

**16 August 2020 God is Answering Part 3 - Session 2 Ps John Bendixen (WTB)**

**Scripture Reference: Isaiah 14:12-14 (NKJV); Genesis 3:1,4-5 (NKJV); Romans 8:1-5 (NKJV); 1 John 1:8-10 (NKJV); 1 John 3:4-9 (NKJV); 1 John 3:18-22 (NKJV)**

That song, you could just worship all the time. It's got such powerful words, "The accuser of the brethren wishes to keep you in his snare." It's a very relevant song for the message that I'm preaching today, and I thank the Holy Spirit for being present here today, that you will receive everything you need to receive, and everything will become clear to you, more clear to you. You will live in more truth, more glory, more honour, you live free in Jesus' Name. Do you agree with me today? Amen. You may be seated.

Praise the Lord. I just want to explain to you that the message that I'm preaching today is a little, it's very 'teachy,' it's got quite a lot of teaching in it, so I ask you just to bear with me today. I want to tell you that the place I'm coming from, is that I believe that this is a defining moment for the church, this is a defining moment for each and every one of us and actually, because it's such an important time, the Lord really wants me to build this foundation so that in weeks and months ahead, as the world seems to be going through more and more turmoil, we are going to get stronger.

It's important that you hear this message otherwise you may think that the church is just like any other ordinary organisation, when it's not. Hallelujah. I've been speaking over the last while from the scripture in Isaiah about Lucifer, and I just start there this morning.

**Isaiah 14 verse 12; <sup>12</sup>"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! <sup>13</sup>For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; <sup>14</sup>I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' (Isaiah 14:12-14 NKJV).**

What I'm going to share with you today, is a legal dissertation, or I'm going to present a legal case to you today. You're just going to have to bear with me for a little while today as I present my legal case to you, my dissertation.

Everything in the universe has got to be about truth, and about the will of God. There is only one Creator, and therefore the Creator has the truth. If there was more than one Creator, then there would be more than one truth. But there is only one Creator, therefore there is only one truth. And so that truth is the truth that stands against anything else that might raise itself in the universe.

What happened here is, that the enemy of God or Lucifer, the created being of God that was in the congregation of God, and I can't go back to teach on everything that I taught last time, where he traded in the glory that was in him from God, and he traded in the praises of created beings, so he received those praises and he brought them into the presence of God. He received the glory of God so that the praises could come through his vessel in the Heavenly realm and the throne room of God. And in this whole process, he came to this thought. And this thought is; I look like God, and I receive praises like God and I am in a place of leadership like God, and I'm in the presence, in the throne of all authority of all the universe. How can it be that there is only one God and one truth if I myself am participating in this?

He fundamentally questioned whether there was more than one God and more than one will. And by defining that he said; I have a will and I raise myself up to be like the Most High God. When he said, I exercise my will to present myself as equal, where he then determined that there needs to be two wills in the universe, and therefore there would be two evaluations of truth, or two levels of truth, but if there's only one Creator and there's only one level of truth then it doesn't matter whether you thought you are a truth or a god or like God, or on the same level as God-that truth could not stand in the presence of The Creator and The Truth.

Now I have to say to you that in humankind, you will have intellectually, people ask the questions and they have answered it in many ways. How is it possible that there is only one Creator and one truth because intellectually you

will have this question; "Who made God?" And where, was there no beginning before God? Surely the person or the being that created God, there must be another God that created the God? And so the answer is; if you could understand that, then you would be God. Intellectually, you think you can understand it because God has given you the capacity to imagine eternity. He says, He has put eternity in the hearts of men, so through that eternal thinking that you have, you imagine you can figure out that actually there is something before God, when actually there was no creation but God, there was no other, there is no other life in the universe but God.

To try and figure out how that life started, and how that was before the beginning of our finite time, that He determined would be measurable in the days of men, and in the years of light; that is something that people have tried to figure out for years, trying to use their intellect and trying to use science by the study of stars and the universe, and the study of matter, to try and find out a way of coming up with an alternative thought process that there can only be one God who created everything.

