

Message Six

The High and Awesome Wheels

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Scripture Reading: Ezek. 1:15-21

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- Ezek 1:19 And whenever the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and whenever the living creatures were lifted up above the earth, the wheels were lifted up also.
- Ezek 1:20 Wherever the Spirit was to go, they went—wherever the Spirit was to go. And the wheels were lifted up alongside them, for the Spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.
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I. The entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation presents a full picture of the economy of God (Eph. 1:10; 3:9; 1 Tim. 1:4) and of God's move on earth to carry out His economy:

- Eph 1:10 Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him;
- Eph 3:9 And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,
- 1 Tim 1:4 Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.
- A. In the book of Ezekiel God's economy and God's move in His economy are signified by a wheel—1:15:
- Ezek 1:15 And as I watched the living creatures, I saw a wheel upon the earth beside the living creatures, for each of their four faces.
1. The hub of this great wheel signifies Christ as the center of God's economy, and the rim signifies Christ's counterpart, the church, which consummates in the New Jerusalem.
 2. The spokes of the wheel spreading from the hub to the rim signify the many believers as the members of Christ.
- B. The appearing of the wheels on the earth beside the living creatures indicates that God's move on earth follows the coordination of the four living creatures.
- C. The move by a wheel implies an extraordinary move with a purpose.
- D. Furthermore, it implies that this move is not by our own strength.
- E. The wheels being for the four faces of the living creatures (v. 15) indicates that if we would have the Lord's move, we must first live out the Lord, expressing Him (Rom. 13:14; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:19-21).
- Ezek 1:15 And as I watched the living creatures, I saw a wheel upon the earth beside the living creatures, for each of their four faces.
- Rom 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to fulfill its lusts.
- Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
- Phil 1:19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
- Phil 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body,

whether through life or through death.
Phil 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

II. By the side of every living creature there is a high and awesome wheel—Ezek. 1:15-21:

- Ezek 1:15 And as I watched the living creatures, I saw a wheel upon the earth beside the living creatures, for each of their four faces.
- Ezek 1:16 The appearance of the wheels and their workmanship were like the sight of beryl. And the four of them had one likeness; that is, their appearance and their workmanship were as it were a wheel within a wheel.
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- A. The move of the wheels is the special, extraordinary move of the Lord for His eternal purpose by Him as our strength, power, and supply—cf. vv. 5-8, 19-20.
- Ezek 1:5 And from the midst of it there came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: They had the likeness of a man.
- Ezek 1:6 And every one had four faces, and every one of them had four wings.
- Ezek 1:7 And their feet were straight feet, and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like the sight of burnished bronze.
- Ezek 1:8 And the hands of a man were under their wings on their four sides. And the four of them had their faces and their wings thus:
- Ezek 1:19 And whenever the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and whenever the living creatures were lifted up above the earth, the wheels were lifted up also.
- Ezek 1:20 Wherever the Spirit was to go, they went-wherever the Spirit was to go. And the wheels were lifted up alongside them, for the Spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.
- B. Our God is living (1 Tim. 3:15; Heb. 3:12), our Lord is moving (Matt. 16:18), and the Spirit is working (Rev. 5:6b) to carry out His eternal economy (cf. Dan. 11:32b).
- 1 Tim 3:15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.
- Heb 3:12 Beware, brothers, lest perhaps there be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief in falling away from the living God.
- Matt 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
- Rev 5:6b ... having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.
- Dan 11:32b ... But the people who know their God will show strength and take action.
- C. God's move is the move of His economy in man to deify man to bring forth the one new man so that God in Christ may have His corporate expression and administration—Ezek. 1:10, 13, 15, 26-27; Eph. 2:15; 4:22-24; Col. 3:10-11.
- Ezek 1:10 As for the likeness of their faces, they had the face of a man; and the four of them had the face of a lion on the right side, and the four of them had the face of an ox on the left side, and the four of them had the face of an eagle.
- Ezek 1:13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches; the fire went to and fro among the living creatures, and the fire was bright; and out of the fire went forth lightning.
- Ezek 1:15 And as I watched the living creatures, I saw a wheel upon the earth beside the living creatures, for each of their four faces.
- Ezek 1:26 And above the expanse that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, like the appearance of a sapphire stone; and upon the likeness of the throne was One in

