

Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying Message Ten : Eating the Scroll -- Eating and Digesting the Word of God

I. Overview :

Ezekiel ate the scroll and spoke with God's words, the apostle John ate the scroll and prophesied, and Jeremiah said that God's words being found, he ate them to become his heart's joy. The word of God is not mainly for knowledge but for nourishment. The way for getting dispensing is to eat, digest, and assimilate the Lord Jesus as food to be constituted with Him. Any believer who receives the divine dispensing by eating, digesting, and assimilating the Lord Jesus will live because of Him. Because we all partake of Christ as the one bread, the corporate Christ Christ, to carry out God's administration for the fulfillment of His eternal purpose.

II. Truth and Enlightenment :

Day 1 --

A. What do the Scriptures contain at least three examples of those who ate the Word of God?

The first is Jeremiah, who said, "Your words were found and I ate them..." To eat something is not merely to receive it, but to assimilate it, digest it, and make it a part of yourself. The second example is the prophet Ezekiel who ate the Word of God. The third example is in Rev.10, the apostle John also ate the Word of God.

B. How can we deal with the Bible properly?

The Bible is not only good for reading and studying, but, even the more, it is especially good for eating. Oh, we need to eat the Word of God! The best way to eat the Word is to pray-read. If we want to enjoy the bountiful supply of the Spirit, we need to eat the Word. The riches of Christ are embodied in the Word. Therefore, to enjoy the riches we must pray-read the Word.

Day 2 --

A. Expound what the teaching and the aim of the Bible are.

The Bible is a book of teaching, but it does not teach us merely for mental knowledge; its teaching ministers food to us. The aim of the Bible is not for our mental comprehension and knowledge; it is absolutely for our spiritual realization and nourishment. According to the word of the Lord Jesus, the words of God are for us to eat.

B. Explain the word in First Peter 2:2.

Born through regeneration, the believers become babes who can grow in life unto further salvation, and that for God's building, by being nourished with the spiritual milk. Guileless milk is milk without false purpose, without any other goal but to nourish the soul. The milk of the word is not milk for the body, but milk for the soul, the inner being.

Day 3 --

A. Expound believers growing in life and being transformed all for building up?

As believers in Christ, we need to grow and be transformed for the building up of God's spiritual house. God's goal in the believers is to have a house built up with spiritual stones. Hence, feeding on Christ by the nourishing milk in the word of God is not only for growing in life but also for building up.

B. Explain whereas milk is mainly for infants, solid food is for the mature.

The good word of God is like milk. It is easy to receive, but it does not sustain long. The word of righteousness, is solid food. It is difficult to take, but it is solid and it sustains long. When we are still babes by taking the milk of the word for the growth in life, furthermore we need to eat the word of righteousness as the solid food for the maturity in life.

Day 4 --

A. What is the reason for so many Christians today being weak?

Many Christians today are weak because they do not eat Jesus. If we eat Jesus everyday, we will be spiritually energetic and will be transformed in life. We need to eat Christ as our healthy food, as long as we eat, digest, and assimilate Christ as our spiritual food, we will produce transformation.

B. Compare the difference between religious practices and God's economy?

In today's religion people are following outward practices. But God's economy is not a matter of outward things; it is a matter of Christ coming into us inwardly. For this, we need to take Christ in by eating Him. The food we eat and digest becomes our life supply.

Day 5 --

A. Explain I Cor. 10:3 says that the children of Israel all ate the same spiritual food.

The spiritual food here refers to manna, which typifies Christ as the daily life supply for believers' journey. We believers should all eat the same spiritual food, not eating anything other than Christ. When we eat Christ as our spiritual food, He enters into us and mingles with us as one.

B. What living should we have for bearing fruit and feeding the new ones?

For our spiritual living, Christ should be our unique food for us to be daily strengthened, sustained, and satisfied by Him. We must not merely learn the techniques of bearing fruit and feeding the new ones. We have to live a daily life of breathing, drinking, and feeding on Christ, taking Christ every day as our very element and essence.

Day 6 --

A. How do we save from indigestion in our spiritual enjoyment?

We need to eat Jesus by calling on the name of the Lord. But after we eat, we also need a good digestion. We do not want to have indigestion. If you have a proper digestion, the food you eat can get into every part of your physical being. There is the thoroughfare for the food to get through. Indigestion means that there is no thoroughfare for the food.

B. What are four points of practice needed to take note of eating God's words?

Firstly, do not try to take too much of it at once to avoid indigestion. Secondly, do not try to understand everything at once because God's revelation with light will show gradually at the right time. Thirdly, need to ponder, consider, muse, and think carefully what we have read. Fourthly, pray what we have understood to digest it is for applying it to our circumstances.

III. Conclusion :

This message was inserted to explain the vision, the revelation, and the move in God's economy as seen in Ezekiel chapter one. The practical way for the believers to experience the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity in their daily living is to eat, digest, and assimilate the word of God. Both Ezekiel and John were told to eat the scroll, so as to be able to speak with God's words. Jeremiah also ate the word of God, and it became the gladness and joy of his heart. The word of God is not merely for knowledge or studying but for nourishing, supplying, eating, digesting, and assimilating. The practice of pray-reading helps us to digest the word of God, and applying it to our living will help us to assimilate. Not only do we eat the milk of the word, which is mainly for infants, but also we have to eat the solid food, the word of righteousness, to become the full-grown.