream, he told the king, "King, give me three days." Daniel afterwards entered his room, closed all the doors, and prayed. On the third day, something came. I want to pray for somebody, your eyes will be opened!

Warfare is one of the ways to open your eyes. I tell you, your eyes cannot be opened with this cold Christianity.

"A man whose eyes has been covered with a veil cannot achieve anything and succeed. Why? Because one of the most dangerous openings in a life is the eyes. If the devil enters your life through your eyes, everybody will be prospering, but you won't.

Did you forget Hagar? Hagar was carrying a baby who was crying for water, and the well was beside her, but her eyes were blind. I declare, every power that wants to blindfold your eyes, the Lord destroys them.

It does not matter if they bring gold to a man blindfolded by a demon; he doesn't know where it is because his eyes are not opened. It takes someone to deliver him and remove the veil to fight. The problem I have often with us is that we want to fight at the surface, but not the roots. The root is the demon, but every day the man will be fighting for the veil to be removed. The blindfolded man can't remove the veil because there is a force holding him. What you do is fight the root (demon) and naturally, the veil will come off. It takes warfare.

"The veil is a casting cast. It takes power to remove a veil. It takes warfare to remove it."

History tells us that the generation Bartimaeus came from were all born blind was blind, and he was not left out but he broke it for his generation. I decree whatever your parents struggled with, you are excluded from it. Let there be light.

"Warfare is easier to fight with people, but great warfare is won in your secret place."

You can't continue with your life like this. You are growing physically, but you are not growing spiritually. You need to sit down and fight. Deliverance is not won in the congregation; deliverance is won personally:

The first way to win a battle of clarity is warfare. Fight! The Bible says, "Fight a good fight of faith." There is a good fight. Fighting your husband and your wife every time and confronting them is not a good fight. The way to fight is to kneel down and win on your knees. Fight a good fight of faith!

2. Word

The second way is the Word, and this is a major problem for me. Many people pray, but they don't wait to receive a word. Instruction is what births victory. You are just praying, but no word. Planning without instruction is wrong; we plan on instruction. If you pray and you didn't receive anything, you will still continue in darkness.

"One of the ways to enter and enjoy what God wants you to do is by instruction."

The widow Elisha ministered to was in penury. In fact, they were about to take her only son. Before I go any further, do you know that the only man of God who entered debt in the scripture was the young prophet that the older prophet deceived. He died unfulfilled, and in debt because of disobedience to God. Do everything to eradicate disobedience. But that's not where I am going. Elisha came to that woman, and the solution to that problem was just instruction: "Gather empty vessels. Pour and draw." It seems simple and foolish. However, that is where the solution is.

"Your breakthrough in life is not only in prayer; it's also in instruction."

What is God saying to you? Sometimes your pastor stands before you and gives you an instruction, and you say, "It is the voice of the pastor, not the voice of God." You have missed out because one of the ways God speaks to His people is through His shepherd. **I speak to you: Instruction is the cheapest way to breakthrough.**

The Lord said, "Noah, go and build an ark." Instruction! He never knew that destruction was coming, but he built an ark that saved his life. Please seek instruction.

3. Wisdom

The third way to seek clarity is wisdom. Seek counsel. Godly counsel will give way for you to open your eyes because it gives you direction. But some of you are so stubborn that you insist in that your heart desire until you eventually fall into a pit. Counsel will come to you, but you would not see it because of your own desire.

"If you want to see clarity and enjoy the fullness of life, seek Godly counsel."

Let me add this, when you are seeking Godly counsel, be careful of many voices. When there are many voices, you can be confused. That is why if you hear from different

person, you must have a father who can resonate with it because your father can see beyond what you see.

In seeking counsel, many people will bring advice that works for them. But you must have one voice over your life because that voice matters. You won't fail God.

- **"Clarity comes by warfare, instruction, and Godly counsel."**

THE LAW OF PLANNING

The second Law of Life is the Law of Planning. It does not matter the clarity and the things God has shown you if you don't have planning, it will not stand. Proper planning is what makes the clarity received to stand out. Now, you see that Joseph began to explain the interpretation of that dream to help them plan properly. In the next verses (verses 30-35), the Bible says:

*But after them seven years of famine will arise, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine will deplete the land. [31] So the plenty will not be known in the land because of the famine following, for it will be very severe. [32] And the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass. [33] **"Now therefore,** let Pharaoh select a discerning and wise man, and set him over the land of Egypt. [34] Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, to collect one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt in the seven plentiful years. [35] And let them gather all the food of those good years that are coming, and store up grain under the authority of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. [36] Then that food shall be as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which shall be in the land of Egypt, that the land may not perish during the famine." (NKJV)*

When you receive clarity and interpretation, you need a "Now therefore," and that is planning. If you are praying and not planning, you are heading toward failure. You may crash. Prayer alone is not enough. Plan! Joseph began to give them solutions: what to do and how to do it. The Bible is saying to us that once you have clarity about what you want to do, don't rush into it. Sit down, plan and set goals. Break your goals down. Do you know what you want to achieve in the second half of the year? Have you set goals? Break them down.

Any family here that is not wise with what Nigeria is doing now will spend what they should save on food. I want to give you wisdom. Many of you are spending what you should save on food thinking it's ministry. It's not ministry. Everybody that comes to your life and home, you package food for them. The Bible says pack and keep food because a time of plenty is here, but you are distributing it; a time of famine will come. Spend just one-fifth of your income on food. You will discover that what you started saving in January has changed. You are not saving up to that amount because you have diverted everything to food. You know what the Bible says: He will deliver manna for them and tell them to take what they can eat.

Planning is very important. In those days, we used to fast even when there was food. I am not saying everybody should accept what I am saying, but I will tell you because it is the scripture. One of the things to save costs and become better in life is to save. Receive grace to take proper care of your children, but do not use today to spoil their tomorrow.

I say to you, please, by the mercy of God, do your best in everything to plan. Plan your home, plan your life, plan your wife, plan your husband, plan everything about your life. Let there be proper planning.

"The second law of life that makes people great is planning. If you are doing everything haphazardly, you can't excel. You have to plan."

You should start saving for your children's school fees ahead of their resumption date. If your children are being chased from school because of school fees, you are demoralizing them. It is a lack of planning. You know your house rent will be due in November, but you are still spending money on junk food, buying clothes for every occasion, and you say you are planning. In one year, you have changed jobs three times and did not bring anything great out of it. You lack planning. Joseph gave a simple prescription: plan. There is a goal. Sit down and plan. When you plan, you will have plenty.

May the Lord help you in Jesus' mighty name.