

PREACHER'S GUIDE

FOR THE

2022 JANUARY OPEN AIR PREACHING

OF THE

ETERNAL SACRED ORDER OF THE CHERUBIM AND SERAPHIM





DAY SIX: SATURDAY
TOPIC: BREAKING LIMITS THROUGH GRACE
TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:9-10

“For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me” - 1 Cor. 15:9-10 (KJV)

In living our day to day life, we are faced with obstacles and limitations, whose target is to attempt to derail us, so that we are unable to do exploits. In all spheres of life, ranging from our places of work to even the House of God, we find ourselves surrounded by mountains and challenges whose sole aim is to stop our progressive movement in life. However, this is not enough reason for a believer to fail to do great exploits. God expects the believer, not just to overcome these challenges but to also break limits and set new records, despite these challenges. He expects us to break limits and set new records because He has made provision for this. By making his grace available for us, He has provided us with everything we need to break limits and set new records.

To break Limits is to interrupt the continuity of a Limitation and set a new world record. It is not something we can achieve by our human capabilities. We can only achieve it by the grace of God. We learn from the Word of God that without Jesus, we can do nothing (John 15:5). We may have experienced set-backs over the years, with several limitations being successful in preventing us from breaking limits, all because we have been attempting to break these limits without Jesus in the picture. The exercise will end futile, without yielding any results. Today, we are here to introduce you to the only one who can help you to break limits and set new records. He is Jesus Christ. As you accept Him into your life and receive His grace, you will automatically re-position yourself to become a limit breaker. You need to change your own story by accepting Jesus into your life, without any further delays.

After we successfully break limits and achieve great exploits, we will look back and realize that we were only able to make it by the grace of God and not by our personal struggle. Like the Apostle Paul, our testimony will be that we are what we are by the grace of God and that the grace of God bestowed upon us was not in vain, because it's obvious that we used it to break limits, set new records and achieve great exploits.

Let us look at some of these Limitations that Jesus is here today to break in our Lives so that we can begin to set new World Records:

1. **Self-Imposed Limits:** Many of us have imposed Limits on ourselves because of our fears. These are self-appraisal limits. As we live our lives without Jesus, we end up imposing limits that are in most cases, inexistent, upon ourselves. We see an example in Proverbs 22:13: *“The slothful man saith, There is a lion without, I shall be slain in the streets”*. To break this kind of limitation, you must accept Jesus Christ into your life and your testimony will change. You will then have a “can-do” mentality and be able to set new records. Your testimony will now be: *“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me (Phil. 4:13). If a thousand Lions like,*



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occupy the streets, the God who gave Samson strength to kill a Lion with His bare hands

will strengthen me to overcome these limitations". May this be your testimony in Jesus name – Amen.

2. **Limits Imposed by the enemy:** Nehemiah was trying to break Limits and re-build the temple, but Tobias and Sanballat tried to become a source of limitation to the work he was doing. By speaking to God in prayers and equipping the workers to be ready to resist the limitation, He was able to break these limits by the grace of God. Today, you too can overcome the limitations imposed on you by the enemy as you receive Jesus Christ into your life. You will receive the new grace to pray efficacious prayers of faith that will change your story. See a typical example from the scriptures: *And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions. Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens (Heb 11:31-34)*
3. **Sin:** The only way to be exalted in life is to live in Righteousness. The Bible teaches that Righteousness exalts (Pr 14:34). This obviously means that sin is a limitation and a barrier. A lot of people listening to us today are unable to break the limitation of sin in their lives because Jesus is missing in their lives. They get overcome by every manner of temptation because they are yet to invite Jesus Christ into their life to be their Lord and personal saviour. To make it in life, you must break the limitation of sin upon your life through the grace of God. It's only by grace that one can overcome sin. Trying to overcome sin by your personal struggle will never yield the desired dividends. Without God's grace, we can never be able to break the limitation of sin. It is God's Grace that empowers us to overcome sin and teaches us to say "No to Ungodliness and worldly lusts" (Titus 2:11-12). It's after we break the limitation of sin by the grace of God that we are repositioned to set new records, as is expected of the Children of the heavenly King
4. **Spiritual Limitations:** You can only be limited by altars of darkness or the works of Satan if there is no Jesus in your life. You may be arguing that this does not happen, but if you get into the Bible, you will see several instances of people who were limited due to spiritual manipulations. In the days of Zechariah, the Bible talks about four horns that will not allow anyone to lift up His head or achieve anything in life. These People could not destroy these horns by their own power. It took divine intervention before this Limitation was destroyed (Zech 1:18-21). If over the years, you have been limited by evil and demonic forces, the Year 2022 is your Year. As soon as you receive Jesus into your life, He will completely destroy these limitations and destroy every work of Satan upon your life (1 John 3:8)

When we understand the power of God's grace, we will know that no kind of limitation can stand the grace of God. This explains why God assured Zerubbabel that all Mountains standing as a limitation in his effort to rebuild the temple will soon be levelled to base line, by the grace of God (Zech. 4:7). It's a known fact that no Mountain can stand the grace of God. There are endless Biblical examples of breaking limits by the grace of God. You too can break limits by the grace of God. You only need to believe in Jesus Christ, accept Him into your life, receive God's grace and you too will be numbered among the limit breakers, who were able to achieve great exploits by the grace of God.