They have come up with all kinds of ideas like, there must be more gods, and because there are so many different cultures of people and so many different languages, that there must be different ways to approach God and so, therefore, there must be different gods and there must be different ways of worshipping those gods, and there must be different ways to approach God because intellectually that makes sense. For the will of men that makes sense, because if you don't think like that then ultimately you have to face the one God and His truth.

Now I'm presenting a legal case to you because without truth, there can be no standard by which everything in the universe is measured because there is one truth that measures everything. Because that one truth is based on one will, then that will become the measure of truth. I said to you previously that your will is your platform, and your worship is your power. What happened was, when the enemy of God said, "I will be like the Most High, I will raise myself up to be in the same position as God". When he willed that, the truth had to bring judgment. There is no other way. The standard is the standard of the will of each creation that was ever created. The minute he presented his own will it was judged. The Bible says, he fell like lightning from Heaven. And I read that to you previously what he became, as a result of his will.

It doesn't matter that he has been separated from God. The will that is in him, that wills himself to be like the Most High God, is still the same will. Even though he is separated from the life of God, he believes that because he convinced a third of the angels to go with him, he believes that he has the same mandate, the same equality, the same power, the same authority as God. God created another creature, and He created that creature to look just like Him, and behave just like Him, and that creature was man. Then the enemy of God said, "I want to show the Most High God that I can have other creatures that He created to worship Him, I can have them bend to my will."

That's what happens in Genesis three verse one; **<sup>1</sup>But the serpent was more cunning** so he comes with deception, cunningness, and all manner of manipulation, and he says, **has God indeed said you shall not eat of every tree of the garden? (Genesis 3:1 NKJV)**. The minute, he comes with a question about anything that God said or anything of who God is or any authority that God carries, you can know, anything that questions God's authority is not from God, because He will not question Himself, and He will not ask you to answer that question. Anytime that there is a question in you that wants to question whether God is the authority or what God's said is the final word then you know it's not God. Verse four, **<sup>4</sup>Then the serpent said to the women, 'you will not surely die for God know that in the day you eat of it, your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil' (Genesis 3:4 NKJV)**. He asks a question. Then he comes with an alternative statement for you to give serious consideration to and he says, and you will become like God. Those are the things that he did in his heart. He had a question, he made a statement, 'I will be' and then he became in his own mind like the Most High God.

I'm really giving a good teaching this morning. Every time, and I said this to you last week, anytime you wonder, as in wonder, and or wander, move around, and you ask who or why or when or what for, in all of those situations. You will most likely not be worshipping God with your will. Because God will not leave you with those questions, He will answer the questions in His love and His Truth.

I'm going to read to you in Romans chapter 8 verse 1, **<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation**, will you all say, "No condemnation," **to those who are in Christ Jesus**, please say this, "I'm in Christ Jesus." If you're a born again

believer today who has asked Jesus to come and live in your heart, then you can say, "I'm in Christ Jesus." **who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.** <sup>2</sup> **For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free,** will you say this with me, "Made me free." **from the law of sin and death.** There's a legal position here. There's a legal position of freedom, and there's a legal position of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> **For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,** so there is now no condemnation, I have no condemnation. Why? Because Jesus has been condemned for us, once, forever, condemned. He took care of sin in Himself, once, forever. Legal position.

<sup>4</sup>**that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.** Let me just make this clear. We do not walk according to our will for eternity when we have made Jesus, Lord and Saviour of our lives. We walk free because we are no longer condemned to eternity, separated from Him. We are now in Him. <sup>5</sup>**For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. (Romans 8:1-5 NKJV)** Here's one thing I know, anybody who's born again, who has asked Jesus to come and live in their hearts. It doesn't matter if they backslide, if they walk away from God, and behave badly. They still in their hearts, will call out to God. They will know in their hearts that God is true and they will love God. Hallelujah.

