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Series:

Sermon: Living in the Blessing- How to handle your Holy Haters

Don't do on accident what your enemies are trying to do on purpose

Numbers 24:1-14; - (KJV) 1 And when Balaam saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness. 2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes; and the spirit of God came upon him. 3 And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said: 4 He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open: 5 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel! 6 As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lign aloes which the Lord hath planted, and as cedar trees beside the waters. 7 He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted. 8 God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows. 9 He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee. 10 And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together: and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed them these three times. 11 Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto great honour; but, lo, the Lord hath kept thee back from honour.

12 And Balaam said unto Balak, Spake I not also to thy messengers which thou sentest unto me, saying, 13 If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the Lord, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; but what the Lord saith, that will I speak? 14 And now, behold, I go unto my people: come therefore, and I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days.

Numbers 25:1-3 - (KJV) 1 And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab. 2 And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. 3 And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel.

Once you start advancing, you automatically pick up some attackers.

He saw advancement, and in his fear, because he is afraid of them, he does not approve of their advancement, so he hires assassins.

King's request - Balak went to another level. He begins to hire assassins. Balaam was caught up by Balak's lure. Whenever you sell your ministry for money, you've got a problem. Some of

us can flirt with the idea of being paid for our favor. Balaam does not go on the first couple of times, but the third time God told him to go but say what He says say.

Donkey's resistance - Balaam's donkey was more spiritual more than Balaam. The donkey spoke to Balaam and said he never disobeyed him but since he was going against God, He was going to go against Balaam.

Angel's Revelation – The Angel of the Lord revealed to Balaam his fate had not the donkey not resisted his instruction.

Our enemies don't have the power that we give them.

Understand the sufficiency and security in being in God's favor. Their approval, their being afraid of you and doing things out of fear, or their assassination attempts don't stop your advancement. Our strength is Not in the avoidance of storms but the overcoming of storms.

We don't need to fear the external, but we need to fear the internal. If God is blessing you, why can't you enjoy it?

Balaam reminded that it is not what I say it is what God says. God even hires ungodly to deal with ungodly.

Our enemies don't have the power that we give them. We must understand the sufficiency and security in being in God's favor. Nobody on the outside that can damage your relationship with God. How anointed abandonment occurs:

1. Forward movement stopped - They settled down. They stop advancing to the blessing.
2. Fatal Attraction - They saw some stuff and it became a fatal attraction. They took victim by fatal attraction. How good looking is he or she that can make you forget about God? They were advancing to a blessing and they stopped for the sexual, sensual, that goes toward spiritual. What captured them was a lethal lure. Looking good ain't looking God.
3. False Adoration - The fatal attraction lead to false adoration. They went from worship to woman. Who trades in a genuine thing for a phony thing? They went to church with them and they started worshipping lesser gods.
4. Forfeited divine favor. They made the people happy but God mad. The forfeited divine favor for human friendship.

When we begin to lower God down, we can separate ourselves from Him. If you keep walking and talking with God, He will keep walking and talking with you. Stop worrying about people. It is not an external factor you have to fear. Don't abandon your anointing, instead

1. Have confidence in God. The devil can't make you important, he can make you impotent.
2. Stay consistent to God no matter what. Don't give little gods, God's space.
3. You must learn to celebrate your communion with God. We must praise Him.