DAY SEVEN: SUNDAY

TOPIC: THE SUFFICIENCY OF GOD'S GRACE

TEXT: 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

“And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me”. (2 Cor 12:9)

Our Text in 2 Corinthians 12 teaches us a very important lesson on the sufficiency of God's Grace. We see that the Apostle Paul was suffering from what looks like a weakness, a handicap or an infirmity. It's not an imaginary issue. It's a real, thorn in the flesh, so real that St Paul says that He wants to glory in it (See Verse 9). Being a thorn in the flesh, it must have subjected him to immense pain. It was described as a “Messenger of Satan” (See Verse 7). Its purpose was to keep him in check so that he does not get proud because of his gifts (see verse 6-7). He prayed earnestly and on at least three occasions, asked God to take the thorn away from Him, but it still did not go away. Rather, God told Him that He has given Him grace that is sufficient to live with the thorn, grace that extinguishes the pain inflicted on him by the thorn. Notice that God does not answer the Prayer in the way he expected, but God still answered Him. From the moment grace was made available to Him, He began to glory in those infirmities and to take pleasure in them (verse 9-10), and because he realized that they were the only reason behind God's decision to shower His sufficient grace on Him, he began to appreciate their presence in his life.

We see from the passage that all St Paul needed at that time of need was God's grace. The same applies to you. No matter what you are passing through, God's grace is sufficient to change your story. God's grace is all you need. Once God responds to your cry for help with His grace, you will realize that everything will become fine again. You only need to receive Jesus Christ into your life as your Lord and personal saviour and you will see His grace upon your life, making you strong when you are weak, turning you into a “Super Human” because God has given you his grace and his power to deal with your challenges.

The grace of God is all sufficient. There is no issue or challenge in your life that it cannot resolve. Infact, the best thing that can happen to anyone is to receive God's all sufficient grace, for it's a gift that cannot be valuated in monetary terms. Let us take a look at some of life's challenges that can be neutralized by God's all sufficient grace:

- 1. God's Grace is sufficient to cover your Sin and complete your transformation:** Jesus paid the price to redeem us from sin, cover our sins and purify us to Himself (Titus 2:14). Jesus died once for all people and all sin (1 John 1:9-10). You must never loose focus of



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when coming to God for the forgiveness of your sins. Jesus paid the price for your sins, such that sin will no more have dominion over you (Rom 6:14). The grace of Jesus

Chris has completed in full, what the Law could not complete (Romans 8:3-4), such that believers can be fully transformed to be able live above sin by the grace of God. If you are still struggling with a sense of guilt over your sins or you are still living in sin because you are not fully transformed, all you need is God's grace and you will become a new creature in Christ, transformed and empowered to live above sin.

2. **God's grace is sufficient to give you strength in times of Weakness/Helpless:** From our text, we saw that the Grace of God gave the Apostle Paul strength in his time of weakness and helplessness. Each time you are helpless, or you feel intimidated or you are faced with challenges that seem too big for you or you need to battle giants too big for you, know that God's grace is all you need. Go for God's grace, be filled with God's grace and you will surely emerge victorious.
3. **God's grace is sufficient to heal you of Sickness/Infirmary:** In 1 Peter 2:24, the Bible teaches that Jesus Christ suffered for our sins, was wounded for our transgressions and by his stripes, we are healed. He paid the price for our healing on the Cross. In times of sickness and infirmity, all we need is God's grace and by His wounds on the day he paid the price for our healing, we receive divine healing.
4. **God's grace is sufficient to bring you out of Poverty:** *"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich"* (2 Cor 8:9). A carrier of God's grace is not permitted to live in abject poverty, with no access to food and other basic necessities of life because Jesus was made poor that by His grace, we might be rich. God's grace is all you need to come out of poverty.
5. **God's Grace is sufficient to equip you for soul winning:** The Apostles of old were known for performing great and wonderful miracles during the course of preaching the gospel because they were full of grace. (Acts 14:3, 4:33). If you are unable to kick off your Ministry or do God's work or evangelize the gospel or perform miracles, know that once you receive the grace of God, all these failures will become a thing of the past.
6. **God's Grace is sufficient to give you Victory over evil and demonic forces:** You must never forget that all you need to overcome Satan and all manner of dark evil forces is the grace of God. If you are battling Satanic altars, demonic projections, monitoring mirrors, charms, mesmerism, please know that the only way you can overcome is by the grace of God. You can't overcome these forces unless God fights for you by Himself and showers His grace upon you. See this: *And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.* (Rom 16:20)



7. **God's grace is sufficient to supply all your Needs:** What you need is immaterial. God's grace is able to supply all of it (Phil 4:19). Maybe you need shelter or a job or a life Partner, be certain that God is able to supply all these needs according to His riches in glory through Christ Jesus, so that you too, on receiving all round sufficiency can be a blessing to others (2 Cor 9:8). There is no need to trust in worldly riches or in the power of men (1 Tim 6:17). So far as the Lord Jesus is your shepherd, you will never want (Psalm 23:1). You are sure that once you come boldly to the throne of Grace, cry out to the Lord for help in prayer, God will hear and supply our all our needs (Heb 4:16). As a result, the Word of God teaches us not to worry over anything like the Gentiles do, but to seek first the Kingdom and we will see God supplying all our needs by His grace (Matt 6:25-34).