- appearance like a man, above it.
- Ezek 1:27 Then I saw something like the sight of electrum, like the appearance of fire encased all around, from the appearance of His loins and upward; and from the appearance of His loins and downward, I saw something like the appearance of fire. And there was brightness all around Him.
- Eph 2:15 Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, so making peace,
- Eph 4:22 That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit,
- Eph 4:23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind
- Eph 4:24 And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.
- Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
- Col 3:11 Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.
- D. Every local church and every individual believer should have a high and awesome wheel with them—cf. Acts 13:1-2:
- Acts 13:1 Now there were in Antioch, in the local church, prophets and teachers: Barnabas and Simeon, who was called Niger, and Lucius the Cyrenian, and Manaen, the foster brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
- Acts 13:2 And as they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Set apart for Me now Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.
1. In order to participate in the Lord's move, we must have a personal, affectionate, private, and spiritual relationship with Him—S. S. 1:2-4; Mark 12:30.
 - S.S. 1:2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! / For your love is better than wine.
 - S.S. 1:3 Your anointing oils have a pleasant fragrance; / Your name is like ointment poured forth; / Therefore the virgins love you.
 - S.S. 1:4 Draw me; we will run after you - The king has brought me into his chambers - / We will be glad and rejoice in you; / We will extol your love more than wine. / Rightly do they love you.
 - Mark 12:30 And you shall love the Lord your God from your whole heart and from your whole soul and from your whole mind and from your whole strength."
 2. In order to participate in the Lord's move, we can go in His going, give in His giving, and pray in His praying:
 - a. We need to follow the Lamb wherever He may go, living a life of the altar and the tent by taking heed to our spirit and by honoring Christ as the Head and as the Body— Rev. 14:4; Gen. 12:7-8; 13:3-4, 18; Mal. 2:15-16; 2 Cor. 2:13; 7:5-6; 1 John 1:3.
 - Rev 14:4 These are they who have not been defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are they who follow the Lamb wherever He may go. These were purchased from among men as firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.
 - Gen 12:7 And Jehovah appeared to Abram and said, To your seed I will give this land. And there he built an altar to Jehovah who had appeared to him.
 - Gen 12:8 And he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to Jehovah and called upon the name of Jehovah.
 - Gen 13:3 And he continued on his journey from the Negev as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai,
 - Gen 13:4 To the place of the altar, which he had made there formerly; and there Abram called on the name of Jehovah.
 - Gen 13:18 And Abram moved his tent and came and dwelt by the oaks of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and there he built an altar to Jehovah.
 - Mal 2:15 But did He not make them one? And the remnant of the Spirit was His. And why the one? He sought the seed of God. Take heed then to your spirit, and let no one be treacherous to the wife of his youth.
 - Mal 2:16 For I hate divorce, says Jehovah the God of Israel; and he who does it

- behaves in violence, says Jehovah of hosts. Take heed then to your spirit, and do not be treacherous.
- 2 Cor 2:13 I had no rest in my spirit, for I did not find Titus my brother; but taking leave of them, I went forth into Macedonia.
- 2 Cor 7:5 For even when we came into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were afflicted in everything; without were fightings, within were fears.
- 2 Cor 7:6 But He who comforts those who are downcast, that is, God, comforted us by the coming of Titus;
- 1 John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard we report also to you that you also may have fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.
- b. We need to be cheerful givers, becoming fellow workers in the truth—2 Cor. 9:6-7; 3 John 7-8.
- 2 Cor 9:6 But take note of this: He who sows sparingly shall also sparingly reap; and he who sows with blessings shall also with blessings reap;
- 2 Cor 9:7 Each one as he has purposed in his heart, not out of sorrow or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver.
- 3 John 7 For on behalf of the Name they went out, taking nothing from the Gentiles.
- 3 John 8 We therefore ought to support such ones that we may become fellow workers in the truth.
- c. We need to cooperate with the Lord through prayer to carry out His move, acting together with the acting God for the accomplishment of His economy as seen in the book of Acts:
- 1) We need the prayer that brought in the outpouring of the Spirit—1:14; 2:1-4, 16-17a.
- Acts 1:14 These all continued steadfastly with one accord in prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.
- Acts 2:1 And as the day of Pentecost was being fulfilled, they were all together in the same place.
- Acts 2:2 And suddenly there was a sound out of heaven, as of a rushing violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.
- Acts 2:3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which were distributed; and it sat on each one of them;
- Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, even as the Spirit gave to them to speak forth.
- Acts 2:16 But this is what is spoken through the prophet Joel:
- Acts 2:17a "And it shall be in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh, ...
- 2) We need the prayer that shook the earth and empowered the disciples with the Holy Spirit for the speaking of the word with boldness— 4:24-31.
- Acts 4:24 And when they heard this, they lifted up their voice with one accord to God and said, Sovereign Master, You are the One who has made heaven and earth and the sea and all things in them,
- Acts 4:25 Who, through the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David Your servant, has said, "Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples devise vain things?"
- Acts 4:26 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord and against His Christ."
- Acts 4:27 For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,
- Acts 4:28 To do what Your hand and Your counsel predestined to take place.
- Acts 4:29 And now, Lord, look upon their threatenings and grant Your slaves to speak Your word with all boldness,
- Acts 4:30 While stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may take place through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.