I'll tell you what, it doesn't matter, I was born as the son of Reg Bendixen, and it doesn't matter whether my behaviour patterns or my positions in life were very different to his. I still am the son, born of Reg Bendixen's seed. Nothing can change that. My bad behaviour cannot change that. It is a biological and legal position. It's a blood, legal position. When I stand before Jesus, my behaviour may be bad but I stand in a legal, blood position. There is no condemnation on me because the life of Christ has made me free. Hallelujah. Bear with me now. This is about a legal case in the heavens because the Truth that is the life of God, is the foundation of all judgment. All legal positions in the universe are a legal position because Truth is in the Creator and in the Source of life. Are you all with me? You can say, amen.

1 John chapter 1 verse 8 says, <sup>8</sup>**If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.** If we say, we have no sin, in other words, if we say that we have no will that will will itself against the will of God, then we deceive ourselves. Ja, even the pastor. Ja, if we say we have no will that is against the will of God, in our natural selves we deceive ourselves into thinking that we are free from our own will. **And the truth is not in us.** But watch this, <sup>9</sup>**If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,** which says that we have a will against the will of God, **He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** From the unrighteous of trying to exercise our will. <sup>10</sup> **If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. (1 John 1;8-10 NKJV)** But His Word is in us.

Bear with me now. Are you still with me today? I have to go quickly because I'm on a time clock you know. And I won't get done today but I'll get through this as the weeks go because this is important for us. Because we're at a defining moment and we've got to actually understand who we are as the church, if we're actually going to become the answer, to not only our lives but to everybody else's lives.

1 John 3 verse 4 says, <sup>4</sup>**Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness,** in other words, the standard of Truth and law is not in you, **and sin is lawlessness.** In other words, you have decided that your will is the will that is the most important, therefore it is unlawful. Are you getting me? I hope you're getting me. If I have to use this as a very simple example, if a father tells a child, "This is the way you need to behave in my household." The minute you say, "I will not behave the way you tell me to behave, I will behave the way I choose to behave." Then what's happened is that you have become lawless. Because you have made your will and your desire to do what you want to do, the law. And you have said that there is no other law that can persuade me of something else other than what I choose to be law.

When you say, "I'm law." Then I am lawless because the law that has been placed for my protection for me to be guided and all the good things in my life, I now choose not to obey that law, I choose to make myself the law. My desires become the law, my own wishes become the law. And so, the law of what my parents say are no longer of any value to me. I am now lawless. <sup>5</sup>**And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him**

**there is no sin. (1 John 3:4-5 NKJV)** In other words, in Him, He has taken away the desire to be lawless. He's put instead inside of you the desire to want to be lawful. And so the way you are lawful is to submit to His will through the power of the legal position that Jesus took that said, "I shed My blood for you and I condemned sin once and for all, forever, for you. Now all you have to do is believe in the power of My blood to put you in a position that you are now no longer lawless by nature, but lawful by nature, by the very nature of Jesus that's in you."

**<sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. <sup>8</sup>He who sins is of the devil,** in other words, he who goes with his own will. Lawless, is of the devil because the devil, from the beginning, has made his will the law. **For the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.** He came to live in the natural flesh and behave lawfully saying, "I'm always only going to do the will of the Father, say the will of the Father, do the will of the Father, live the will of the Father, everything is going to be about the will of the Father because My will creates a platform and My platform is a position of worship. Because My position is worship, I have the power to live like the Father, for the Father, in the Father, with the Father." Because He did that, we have a legal position that we are no longer lawless.

**For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. <sup>9</sup>Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. (1 John 3:7-9 NKJV)** That doesn't mean to say that you cannot have a will and raise up your will to do whatever you will, but in your heart, what you need to keep saying is, "But I worship. But I receive my position of freedom in Christ Jesus and wherever my will raises itself up lawlessly, I tap into the power of God to be lawful, because my position legally is lawful. I have a legally lawful position."

