



THE
DANGEROUS
BIRDS
ARE FLYING

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THEME: IN A TIME LIKE THIS

TEXT: ECCL. 3:6-7

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INTRODUCTION

- Like business men and women wake up every day and move to their shops or business centers, the civil servants to their offices because of the values attached to these life endeavors,
- so the devil moves to everywhere valuable things are kept also.
- The true meaning and value of life are kept in the heart of Christians.

PRESENTATION

A. DEFINITION OF THE KEY WORDS ON THE TOPIC

- **DANGEROUS:** to do something likely to injure or harm somebody or to damage or destroy something.
- **BIRDS:** a creature that is covered with feathers and has two wings and two legs.

B. THE PHYSICAL BIRDS

Hornbill Bird.

- **Hausa:** Tsaguwa.
- **Idoma:** Ogbili.
- **Oron:** Ikpiakak
- **Igede:** Ekpiri.

- **Tiv: Iviongu.**

Kestrel Bird

- **Hausa: Tsuntsun.**
- **Idoma: Akwu nwilo or Akwu njiri.**
- **Oron: ufot udede.**
- **Igede: Akwu nyinyi.**
- **Tiv: Akiki.**

Crown Crane Bird.

- **Hausa: Dan kura.**
- **Idoma: Oturukpo.**
- **Oron: Mbok.**
- **Igede: Otugbo.**
- **Tiv: Mtsaan.**

C. CONTEXTUAL ANALYSIS

Mark 4:3-4 says" listen! a farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.

Contextually, these verses are part of the parable of the sower, where Jesus teaches about the kingdom of God and how people respond to the word of God.

In this specific verses, the seed represent the word of God, and the path represent the harden heart.

The birds that devour the seed symbolize Satan, who snatches away the word from those who don't understand or receive it.

These verses highlight the importance of having a receptive heart to God's word.

When we don't allow God's word to penetrate and remain in our hearts, we are like the path, where the word is quickly taken away.

D. THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON THE CHURCH

Division

- Among leaders and youths.
- Low attendance in all church activities.
- One of the reasons, low attendance has become a dangerous bird in the church is because there is no exemplary leadership in some areas.

Unforgiveness

- The spirit of unforgiveness is dangerous and destructive to the life of Christians.
- Therefore, Forgiveness is sacrosanct to every Christian who actually wants to make heaven,
- So, let us understand and practice forgiveness as a responsibility and not as a wish,
- Let us understand that we are product of forgiveness, we must forgive to be forgiven and that forgiveness helps both the forgiver and the forgiven to get closer to God. Rom. 3:23-26, Matt. 18: 25-35.

Turn Around You And See

- Who are you still holding grudges against?
- Who do you need to forgive?.
- Lack of absolute love among us.

E. WHAT MUST WE DO? GEN. 15:9-11

- Understand and accept the reality and dangers involved.
- Be humble enough to repent genuinely.
- Pray without season 1 Thess. 5:17-18.
- Kill the "self."
- A man's desire, decision and behavior in line with "self" is the most dangerous bird in his life.

Note: Goliath, the champion couldn't hurt David but adultery destroyed his family,

The gentile nation couldn't hurt Moses but his anger stopped him from entering the promised Land.

When King Jeroboam stretched his hand against the prophet, his hand dried up, he couldn't hurt him but his own disobedience turn him to prey for a lion.

Therefore,

The matter how much we are endowed with values of life and blessings from above, or how long we have been in the church or how much knowledge of the Bible we have acquired,

If the word and fear of God is not richly dwell and seeing in us, the DANGEROUS BIRDS would always have their ways in our lives.

CONCLUSION

Hebrews 10:24

Says, "and let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

How are we spurring or encouraging one another?

- **In Our Speech.**
- **In Conduct.**
- **In Generosity**
- **In Love.**