- Acts 4:31 And when they had so besought, the place in which they were gathered was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.
- 3) We need to give ourselves continually to and continue steadfastly in prayer and in the ministry of the word—6:4.
- Acts 6:4 But we will continue steadfastly in prayer and in the ministry of the word.
- 4) We need the prayer that brought Peter into a trance and brought a heavenly vision to him—10:9-16.
- Acts 10:9 And on the next day as they were journeying and drawing near to the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray around the sixth hour.
- Acts 10:10 And he became very hungry and wanted to eat. And while they were preparing, a trance came upon him;
- Acts 10:11 And he beheld heaven opened, and a certain vessel like a great sheet descending, being let down by four corners onto the earth,
- Acts 10:12 In which were all the four-footed animals and reptiles of the earth and birds of heaven.
- Acts 10:13 And a voice came to him: Rise up, Peter; slay and eat!
- Acts 10:14 But Peter said, By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything common and unclean.
- Acts 10:15 And a voice came to him again a second time: The things that God has cleansed, do not make common.
- Acts 10:16 And this occurred three times; and immediately the vessel was taken up into heaven.
- 5) We need the prayer that opened the prison gate for Peter—12:4-14.
- Acts 12:4 Whom also he seized and put in prison, delivering him to four quaternions of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people.
- Acts 12:5 So then Peter was kept in the prison; but prayer was being made fervently by the church to God concerning him.
- Acts 12:6 And when Herod was about to bring him forward, that night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains; and guards before the door were keeping the prison.
- Acts 12:7 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shined in the cell; and he struck Peter's side and roused him, saying, Rise up quickly. And his chains fell off his hands.
- Acts 12:8 And the angel said to him, Gird yourself and tie on your sandals. And he did so. And he said to him, Throw your cloak around you and follow me.
- Acts 12:9 And he went out and followed him; yet he did not know that what was taking place through the angel was real, but thought that he was seeing a vision.
- Acts 12:10 And passing the first guard and the second, they came to the iron gate that leads into the city, which opened of itself to them. And going out, they went forward one lane; and immediately the angel departed from him.
- Acts 12:11 And Peter came to himself and said, Now I know truly that the Lord has sent forth His angel and rescued me out of Herod's hand and from all the expectation of the Jewish people.
- Acts 12:12 And when he became aware of this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John, who was surnamed Mark, where there was a considerable number assembled together and praying.
- Acts 12:13 And when he knocked at the door of the entry, a maiden named Rhoda came to listen.
- Acts 12:14 And when she recognized Peter's voice, she did not open the gate for joy, but ran in and reported that Peter was standing before the entry.

- 6) We need the prayer that brought the five prophets and teachers into the Lord's commission—13:1-4.
- Acts 13:1 Now there were in Antioch, in the local church, prophets and teachers: Barnabas and Simeon, who was called Niger, and Lucius the Cyrenian, and Manaen, the foster brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.
- Acts 13:2 And as they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Set apart for Me now Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.
- Acts 13:3 Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.
- Acts 13:4 They then, having been sent out by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia; and from there they sailed away to Cyprus.
- 7) We need the prayer that brought in a great earthquake and shook the foundation of the prison— 16:23-26.
- Acts 16:23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them securely,
- Acts 16:24 Who, having received such a charge, threw them into the inner prison and secured their feet in the stocks.
- Acts 16:25 And about midnight Paul and Silas, while praying, sang hymns of praise to God; and the prisoners were listening to them.
- Acts 16:26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken. And instantly all the doors were opened and everyone's bonds were unfastened.
- 8) We need the prayer that brought Paul into a trance and into the Lord's speaking to him—22:17-21.
- Acts 22:17 And when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, I went into a trance;
- Acts 22:18 And I saw Him saying to me, Hurry, and go quickly out of Jerusalem, because they will not accept your testimony concerning Me.
- Acts 22:19 And I said, Lord, they know that I was imprisoning and beating from synagogue to synagogue those who believe on You;
- Acts 22:20 And when the blood of Your witness Stephen was being shed, I myself also was standing by and approving and keeping the garments of those who did away with him.
- Acts 22:21 And He said to me, Go, for I will send you forth far away to the Gentiles.

