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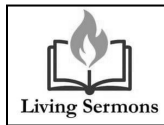
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Foreword

There is a war every man must fight.

It is not merely a war of circumstance, opposition, or survival—it is first a war of the mind. Before battles are seen in the physical, they are often conceived in thought, challenged in conviction, and won or lost in wisdom.

In As a Man Thinketh: The Battle of Wits, Bishop T.D. Jakes unveils a powerful spiritual reality: that the conflict between light and darkness has always been, and continues to manifest in the life of every believer. Through profound biblical insight and prophetic clarity, he draws us into the eternal warfare that began in heaven and now unfolds in the earth, reminding us that the enemy's greatest weapon is often deception, while God's greatest strategy is wisdom.

This message is a call to maturity.

It is a summons for men to rise above carnality, break free from dependency, reject shortcuts, and embrace the process that builds strength, character, and destiny. It challenges the believer to understand that weakness is often the battlefield where God reveals His strength most clearly.

What makes this sermon especially timely is its emphasis on spiritual intelligence—the ability to discern, endure, and respond with divine wisdom in seasons of pressure. In a world filled with distractions and counterfeit solutions, this teaching restores the believer to the unchanging truth: there is wisdom for every battle, and victory belongs to those who tap into God's mind.

May you find courage to keep stepping, grace to endure the process, and wisdom to prevail.

— Wisdom Epsi

Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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Main Message

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Introduction

Every man feels it—the pressure to lead, to overcome, and to rise even when the weight gets heavy. In an era that does not offer men easy answers, God’s strategy is a weapon.

The war started in heaven.

The Book of Revelation tells us that there was war in heaven. It began amongst the angels, and from the beginning of time Satan was cast down. Lucifer was cast out of heaven because Michael kicked him out.

If there was a war in eternity, there is a war in time.

Satan comes down into time, and he cannot create anything. All he does is hear what God has promised. God said:

“Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it...” (Genesis 1:28).

So Satan took that fruit and said, *I am going to use the fruit to tempt you with. I am going to tempt you with something that looks almost like God, so that you can feel like there is another way to be fruitful without going through the process.*

And you have been looking for shortcuts for years.

You have got to go through what you have got to go through to get to where you are trying to go. Do you hear what I am saying?

The Bible says: *“The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD...”* (Psalm 37:23).

Every step.

Some of the steps are in potholes.

Some of the steps are uphill.

But every step is getting you closer to your destiny.

It is time for you to step. Not just shouting—stepping.

Stepping on serpents.

Stepping on scorpions.

Stepping on the powers of darkness standing in your way.

This is your season to get to stepping.

The Necessity of Weaning

This is your season to be weaned. Notice that Hannah could not bring Samuel into the temple until he was weaned. We are tired of you still being on milk while you have got more title than you have got food.

You have got to be weaned in order to serve. When she had weaned the child, she brought him into the house of the Lord. His life began when he broke his hold on her breast. Samuel could not discover who he was while still nursing where he started.

He had to break away from the source of his flesh to find the source of his life. And some of you are still hanging on to the nipple and trying to be a great prophet. But you are still being nourished by what is carnal. That nourishment has to come from another place.

Because what God has for you, you cannot depend on mama, daddy, sister, or brother. You have got to stand on your own two feet and declare:

Thus saith the Lord.

And when God says it, it is so.

It is finished.

It is done.

Fighting the Same Devil on Different Terrains

The battle that began in heaven continues in the earth. Satan was cast out of the heavenly realm into the earth realm. And then he had to fight Jesus.

As soon as Jesus was baptised, the Spirit led Him into the wilderness—not for retreat, but for war. Lucifer lost the fight in heaven. Now he had to fight Him on another terrain.

And if you pay attention, you will notice something: You keep fighting the same thing in different realms.

The names change.

The address changes.

But it is the same devil.

And the same God who delivered you over there will deliver you over here. The Bible says Jesus fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards He was hungry (Matthew 4:2).

That was when the enemy came. The devil will not fight you at full strength. He waits until you are tired. Weak. Depleted.

Because when you are weak, he thinks he can trick you into taking shortcuts. “If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.”

But Jesus did not need to turn stones into bread. Because He is the Bread.

“I am the bread of life...” (John 6:35).

He is the true bread which came down from heaven.

He is living water.

He does not need a stream.

He does not need a creek.

He is self-contained.

Self-sufficient.

A root springing up out of dry ground.

He does not depend on people to supply His strength.

Because He understands:

This is a fight.

Restored in the Presence of Beasts

Jesus defeated him in the wilderness. And when He was tired, the angels came and ministered unto Him. One Gospel notes that this happened in the presence of beasts.

That means God will restore you in the presence of beasts. The beasts were waiting for Him to die. But God said, *Not so*.

I will wake him up.

I will stir him up.

I will strengthen him.

“Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies...” (Psalm 23:5).

The same people who talked about you will watch God feed you. They will see that you are His beloved. God kept your enemies alive for an audience.

You wanted Him to destroy them. But He kept them so they could watch Him raise you up. So that there would be no doubt: God is inside of you.

Pull up a chair and watch this.

This is my season. This is my hour. This is my time. The time I get double for my trouble. The time I get my second wind. The time I destroy the Philistines. The time

Dagon loses his grip. The time my Red Sea parts. The time Jordan rolls back. The time I possess the land. The time I drive out everything that plagued me.

You messed with the wrong one. I may look weak—But when I am weak, then am I strong.

Hidden Wisdom

When I look poor, I am rich. Because I have hidden treasure. Hidden mysteries. Hidden wisdom. Let me show you the difference between the wisdom of God and the wisdom of men. You do not know a man is wise until you ask him a question. And the wisdom is revealed by the question. But God had wisdom when there was nobody to ask.

Nobody to measure. Because He is wisdom. He is the Ancient of Days. He is God all by Himself.

- He is all-sufficient.
- He is El Shaddai.
- He is wonderful.
- He is Counsellor.
- He is Resurrection.
- He is Life.
- He is the Lily of the Valley.
- He is the Bright and Morning Star.
- He is everything I need.

Bread when I am hungry. Water when I am thirsty. Whatever I need Him to be, He already is. When Moses asked: *“Who shall I say hath sent me?”*

God answered: *“I AM THAT I AM...”* (Exodus 3:14).

He does not become it when you ask. He already is.

Tapping Into What Is Already There

There was so much healing in Jesus that when the woman with the issue of blood touched the hem of His garment, virtue flowed out.

Not because He had to create it. But because He already carried it. The reason yokes broke in this place was not because God showed up. God was here before you got here.

It was because you tapped in. And as many as tapped in received the power of God. The power was always there.

- He is omnipotent.
- He is omnipresent.
- He is omniscient.

He is already there. But you are not tapping in because you are not listening for His wisdom. And hear me: There is wisdom for every problem. God will give you the gift of wisdom so you can respond in wisdom. But God's wisdom does not react.

- He is proactive.
- He already knows.
- He already is.

And He already has the answer.



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