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INFILTRATING EVERY ASPECT OF SOCIETY WITH THE INFLUENCE OF GOD`S KINGDOM

“FIGHT FOR YOUR FAMILY”



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Foundation Scripture: Deuteronomy 1:6-8

New Wine Church received a thought-provoking message of healing and deliverance today from Pastor Tayo Adeyemi whom, continuing in his series, *Go in and Possess the Land*, provided insight and instruction to believers intent on infiltrating society with the influence of God's Kingdom.

He first recapped the key points of his previous message on taking mountain of education, in particular reminding us that Jesus had mandated us to disciple the nations and that education, playing a key role in shaping our children, was a form of discipleship. We were reminded that the education system in the UK was established upon strong Christian foundations and that believers needed to play a proactive role in combating the influence of New Age thinking, a proponent of which was Alice Bailey, which had since pervaded the education system.

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Turning our attention to Nehemiah 4:14, Pastor Tayo announced that it was his intention to examine the Mountain of the Jebusites, which represented the pillar of the family. He observed that modern society was currently undergoing an intensely ferocious attack on family life: the relationship between husband and wives and between parents and children was under attack from every side, as were relationships between siblings. There was, he noted, a concerted conspiracy to break down the family structure, the consequence of which could be seen in unprecedented levels of social problems and also physical ailments, many of which were psychosomatic in origin, namely arising from emotional unhappiness, the number one cause of which was dysfunctional family situations.

Jesus, we were shown, had made clear that the breakdown of the family was one of the signs of the end times, citing in particular Mark 13: 8, 12 and Luke 12:52-53 and also that Paul had prophesied the same phenomenon in 2 Timothy 3: 1-4. Pastor Tayo made clear, however that in Malachi 4: 5-6 it had been prophesied that before the return of the Lord, an Elijah generation would be raised up which would restore harmony in the family, declaring that we were that generation!

Family, Pastor Tayo explained, could be defined as the basic unit of society, consisting of parents co-operating in the raising of their children. For this reason, when family order disintegrates, social

disorder follows, which explained the escalation of societal dysfunction, which clearly mirrored the escalation of family dysfunction.

“Love is the glue that holds a family together”

In seeking to attack the family, Pastor Tayo explained, the enemy focuses on two key areas: the role of the father, (resulting in abusive or absent fathers) and also the love between family members. We were reminded that of the attributes of majesty ascribed to Jesus in Revelation 5:12, strength means the ability to hold things together and therefore the enemy, in the knowledge that love is the glue that binds the family, seeks to remove love between husbands and wives, between parents and children and also between siblings with the aim of securing the total disintegration of the family.

The mountain of family, we were shown, was related to the mountain of the Jebusites which means rejected and downtrodden. Rejection, Pastor Tayo showed, pervaded each of the four primary weapons that the enemy utilises in tearing down the family today, which he explained as follows:

1. **Rejection:** This involved a refusal to accept, to acknowledge, receive or believe or to throw out as useless or worthless. Pastor Tayo explained that without God’s intervention and help, a person could go through a lifetime of therapy and medication and never recover fully from the devastating effects of rejection. Rejection, he noted, could be communicated in words or actions, or indeed a lack of words and action and most disturbingly, could be real or perceived with the same devastating effects. Rejection, he explained, brought about further rejection, encouraging the victim to adopt behaviour that anticipated and invited further rejection and thus operated as a vicious cycle.

Making reference to Psalm 27:10 and Ephesians 1:6, Pastor Tayo reminded us that rejection was simply the opinion of man and that God, whose opinion was all that mattered, would never reject us and that we are and would always be, precious in His sight. We were reminded that although rejection was like a seed which once buried in the heart, kept on producing fruit, that Jesus had declared in Matthew 15: 13 that every plant which the Father had not planted will be uprooted and therefore we could be assured of the victory over rejection, regardless of how deep-seated it was.

2. **Homosexuality:** At the root of the escalation of the rise of homosexuality in the last 20-30 years was rejection often resulting in a warped sexual identity. Pastor Tayo noted that the biggest argument in favour of homosexuality today is that a person is born that way and therefore could not control their desires but made clear that he did not wish to become embroiled in the debate as to whether there was any scientific validity in that claim or not. The truth remained that even if someone was born with a natural tendency to do something, this did not mean that they should do it. Developing this truth further, Pastor Tayo illustrated that someone being born with a natural tendency towards paedophilia, would never justify paedophilia, the same being true of faithfulness to one’s spouse versus adulterousness, or selfishness and greed versus theft. He made clear that notwithstanding any natural tendencies we must make a conscious decision to rise above these, crucify the flesh and embrace God’s standards for our lives.

Continuing, he made clear however, that rather than condemning gay people and perpetuating further rejection, the church had an important role to play in communicating that God loves and accepts them as people created in His image and that He rejects the act, not the person. This, he explained, should be our posture too, offering help and support to those struggling with homosexual tendencies in the same way that we should to those struggling with tendencies to lie, to those addicted to drugs or pornography.

3. **Abortion:** This, being one of the tools used by the enemy in undermining the family, Pastor Tayo noted was also a form of rejection – rejection of an unborn child. There were in excess of

200,000 abortions performed in the UK each year, with girls under the age of 16 able to procure abortions without their parents' consent in certain circumstances. We were shown that 40 years after having championed the legalisation of abortion in 1967, Lord Steele had observed in 2007 that abortion had now become far too easy to obtain and that he never anticipated the current number of terminations that are now carried out in the UK. Pastor Tayo made clear that he did not seek to bring condemnation to anyone who had procured an abortion, emphasising that God is a God of grace, mercy and a God of second chances, but it remained the fact that abortion is a weapon undermining the family.

4. **Government Legislation:** Pastor Tayo noted that there were many laws in force that undermined traditional family values, noting in particular, most welfare laws had put those in traditional family structures at a disadvantage and it remained to be seen whether or not this current government would do anything to redress this balance.

“Turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of children to their fathers”

Having identified the primary weapons employed by the enemy in undermining the family, Pastor Tayo returned our attention Malachi 4: 5-6 and made clear that God was going to raise up Pastors to take the mountain of the family. However, he said, in the understanding that a pastor is someone whom by definition is one who shepherds, leads and nurtures, God will raise up and use people outside the four walls of a church, those who are able to deliver one-on-one personal care and support. These, he continued were likely to be women whom, by nature, are more compassionate, caring and understanding and able therefore, in the spirit of Elijah, to bring healing and reconciliation to family situations.

Pastor Tayo encouraged those whom God was calling to take the mountain of family to firstly receive God's healing of their own emotions and memories, this being important as until we are properly healed, our ability to heal others is compromised and we are likely to do more harm than good. We were also encouraged to receive God's revelation in order to be able see the needs of those around us, as Joseph discerned the unhappiness of the baker and the butler (Genesis 40:6-7) and was therefore able to minister to them. Pastor Tayo encouraged us to receive God's anointing in order to bring healing to families, asking God to make us peacemakers and our families a positive example for other families and also encouraged us to resolve to be the solution, rather than the problem in other peoples' families, seeking firstly always to bring reconciliation rather than exacerbating conflicts. Finally, he encouraged us to receive protection over our own families, given that as we reach out to help others, the enemy will seek to attack our families, discrediting us and tarnishing our testimonies. We were encouraged therefore to, like Job, bring our families under the blood of Jesus and not taking anything for granted, keep our flesh under control.

In closing this powerful message, Pastor Tayo reiterated that the institution of the family was indeed under attack although rather than being afraid, we were called understand that we were God's agents and rise up to fight for our families!

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