III. The high and awesome wheels being upon the earth shows that God needs a move on the earth—Ezek. 1:15; Matt. 6:10:

Ezek 1:15 And as I watched the living creatures, I saw a wheel upon the earth beside the living creatures, for each of their four faces.

Matt 6:10 Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth.

A. Beryl is the appearance of the Lord when He is moving; the wheels having the appearance of beryl indicates that wherever the move of the wheels goes, it brings the appearance of the Lord—Ezek. 1:16a; Dan. 10:6.

Ezek 1:16a The appearance of the wheels and their workmanship were like the sight of beryl. ...

Dan 10:6 His body also was like beryl, His face like the appearance of lightning, His eyes like torches of fire, His arms and His feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of His words like the sound of a multitude.

B. The wheels having the same appearance indicates that the move of the Lord has the same likeness and appearance in every church—Ezek. 1:16b; 1 Cor. 4:17; 7:17; 11:16; 14:33; 16:1; Rev. 1:12; 1 Thes. 2:14.

Ezek 1:16b ... And the four of them had one likeness; that is, their appearance and their workmanship were as it were a wheel within a wheel.

- 1 Cor 4:17 Because of this I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, even as I teach everywhere in every church.
- 1 Cor 7:17 However as the Lord has apportioned to each one, as God has called each one, so let him walk. And so I direct in all the churches.
- 1 Cor 11:16 But if anyone seems to be contentious, we do not have such a custom of being so, neither the churches of God.
- 1 Cor 14:34 The women should be silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they should be subject, even as the law also says.
- 1 Cor 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, just as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also do.
- Rev 1:12 And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me; and when I turned, I saw seven golden lampstands,
- 1 Thes 2:14 For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus, for you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, even as they also from the Jews,

C. The wheel within a wheel (Ezek. 1:16) shows the Lord's move in our move:

- Ezek 1:16 The appearance of the wheels and their workmanship were like the sight of beryl. And the four of them had one likeness; that is, their appearance and their workmanship were as it were a wheel within a wheel.
1. The inner wheel, the Lord as the hub, is the source of power for the moving of the outer wheel, the church as the rim.
 2. For Elijah to pray in a prayer means that the Lord's prayer was within his prayer; this is the wheel within a wheel— James 5:17:
James 5:17 Elijah was a man of like feeling with us, and he earnestly prayed that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months.
 - a. He did not pray in his feeling, thought, intention, or mood, or in any kind of motivation, arising from circumstances or situations, to fulfill his own purpose.
 - b. He prayed in the prayer given to him by the Lord for the accomplishing of His will—Rom. 8:26-27.
Rom 8:26 Moreover, in like manner the Spirit also joins in to help us in our weakness, for we do not know for what we should pray as is fitting, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
Rom 8:27 But He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to God.
 3. The inner wheel is the motor, the dynamo, the generator, that causes the wheel to move:
 - a. If our move is genuine, it must be that within our move is the move of the Lord—cf. 1:9; 8:16.
Rom 1:9 For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the gospel of His Son, how unceasingly I make mention of you always in my prayers,
Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.
 - b. In the church life the Lord Jesus is the hub—the wheel within the wheel—and we are the rim—cf. Col. 1:17-18.
Col 1:17 And He is before all things, and all things cohere in Him;
Col 1:18 And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

D. The wheels going in four directions and not turning as they went indicates a move in coordination, without any turns— Ezek. 1:17; cf. v. 12 and footnote 1.

- Ezek 1:17 Whenever they went, they went in their four directions; they did not turn as they went.
- Ezek 1:12 And each went ¹straight forward; wherever the Spirit was to go, they went; they did not turn as they went.

note 1 Lit., in the direction of their faces. The move of the living creatures is not individual but corporate. They move as one entity in coordination. Each of the living creatures faces one direction. As they face these four directions, two of their wings spread out and touch the adjacent creatures' wings, forming a square. When the living creatures

move, they do not need to turn; one moves straight forward while the opposite creature moves backward and the other two move sideways (v. 9). This is a beautiful picture of the coordination in the church as the Body of Christ, in which each member has his particular position and function, or ministry (Rom. 12:4-8; 1 Cor. 12:14-30; Eph. 4:7-16). When one member functions, he moves “straight forward” to fulfill his function, and the other members accommodate him by moving in the same direction, some moving “backward” and others moving “sideways.”

According to the vision of the four living creatures, the coordination of the believers as members of the Body of Christ results in the corporate expression of God in Christ, in the move of God on the earth, and in the administration of God on the throne, thus affording God a way to manifest His glory and accomplish His eternal purpose and plan. In order to participate in such a coordination, we need to have the spiritual experiences and the practical living symbolized by the details in vv. 4-12.

