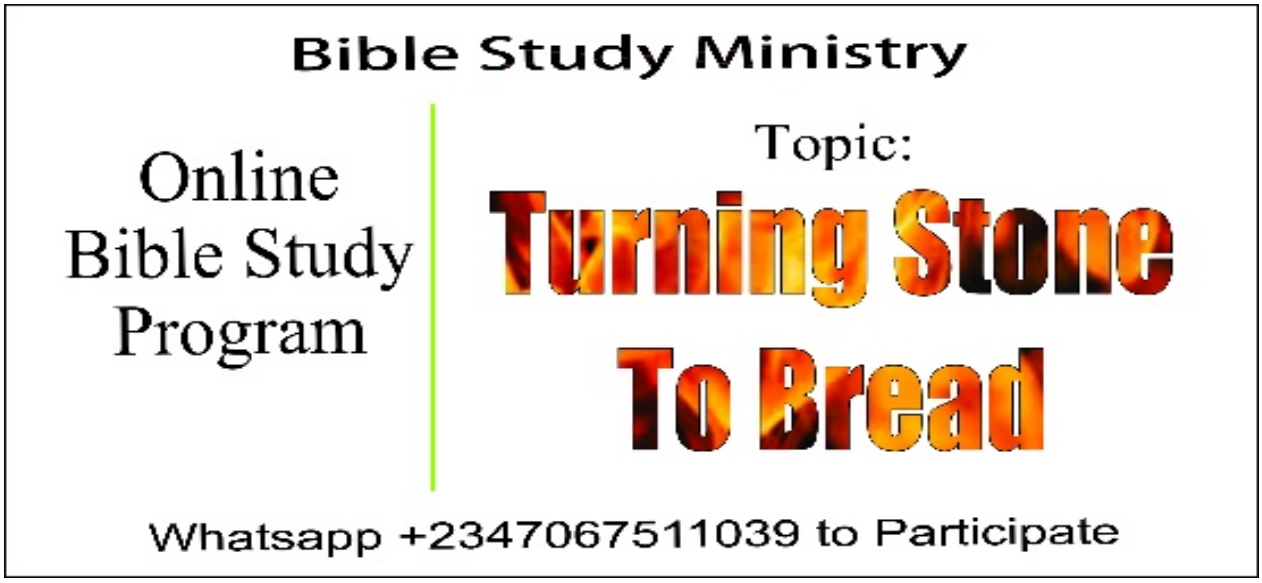


Topic: Turning Stone to Bread

Bible Text: Luke 4:3

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Without wasting much of our time, I would like everyone to pay attention to tonight's study as much as possible, although the topic might seem simple, but let's position our hearts in a bid to learn from the Holy Ghost and not from me. There is something that I use to feel and think about when I started this Christian race, and as time went on, I came to realize that I was not the only one who think and feel that way. It happens most especially when one just experience salvation.

You would feel like you are on top of the world because of the Spirit that bears witness with your own spirit that indeed you have been saved. At that moment many do feel like going about to preach the gospel, heal the sick, raise the dead, perform all sort of miracles because the joy of their salvation is still intact. It is very good and okay to feel that way, But there is a mistake we must not make no matter how pushed we might be, we are to be careful not to turn that stone to bread. Confused?, please follow me as the Holy Spirit teaches.

Luke 4:3 KJV

And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.

In the proceeding verses, we could read that Jesus Christ was led into the wilderness to pray and fast for forty days, without eating anything. I believe we all know what it means

for someone not to eat for 3days, those who fast even once in a while can relate well.Luke 4:1 ***And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,***So the Spirit ***led*** Jesus into the where?

Into the wilderness, please be patient with me, I want to establish some truth in other to create a solid background for this study. This was before Jesus Christ started His ministry, but these days, reverse is the case, many people assume that they are led into the city, and even to the government house before starting their ministry. There is no place of make up for them, they just burst into ministry without being equipped, just because of their stomachs.

And Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness, I am very sure that we all know that he did not go there to sleep, play, or joke. He had a mission, He had a ministry, It was a serious matter that required serious equipping. God do not just send people out without first equipping them, do you know why many people start the work of the ministry and fall out so quickly?? It is simply because they were ***parboiled*** Do you know what it means to be parboiled? To be undone!. No young minister is ready to suffer, none is ready to pass through the wilderness experience, everyone wants to start from the palace.

Well that is not where we are going to tonight. But I want someone who is reading this to know that starting a ministry is not child play, you must be well cooked. Jesus Christ did not neglect the wilderness, He did not disobey the Holy Spirit by going into the city or the palace, He went straight to the wilderness, wait let me ask you, where has the Spirit led you? Were you led to where you are currently? There are a lot of things to learn in the make up place, do not in anyway leave the place until you are well cooked, it is usually painful, it requires a lot of sacrifice. Do not rush, just be patient, you will come out strong and better, Jesus Christ did. Let's continue with our bible text I would really love us to go into serious study of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, there is just too much to learn.

Jesus left the wilderness after forty days without eating any food, I do not know of anyone who has fasted that long here, if you have, please signify, It is not something that is easy. You see, I have really observed that if someone is fasting like that marathon fast, by the time you'd get to the third, fourth or fifth day, you will feel like eating anything, I mean you'd have appetite for every kinds of food. That is because your body system is already complaining, now let's now compare it with twenty days, then forty days. Hmm, then it is at this point that the devil came to Him. So he told the Lord to turn stone to bread, so we cannot say that Jesus Christ did not feel like eating bread when the devil came to Him, He was Hungry, why is it that it was at that point that the devil came to meet Jesus that He should turn stone to bread and also putting a clause to the statement, if you are the Son of God. The devil is crafty, he knows that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and he said "if", he knew Jesus had the power to turn stone to bread, yet he told Him to do so.

But Jesus refused, please read carefully, there is something the Holy Spirit wants to tell

us here. At that moment that Jesus Christ left the wilderness, there is no doubt that He has been equipped, he was loaded! with power and authority! That was what Christ was carrying at that moment in full, he was just coming out of the "Hot Room" he had not yet used the power He got from the secret place (wilderness), when the devil came to Him.

Listen to me!

What can really prove that you have really been cooked in the wilderness is your ability to overcome temptations if truly you have gone through the wilderness experience, the result will be seen.

So turning stone to bread is a mere child play for Him. Walking in the Spirit is very important. At that point, Jesus was no longer in the flesh, assuming it was to be someone who is walking according to the flesh, he would have done it to show off. If He had turned the stone to bread, He would have obeyed the devil. Which would have made Him a subject to the devil. There is no body who obeys the devil that will not be a slave to Him.

Read carefully,

it is what is your pressing need that the devil would want to use to lure you into his trap. He came to Christ when He was hungry.

But these days, many young believers are so power conscious that they want to prove at every given opportunity that they have power thereby obeying the devil unconsciously. There are some miracles that you are not meant to perform, not because you cannot perform them but you do not have to obey the devil in order to show. No! The devil is cunny, but many young believers now obey the devil unconsciously and that is why they fall from the faith at every given opportunity.

Listen!

****Beware of the devil's challenge, you might fail!****

The devil should not be the one to challenge you, you should be the one to challenge him, if he does challenge you, please know for sure that he is up-to something. The devil has challenged many young ministers that they cannot sleep over in a room with a sister without anything happening. But because they are Spirit filled, tongues speaking brothers, they claim to have power, so they dared the devil by saying "I have self control I will do it and nothing will happen". And they fell down flat like the wall of Jericho, why? They accepted the devil's challenge which first came with obedience from their part.

What about those whom the devil told that they should try drinking and smoking, and they will discover that those saying they are addicted lacked self control, and they tried it too and now they are even more addicted. Is it bad to turn stone to bread in its normal sense and circumstance? NO! but that instruction would only happen except a level of obedience to the devil is given by the Lord. Haven't you start to turn stone to bread?