1 John chapter 3 verse 18 says, **<sup>18</sup>My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but indeed and in truth. <sup>19</sup>And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. <sup>20</sup>For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. <sup>22</sup>And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. (1 John 3:18-22 NKJV)**

This becomes a very critical scripture for us, because if we are everyday walking in a place where we say, "Jesus, I understand that my will constantly wants to raise itself up against Your will, but I tap into the power of my worship towards You so that my will creates a platform to worship You more so that the will that I worship You more with, creates more power, and the more power that I have is the more I can live like You, the more I can be in You, the more I can express words to You. And the more that I do that, the more I am free in my living position even though it is already established in my legal position." Hallelujah. What the devil wants to do is, he wants to take you into your living position, and say that your living position is your legal position. And it's not. And so, when he can bring you into your living position, then he makes your own heart condemn you. When your heart condemns you, in your living position which says, "I keep failing, I keep missing God I keep doing my own thing. I don't worship Him enough, I don't thank Him and I keep having these desires that want me to be lawless." Then he says, "You see that living position you are not worthy, you are not good enough, you are not strong enough to be a Christian that can do or make any difference. You can't even tie your own shoelaces spiritually."

He wants for you to have your living position as your legal position, where you live in condemnation of your own lifestyle. With shame and with guilt, and with all manner of incapability of serving God with everything you've got. He wants you to live in your living position as your legal position.

However, God wants you to live in your living position in the same place as you live your legal position. And your legal position says, "You are free from your own will because you have power through worship to create a platform of the will of God in your life." And so when you have worship that keeps giving you power, and the power gives you worship, and the worship gives you power then your will become subject to the power of God. It becomes subject to the will of God, and all that begins to happen is that your worship and the power that gets released, brings your will into line and it creates a platform for the power of God. Hallelujah. Praise Jesus.

What the devil wants you to do is he wants you to live in a position in your real-life status of being in condemnation, which is why He says in the book of Romans **8<sup>There is therefore now no condemnation (Romans 8:1 NKJV)</sup>**. Say it with me, “No condemnation.” Because Jesus has made me free. You see He has made you free from condemnation because condemnation is a legal position. He legally can’t condemn you before God for your bad behavior because Jesus rising up your own will. He can’t condemn you before God for the exercising of your own will, rather than his will. Why not? Because you did exercise your will to receive Jesus into your heart and His blood is the one that takes care of everything that you willed.

Everything that was lawless in your life, Jesus has taken care of that and He said, “Your legal position is lawful.” All I’ve got to do is believe in Jesus and in the blood of Jesus. Now the devil has no legal position to come and accuse you and condemn you before God the Father for your will. What he does is he comes to your heart, and he brings condemnation to your heart for your exercising of your desire and your passion and your will and the desires of whatever you choose to put your eyes on and whatever you choose to allow into your head, and whatever you choose to get familiar within your body and those passions that overwhelm you and you exercise your will, and he wants your heart to condemn you as a Christian and say, “You are no good, you are not worth it, you are worthless.”

He wants your real life to be the position of your legal life. God the Father on the other hand says, “Take up the legal position son and take your life up as a son of God behind the blood of Jesus. You have no condemnation.”

**<sup>20</sup>For if our heart condemns us**, watch this; **God is greater than our heart and knows all things. (1 John 3:20 NKJV)** What does He know? He knows that in yourself, in your humanity, your will rises itself up, but your legal position in Him is that you are like Jesus. He does not condemn your heart. He is greater than the condemnation that is in your heart. If you confess and just say, “I can’t do it on my own but I accept the grace of God, the glory, the life the power of my words that I worship.”

If you give into shame, and you give into guilt, and you give in to this legal position of performance I’ve got to make myself better so that I can be in the presence of God. You’re just going about it and say, “I’m allowing the devil to condemn my heart.” And then I become condemned in my own self, in my own walk with God, so now I’m not free. I bound myself in my own heart that condemns me.

But my legal position says, “There is now no condemnation to those that are in Christ Jesus because we have been made free in Christ Jesus.” Do you think it is for nothing that I’ve been saying for months and months, “Put your hands on your heart and declare over yourself I am a son of God.” Because you see when you wake up every morning and you put your hand on your heart and say, “I am a son of God”, you are enforcing your legal position, not your living reality position that might have been last night behaving anything like a son of God. Maybe you were acting like a son of the devil. That doesn’t change your legal position. What it means is that you’ve got to keep going back to say, “I take up my legal position and I worship Him.” That the power of His life can infuse me so that I stop behaving in a way that allows my heart to condemn itself. If this doesn’t set you free, then I don’t know what can set you free.

