



# **GO IN AND POSSESS THE LAND!**

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

**“LET US GO TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD”**



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Foundation Scripture: Deuteronomy 1:6-8

New Wine Church received a power-packed message from Pastor Tayo Adeyemi today as he continued examining the mandate that God has given to us to take the mountains and infiltrate society with the influence of God’s Kingdom.

Pastor Tayo began by reminding us of the key foundations of his previous message on the mountain of the family, reminding us in particular of the correlation between family breakdown and societal dysfunction. He recalled that the enemy focussed the intensity of his attack on the role of fathers and love between family members, making use of rejection, homosexuality, abortion, and government to destabilise the family but that God was raising Pastors to take back the mountain of the family.

**“Let us go to the House of the Lord!”**

The focus of today’s message was the mountain of religion, which corresponded to the mountain of the Perrizites. Pastor Tayo acknowledged that for many Christians, the use of the word “religion” to describe Christianity was controversial as would rightly contend that Christianity is not merely a religion but a living, vibrant relationship with a living and real God, whereas the very word religion had connotations of form and ritual but no power.

Our attention was drawn to Paul’s description of the people of Athens in Acts 17:22-23 as being very religious, which on face value would appear to be a compliment but in other translations such as King James’ Version and the Amplified Version was less than complimentary, being translated as “too superstitious” and “very reverent to demons”. Continuing, he explained that the word religion, the dictionary definition of which was “a personal commitment to God (or a god) with worshipful devotion” derived from two Latin words: relegare which meant to “tie up or tie back” and the word for relic which means something left behind after death, decay or disappearance. Given the origin of the word and the connotation that Christianity could be categorised with other religions, the tendency to disassociate Christianity from the religion was understandable, Pastor Tayo observed.

On the other hand, he noted that it was more important to be able to communicate with people of other faiths, and indeed no faith at all than to be lost in semantics and also, he observed that James

made reference to “pure and undefiled religion” in James 1: 26-27 and thus the use of the term “religion” in relation to Christianity could arguably be acceptable.

With this in mind, Pastor Tayo then gave us the top seven religions as follows: 1: Christianity (2.3 billion followers; the largest and the fastest growing religion in the world with the most rapid growth in the Pentecostal/charismatic movement) 2: Islam (1.2 billion followers) 3: Hinduism (900,000-1bn followers) 4: Folk religion including African, American, Asian and Aboriginal traditional idol worship (450 million followers) 5: Buddhism (400 million followers) 6: Chinese Folk religion including Taoism and Confucianism (400 million) 7: Other religions including Judaism, Shinto, Sikhism, Zoroastrianism, Wicca and Rastafarianism (60million).

***“The mountain of the Lord’s House shall be established on the top of the mountains”***

We were reminded that the mountain of religion is occupied by the Perrizites, which means “unwalled and one who dwells in an open country”, speaking of a life without boundaries but also meaning “to separate or divide” which reflects the fact that religion is one of the most divisive forces on earth today. Pastor Tayo explained that more wars have been fought in the name of religion than for any other cause and that in the past 2000 years, millions have died as a result of religious conflict and sadly, millions more possibly will. The greatest threat to the future of the world, he observed was not AIDS or climate change or any other natural disaster, but religion, noting from history that the Crusades and Inquisition, the Islamic Jihads and more recently Ethnic cleansing and 9/11 were all the result of misplaced religious zeal and also that nuclear proliferation, military invasions, destabilisation of governments and terrorist attacks are all tools being used to advance the cause of religion.

Drawing our attention to Isaiah 2:2-4 and Jeremiah 1:10, Pastor Tayo made clear that in taking the mountain of religion, we have to replace it with something more powerful and supplant it with that which is superior. In doing so, he explained, we have to be mindful of two deceptions of the enemy; one being a deception that works from within and the other a deception that works from without: Tolerance and Liberalism, which he explained as follows:

**Tolerance** is a deception that works from without and seemingly innocently, starts from the premise that we should all try and get along and that therefore each of us having our own beliefs should not seek to force our beliefs on each other. From there however, it demands that we accept different beliefs as being valid, wherein lies the deception as it is invariably in the interests of those subscribing to an inferior or erroneous belief system to encourage the equal and universal acceptance and validity of all belief systems. Islam, Pastor Tayo declared, is simply not the same as Christianity because Islam does not acknowledge that Jesus is the son of God; Hinduism is not the same as Christianity because whereas Hinduism acknowledges 330 million gods and are indeed happy to add Jesus as an extra god, God says *“You shall have no other gods before me”* and Jesus says *“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life and no-one comes to the Father except through me”*. By the same token, Pastor Tayo continued, Buddhism is not the same as Christianity as whereas it advances the view that after many cycles of death and re-incarnation the state of perfection is attained, the bible states that *“it is appointed for men to die once and after this the judgment.”*

Tolerance, Pastor Tayo explained is the reason why the children of Israel never fully inherited the Promised Land as they made allowances and alliances, as could be seen from the account in Judges 1:1-5, 19, 27, and 29-34. Whilst this did not mean that involvement in multi-faith initiatives were to be discouraged, collaboration should never cross the line into a compromise of convictions.

We were shown that **Liberalism** is a deception from within that encourages us to be “progressive” with our thinking, shunning the “outdated” tenets of our faith in order that we may “move with the

times”, thereby undermining the very foundational truths of our faith, a situation dealt with in Psalm 11:3 which poses the question “*if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?*”

Pastor Tayo explained that it was liberalism that had led people into the place of deception whereby they considered that people should have the freedom to make up their own minds and should not be expected to accept everything in the bible. This however was the sin that caused Adam and Eve to fall in the garden as they decided that they would make up their own minds about good and evil and wanted their eyes to be open. This, we were shown, was a classic illustration of the workings of liberalism which in introducing a faulty belief system, invariably led to faulty behaviour, making room for the things that God’s word forbids such as idolatry and moral and sexual perversion, as the truth remained that our beliefs determine our behaviour.

We were shown that the enemy, in seeking to entice us with liberalism does it in stages, by means of subtle negotiation, much in the same way that Pharaoh negotiated with Moses when faced with the demand to let God’s people go. The enemy first attempts to prevent people worshiping God at all in the same way that Pharaoh refused Moses’ demand outright; if he fails, he will permit worship but tell us to leave Jesus out of it, leaving us with a vague and symbolic form of worship rather than a personal relationship with Jesus. If he fails at that he seeks us to leave the Holy Spirit out of our relationship and if he fails at that, he seeks to negotiate for us to leave the power of the Holy Spirit out of the picture, anything to keep us from true worship.

Explaining further, Pastor Tayo noted that when the children of Israel eventually left Egypt, a “mixed multitude” went with them and “yielded to intense craving” (Number 11:4), we were shown that if it was not possible for the enemy to get us to leave something behind (liberalism) it was the strategy of the enemy to get us to take something else with us (tolerance).

### ***Worship in Spirit and in Truth***

Making reference to Jesus’ encounter with the woman at the well in John 4: 19-24, Pastor Tayo explained that the only way to take the mountain of the Perrizites is for us to worship God in spirit and in truth and that for each of us, our priority should be to commit both know the spirit and live in the spirit and to know the truth and live in the truth: As it was impossible to advance the Kingdom of God without the power of the Holy Spirit, it was essential for us to commit to living and walking in power of the Holy Spirit as it was for us to live the word, namely going beyond having a head-knowledge of the word, but the word coming alive and becoming flesh in us.

In answer to the question as to whom God would use to take the mountain of religion, drawing our attention to Ephesians 2: 19-22, Pastor Tayo explained that God was raising up Prophets and Apostles: Prophets to bring correction (bringing understanding and revelation as to what is wrong or amiss in worship) and Apostles to bring order (bringing revelation as to God’s ordained pattern for worship). This, he noted, was reflected in the reference made to the two witnesses Revelation 11:3-12, denoting Moses and Elijah, the Apostle and the Prophet.

In concluding this powerful message, Pastor Tayo explained that taking the mountain of religion started from within; firstly within our hearts and then within our churches. He reminded us that we needed a living vibrant relationship with the Holy Spirit and a living vibrant relationship with the word of God. The mountain of the Perrizites will not be taken by dialogue but in the Power of the Holy Spirit. In prayer, we received wisdom superior to the intellect of the world and a demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit that cannot be explained away and were left in no doubt that we will see the mountain of the Lord’s House established on top of the mountains and exalted above the hills and will glorify God as the people say Come let us go to the House of the Lord!”

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