Because you want to prove to people that you can move with bad company and not get influenced so you continue to turn stone to bread at the command of the devil. Ah!, it is a pity. Do you know that the devil is still in this same business of telling God's children to turn stone to bread? He sometimes put bad thoughts in your heart, to see if you'd obey him by following what he tells you, but instead of resisting him, many have decided to turn the stone to bread. In most cases, his commands always look harmless but when looked critically with a discerning Spirit, one would see how dangerous he is, since he has nothing good to offer anybody

Listen please

****No matter how appealing Satan's moves might seem, there is always an evil motive behind such moves****

That is why we must always be sensitive to the Spirit of God in us, so as to know the right reply to give the devil at every point. Don't wait to fulfil the devils challenge, James 4:7 ***Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*** you have to resist him because if you do not, you will certainly turn stone to bread. It is only what God says, that should be obeyed, Jesus' reply showed it in Luke 4:4 **And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, **but by every word of God.*****So it is whatever God says that matters, shun the devil always, always be sensitive to your spirit. Remember! do not turn those stones to bread.

This is where I would stop for tonight. Thanks for your availability.

Let's take one or two questions before we pray two serious prayer points about what we have learned tonight.

QUESTION 1

If at all someone eventually turn bread to stone under intense temptation, will that be the end to ones Ministry sir?

ANSWER

It depends sir!, if the person is still alive then NO! but if the person dies in the process then YES!. mind you, a person who is still alive has the opportunity of making amends, though it would be painful, and even very painful atimes but such person's ministry will come back alive in as much as he has gone back to Christ and laid hold of the Roadmap, passing through the process required by listening and relying totally on God. But if such person dies during the process, the next thing is judgement. May we not fall into the temptation that will make us lose our salvation in Jesus Christ name. Amen

QUESTION 2

Preaching the gospel because it's the primary assignment for every believer and also as

a result of wanting to be fruitful or being a soul winner will it be said to being undone.

ANSWER

I would have said No!, but the truth is that every believer whether called into the ministry or not is suppose to be well cooked and done in the secret place(wilderness). When talking about being done. I'm talking about being well trained in prayers, fasting and the word of God. You must be sound in these three aspects. A child of God must have the knowledge of these things and well grounded in them even before going for evangelism, because the devil can disgrace someone who is not strong spiritually. Dwell more in the secret place and evangelism will be easy for you.

QUESTION 3

My question is that in the cause of waiting before fully manifestation like Jesus did, going through the fasting period. Sir, you said something, picking from your statement, that not all miracles should be done even when there is power to do it, doing it silence the devil and brings glory and honour to God. Pls explain that part better. Does that mean the miracle should not be done?

ANSWER

A Christian do not just perform miracles for performing sake, we must be led by the Spirit of God to do so. We cannot take instructions from the devil in other to give glory to God, it is not possible. If a miracle is to show forth the glory of God then we will certainly be led by His Spirit, and we must be very careful not to fall into the devil's trap so that we will not perform miracles to take the glory. God does not share His glory with anyman

QUESTION 4

I'm always restricted whenever I want to preach more especially in a bus while traveling and at outreach programs sometimes the instruction is centered on prayers.

ANSWER

You just have to put it in prayers before going out, then open your mouth that is all, Psalm 81:10 ***I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.*** God is the one that will fill your mouth, evangelism is sweet when you pray before hand and always pray a short prayer with the people you want to minister to before you start if circumstances warrants it. Then you'll see that boldness will follow you instantly. While in your secret place pray against fear and tell God to lead you.

In the absence of more questions. Let's pray these prayer points seriously

Prayer Point One

Father let every of my actions be above self will and the gratification of my flesh, in Jesus Christ name.

Prayer point Two

Raise me up my Father from wherever I have fallen in Jesus Christ name. In Jesus Mighty name we have prayed. Amen

Do have a lovely time.

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