You see what that allows us to do as a church? That allows us to say, “Father, I may not be a tither, and I don’t have the faith to tithe but that’s my will. Now I’m asking You as I worship You, to give me the strength to tithe.” Because now I’m going to worship You, I’m going to worship You, and I’m going to worship You even though I misbehaved with my money, I’m going to worship You.

I wonder how many Christians do you think have rather spent money on the new car, or the new clothes, or new jewelry, or the new thing rather than giving tithing to God? At some point in their lives. I don’t think there is a Christian exists that hasn’t done it at some point. One month, one pressure, one moment. Come on now. Why am I using money? Well, because money is such a relevant thing to the way we live every month. And maybe it’s not about what you spend it on, it’s about what your needs might be, so I don’t tithe. Tithing is not the thing. Do you think God needs money? Come on church, God doesn’t need your money.

I’ve got news for you. I don’t need your money. I don’t live my life based on your income. I live my life based on my giving. I live my life based on my position in Christ Jesus. I live my life by calling in money. Money comes to me in

ways you don't even think money comes to me. Money comes to me. Because I call it into my life. I'm trying to say to you, God doesn't need money. He's not subject to this world system of money. This world system needs money. Now the more you begin to worship God with your will, and you allow His will and worship to become the way that you live, you will find out that your work of worship brings money into your hands like that. Hallelujah, praise Jesus.

I'm trying to say to you that the devil will use, "Oh I haven't tithe" he will use it to shame you. He will use it to put a guilt trip on you. And in your heart, you will get condemned and you will say, "I haven't tithed, I haven't tithe so I can't depend on God actually helping me with my money." "No," God says, "Take your legal position, but take your legal position in Me, and begin to speak the Word so that you can be free to be what I said you should be and the way that you express your freedom from money is your tithing." Otherwise, your trust is in money, not in God. And He says, "Tithe is for you to show yourself that you are free from money." It's not so that I God need your tithe. What value do you think the US Dollar or the South African Rand means to God in heaven? The tithing wasn't meant so that God could get money. Tithing was meant for you to be able to release your tithing covenant with Him to show Him that you trust Him more than you trust money. And if you can't and you don't have the will to do that, and worship God with that, then you need to worship Him in that every day so that the worship becomes your power. And the power will take the money out of your hands and give it into God's hands so that He can give you more power over money. And the world needs the church to rise up to say, "We have power over economic situations right now." We have the answer to the authority in the earth. Financial situations, relationship matters, all matters of disease and all things. We have the answers in Christ Jesus. Hallelujah.

But we got to know what our legal position is, not just our living position. But when your living position becomes and gets in line with your legal position, that's when the power of God is released in your life. Because your heart doesn't condemn you anymore. Hallelujah won't you stand with me please?

Come on that was good teaching. Hallelujah. If you didn't get it all today because it was a little bit of a legal position, a little bit of a desiccation today, then I suggest you listen to it again and again. Hallelujah. Praise the Lord. Praise Jesus.

Just put your hand on your heart, and say this with me, say, "Jesus, I am a son of God. Thank You for saving me from my will, and everything that my will wants me to do that is against Your will. I am free; I am not condemned I am free in Jesus Name. I have power through my worship, and even this declaration is worship, and so I have more power in Jesus' name." Hallelujah. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord. Hallelujah. This is your day of freedom today; this message brings freedom to you today. This message brings new things to you today. Hallelujah. Glory to God.

I pray the peace of God over you. The blessing of God over you, no weapon formed against you will prosper. You are shielded and covered under the power of the Word and the blood of Jesus. Go out and prosper, go out and dominate, go out and take authority over sickness and disease and money issues and business issues. Go and conquer and go and be legally powerful in Jesus. Amen. Thanks for coming. God bless you.