- E. In ourselves we should be small, but the wheel beside us, that is, the move of God’s economy with us, should be high and awesome—v. 18; 1 Cor. 15:9; 2 Cor. 11:5; 12:11; Eph. 3:8-11.
- Ezek 1:18 As for their rims, they were high and they were awesome; and the rims of the four of them were full of eyes all around.
- 1 Cor 15:9 For I am the least of the apostles, who am not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.
- 2 Cor 11:5 But I count myself to be inferior to the super-apostles in nothing.
- 2 Cor 12:11 I have become foolish; you yourselves have compelled me. For it is I who should have been commended by you; for in nothing am I inferior to the super-apostles, even though I am nothing.
- Eph 3:8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel
- Eph 3:9 And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,
- Eph 3:10 In order that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenlies the multifarious wisdom of God might be made known through the church,
- Eph 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,
- F. The high and awesome rims of the wheels being full of eyes indicates that if we are one with the Lord in His move, we will have His divine insight, foresight, and revelation—Ezek. 1:18; Eph. 1:17:
- Ezek 1:18 As for their rims, they were high and they were awesome; and the rims of the four of them were full of eyes all around.
- Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him,
1. The more we participate in the move of the Lord, the more we will be enlightened.
 2. The more we move, the more we will be able to see.
- G. The wheels following the living creatures indicates that the move of God’s work depends upon our moving; it also indicates that if we move in faith, the Lord will follow our move—Ezek. 1:19; 2 Cor. 5:7; 4:13, 18; cf. Eccl. 11:4.
- Ezek 1:19 And whenever the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and whenever the living creatures were lifted up above the earth, the wheels were lifted up also.
- 2 Cor 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by appearance)-
- 2 Cor 4:13 And having the same spirit of faith according to that which is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we also believe, therefore we also speak,
- 2 Cor 4:18 Because we do not regard the things which are seen but the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.
- Eccl 11:4 He who watches the wind will not sow, and he who looks at the clouds will not reap.
- H. The wheels follow the living creatures (Ezek. 1:19, 21), and the creatures follow the Spirit, but the Spirit is in the wheels:
- Ezek 1:19 And whenever the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and whenever the living creatures were lifted up above the earth, the wheels were lifted up also.

- Ezek 1:21 Whenever those went, these went; and whenever those stood still, these stood still; and whenever those were lifted up above the earth, the wheels were lifted up alongside them; for the Spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.
1. This indicates that the move of the Lord in our move is in the principle of incarnation—v. 20; cf. 1 Cor. 7:10, 12.
 - Ezek 1:20 Wherever the Spirit was to go, they went-wherever the Spirit was to go. And the wheels were lifted up alongside them, for the Spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.
 - 1 Cor 7:10 But to the married I charge, not I but the Lord, A wife must not be separated from her husband
 - 1 Cor 7:12 But to the rest I say, I, not the Lord, If any brother has an unbelieving wife and she consents to dwell with him, he must not leave her;
 2. This also indicates that we are one with the Lord, and He is one with us—6:17, 19; John 14:16-17; Acts 16:6-10; cf. Heb. 11:8, 27.
 - 1 Cor 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.
 - 1 Cor 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?
 - John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may be with you forever,
 - John 14:17 Even the Spirit of reality, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him; but you know Him, because He abides with you and shall be in you.
 - Acts 16:6 And they passed through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia.
 - Acts 16:7 And when they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, yet the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them.
 - Acts 16:8 And bypassing Mysia, they came down to Troas.
 - Acts 16:9 And a vision appeared to Paul during the night: A certain man, a Macedonian, was standing and entreating him and saying, Come over into Macedonia and help us.
 - Acts 16:10 And when he had seen the vision, we immediately endeavored to go forth into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to announce the gospel to them.
 - Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham, being called, obeyed to go out unto a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.
 - Heb 11:27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king, for he persevered as one seeing the unseen One.
 3. The Lord follows us, we follow the Spirit, and the Spirit is in the wheels—Ezek. 1:20-21.
 - Ezek 1:20 Wherever the Spirit was to go, they went-wherever the Spirit was to go. And the wheels were lifted up alongside them, for the Spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.
 - Ezek 1:21 Whenever those went, these went; and whenever those stood still, these stood still; and whenever those were lifted up above the earth, the wheels were lifted up alongside them; for the Spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.
 4. This is the Lord's move on earth today, and this is the Lord's recovery.