

Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying

Message Six : The High and Awesome Wheels

I. Overview :

In the book of Ezekiel God's economy and God's move in His economy are signified by a wheel. 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. In order to participate in the Lord's move, we must have an affectionate relationship with Him and go in His going, give in His giving, and pray in His praying. Also we need to cooperate with the Lord through prayer to carry out His move. The wheel within a wheel shows the Lord's move in our move. The wheels went in four directions and did not turn as they went, as well the rims of the wheels were full of eyes. The wheels follow the living creatures, and the living creatures follow the Spirit, but the Spirit is in the wheels; this is the Lord's recovery.

II. Truth and Enlightenment :

Day 1 --

A. Explain that In the book of Ezekiel God's economy and God's move in His economy are signified by a wheel.

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. The spokes of the wheel spreading from the hub to the rim signify the many believers as the members of Christ. 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.

B. Expound that from Abraham's experience, the altar has its issue in the tent.

Through the altar God deals with us; through the tent God deals with our possessions. At the altar though Abraham offered up his all to God, he still possessed cattle and sheep which could only be kept in the tent; thus, the tent would lead you back to the altar. However, if you can not drop your possessions or move them anymore, there can never be a second altar.

Day 2 --

A. What is the special, spiritual significance of the wheel in Ezekiel?

A wheel is for moving, not in an ordinary way but in a special way. When we travel a distance, we need a wheel. When we do something to fulfill a purpose, we may also need a wheel. The wheel implies that this move is not by our own strength.

B. How can God never move apart from man, recording in the New Testament?

In the beginning of the New Testament, God moved into man, gained man, and became a man; He moved as the God-man. This was the reason that in the four Gospels the high priests, the elders, the scribes, and the Roman officials did not know who Jesus was. They could not determine whether His activities were the activities of God or the activities of a man.

Day 3 --

A. Why is a church proper, then the move of the Lord will be with that church?

Whenever a church is proper, expresses the Lord, and has the proper coordination with the fire going up and down, the move of the Lord will be with that church. If there is a move, it will be manifest to all. Everyone can see the great wheel, high and dreadful, for it is at the side of the living creatures for all to see.

- B. Explain that the living creatures have an ordinary move and a special move.
They can move by flying because they have the wings of an eagle. They can also move by walking on the calf's hoofs. These two ways of moving are an ordinary move. But when they need to move in a special way, they move by a wheel. Because the move of the wheel is with you, some of your co-workers may be gained by the Lord.

Day 4 --

- A. What is the principle of prayer?
To pray means that we realize that by ourselves, with ourselves, and in ourselves, we are nothing. We want to do everything in God, with God, and through God. There are two significances of prayer. First, when we pray, we pray ourselves into God. Second, when we pray, we pray God into us.
- B. Expound, how do we apply the prayer in Acts 6:4 to the church life?
In Acts 6:4 we see the prayer of the apostles to match the ministry of the word. This prayer was continuous and steadfast. Preaching the gospel, having home meetings, having small group meetings, or prophesying in the big meetings, are all for ministering the word. We must remember that the ministry of the word should be matched by our prayer.

Day 5 --

- A. Explain Ezek. 1:16a "The appearance of the wheels and their workmanship were like the sight of beryl."
Beryl was the appearance of the Lord when He was moving. This indicates that within the move of the wheels is the appearance of the Lord. Wherever the wheel goes it brings the appearance of the Lord. If a wheel is with you at work, it will bring the Lord's appearance there. Others will be able to see the beryl, the appearance of the Lord.
- B. How do we apply this matter of a wheel within a wheel to the church life?
If the church is proper and is moving, then within the church's moving there will be the move of the Lord. This means that in our move there is the Lord's move. In the church life, the Lord Jesus is the hub--the wheel within the wheel--and we are the rim. When the churches move with the Lord Jesus, He becomes the wheel within the wheel.

Day 6 --

- A. Explain Ezek. 1:18a "As for their rims, they were high and they were awesome."
We should never try to make ourselves great; we should be little ones. However, the wheel beside us should be so high that it is awesome. In our city there should be a high wheel, a wheel that is awesomely high and that will surprise others. The wheel in every church should be so high that it is awesome.
- B. How do you apply the word in Ezek. 1:19?
This verse tells us not that the living creatures follow the wheels but that the wheels follow the living creatures. When the creatures move, the wheels move. When the creatures stop, the wheels stop. When the creatures are lifted up, the wheels are lifted up. The move of God's work, the move of the gospel, and the move of the church all depend on our moving.

III. Conclusion :

Ezek. 1:15 "... I saw a wheel upon the earth beside the living creatures, for each of their four faces." Indicates that in the church life if we have the coordination of the four living creatures

and live out the expression of Christ, we will have the wheel signified by the Lord's move in His economy. This move, which is awesomely high and a wheel within a wheel, indicates that the Lord is always moving within the church's moving. The church must take the initiative in moving; if we don't move, it is difficult for God to move. The wheels follow the creatures, and the creatures follow the Spirit, but the Spirit is in the wheels; this is the cycle of God's move. In order to participate in the Lord's move for His body, we must get a framework of gospel and home meetings for everyone being priest and believers' corporate service.