

New Covenant - Jesus Revealed Father - Part 4

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Jesus' life was a model of security and triumph because he knew his Father intimately, and we can live a life that pleases God by knowing Him as our Father and being secure in His love and presence.

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Description

This sermon emphasizes how God feels for His children, understanding their daily struggles and trials. It reflects on Jesus' own experiences of facing troubles and challenges while on earth, highlighting the importance of being secure in God's love to overcome insecurities and sins. The message encourages believers to seek to please God and live a life of faith and trust, knowing that His approval is what truly matters.

Transcript

God feels for his children. Your father knows how you feel when you're sick, when someone in your home is sick, when you're facing a trial or a difficulty brought upon you by evil people around you. The world is full of evil people.

And Jesus once said in Matthew 6 in verse 34, Matthew 6, Each day has enough trouble of its own. If you live 365 days a year, each day has trouble. What did you expect? Christian life to be.

You don't have to be a Christian, even non-Christians. Every day there's some type of trial or problem. Can you think of a day in your life when you never got tempted and you never had a problem? I mean, I'm not talking about major things.

Every day there's some type of trouble or trial. Somebody is scheming to do you some harm. Somebody does something.

Somebody is jealous of you. Somebody hurts you. Somebody does this.

Every day has got some trouble. We're supposed to be overcomers. And our father feels for us.

So when Jesus lived on earth in Nazareth in 30 years, I believe he was saying from his experience of 30 years there in Matthew 6, Fellas, I've lived 30 years as a man and I'll tell you something. Every day has got

trouble. Even he had it.

He had trouble in his home. Probably trouble in his place of work as a carpenter. It's not that his life was easy.

He had four younger brothers born to Mary and two younger sisters and a widowed mother to take care of. He was the eldest son. That itself is enough trouble.

Eight member family depending on you and you've got to work hard as a carpenter. No cheating. Upright.

Loving. And the brothers didn't believe in him. They irritated him.

His life was not easy. And they lived in a small house. No separate bedroom for Jesus.

Any of you crazy enough to believe that Jesus had a separate bedroom for himself? They all slept like sardines in one room. That's how it was. That's the house he lived in.

If he had one thought once in those 30 years of complaint against that situation, he would have sinned. He didn't. That's why I say the greatest miracle Jesus ever did was to live those 33 years without ever sinning.

Without ever complaining. Without ever discontented thought. How many of you want to follow him? I want to follow him.

I want to follow him in this wonderful way in which he lived all my life. Lord, you're my example. You had enough trouble every day.

But you were so secure in the love of your father. And the fact that your father loved you so much that he had planned every day with his trouble to make me strong. To make me an overcomer.

I would never be an overcomer if I have nothing to overcome. How can you be an overcomer if you have nothing to overcome? You see these children of rich parents who are foolish, give them everything they want. I remember a girl who came here from the Gulf to attend college.

You know what she told me? That she had never gone walking anywhere in her whole life. Always in a car. Always in a car.

Boy, was I envious of that? Was I envious that I had to take three children on a scooter to school? And here she was going in a car. Not at all. I know how they turn out.

Spoiled children who are given everything from childhood by their parents. Those who face trouble and trial, they become tough. God is a wise father.

He won't give you everything you ask for. Thank God, because he loves you too much. And he allows us to face trial and trouble.

I'll tell you this. I haven't become strong because of attending meetings. I became strong because the Lord took me through amazing trials and troubles.

And I'm sure, what I've experienced, only a fraction of what Jesus went through in 30 years. Make it your goal to overcome and believe. When Jesus said, My father and your father.

You're also a son. And your father wants to say about you. One in whom I'm well pleased.

That's the thing at the end of your life that will matter the most. One word from him. Boy, I think of that.

Lord, when I stand before you in the final day and you say, I am pleased with the way you lived on earth. I'm so happy with what you lived for. I'm so happy with you, my son.

Well done. If I had trials for a hundred years, if I was in prison and tortured for Christ for a hundred years, it'd be forgotten in a moment. With that one sentence from my Savior's mouth.

Do you feel like that? If you do feel like that, that's what you want to live for now. Don't wake up when Christ comes again. And say, Oh Lord, I'm sorry.

A lot of people are going to spend eternity saying, I'm sorry, I'm sorry, I'm sorry. Oh Lord, I'm sorry the way I lived. That's why I say, we want to save you from regret when you meet the Lord.

There are possibilities in the new covenant. You can live that life. Go and say to my brothers, my father, your father, you're also a son in whom God can be well pleased.

As I said, the secret of it was that Jesus was so secure. I've come to see through many years of observing Christians and believers, even in our churches, that insecurity is the root cause of many, many, many sins. Insecurity is what makes us jealous of other people.

Insecurity is what makes you jealous of other people who have more than you have, who are better off, who have a better ministry, or know the Bible, or who are better looking than you, or whose children are better than yours. There are all types of things that cause jealousy. Jealousy leads to competition.

Competition among believers to show that I'm better than you. I can pray better than you. I can preach better than you.

I can sing better than you. My children are doing better than your children. Oh brother, when will you get out of your insecurity? When will you get out of it? When will you become secure in your heavenly Father where you have to prove nothing to anybody? Where you don't have to prove that you're better than anybody else.

You don't have to prove that you're smarter or good looking or that your children are better than somebody else's children. That is all the insecurity the devil's put in you. Finish with it.

You'll never, never be able to live in the New Covenant if you live insecure. That's why to know God as Father is so important. I'm speaking from my own experience.

I was a very, very insecure person when I was born again. I was in an assembly where they said, yeah, God is your Father. Theoretically, I knew God is your Father.

It's like an orphan who's being told, you've got a father, man. Somewhere, 10,000 miles away, you've got a father. You'll never see him, he'll never talk to you, but you've got a father.

You tell an orphan that, and they say, okay. And you ask him a question, write down the answer, do you have a father? Yes, I have a father. But look at the way he's living.

Totally insecure, never talks to him, the father never calls him, he never calls the father, but he's supposed to have a father. This is exactly how many Christians say, God is my father. They don't know him.

They don't talk to him, and he doesn't talk to them. They're orphans who are being brainwashed, you've got a father. Somewhere, 10,000 miles away, in this case, millions and millions of miles away, you've got a father.

He never talks to you, you can never talk to him, but you've got a father, okay? What is this? This is not Christianity. Jesus never lived in a theoretical knowledge of the father. The reason why his life was so secure, and so triumphant, was because he knew the father.

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