

## **Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying**

### **Message One : Seeking the Things Which Are Above**

#### **I. Overview :**

Col. 3:1 "If therefore you were raised together with Christ, seek the things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God". The things which are above include Christ's ascension, His enthronement, and His being made the Head, the Lord, and the Christ. Christ has been made the Head over all things to the church; He is our High Priest and the Minister of the true tabernacle. In order to seek the things which are above and to set our mind on them, we need to turn to our spirit and experience the dividing of the soul from the spirit; thus the riches of Christ's heavenly ministry will be transmitted into us, and we will be transformed and constituted with Christ.

#### **II. Truth and Enlightenment :**

Day 1 --

A. Explain the significance of that in ascension Christ is at the right hand of God.

"The right hand of God" signifies preeminence, the first place of honor. The right hand of God is the first and highest place in the universe, and God has put the ascended Christ there. God has given the preeminence and the highest honor in the entire universe to Christ. Our Christ today is in the highest heaven, holding the highest position at God's right hand.

B. Explain the steps of God's salvation in life.

The initial step of God's salvation in life is to make us alive together with Christ, the second step is to raise us up from the position of death, and the third step is to seat us together in the heavenlies. God not only raised us up from the position of death, but He also seated us in the highest place in the universe.

Praying Verse: Eph. 2:5

Day 2 --

A. How can we experience of being seated together with Christ in the heavenlies?

Since we are in the heavenlies in Christ, we are not under any person or problems; rather, we are far above all persons and problems. The earthly things cannot touch us, because we are transcendent. We are transcendent because we are people in the heavenlies in the organic union with Christ.

B. What is our position today according to the spiritual fact? and what is the difference with Christians saying that we shall be in heaven?

Since our position today is that we are in the Son, in Christ, we also are in the Father. The Father, of course, is in heaven. Hence, our position also is that we are in heaven. In saying this, however, we have a different understanding from that held by many Christians. Often when Christians say that we shall be in heaven, they mean that we shall be in heaven outside the Father. But when we say that we shall be in heaven, we mean that we shall be in heaven in the Father.

Praying Verse: Col. 3:1

Day 3 --

A. What do the things above include according to the New Testament?

The things above include Christ's ascension, His enthronement, and His being made the Head, the Lord, and the Christ. In Acts 2:36 says God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ. In Heb. 2:9 says the Lord Jesus has been crowned with glory and honor. In Eph. 1:22 sees Christ has been made Head over all things to the Church. In Rev. 5:6 sees Christ as the Lamb with seven eyes is now on the throne executing God's government.

B. Explain He was made Lord and Christ in His ascension.

As the One in ascension, He was made Lord-the Lord of all to possess all- and the Christ-God's Anointed to carry out God's commission. In fact, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit is a proof that God has exalted the Lord Jesus and has made Him both Lord and Christ.

Praying Verse: Acts 2:36

Day 4 --

A. What does it imply that "the expression to the church" in Eph. 1:22?

In Eph. 1:22 the expression to the church implies a kind of transmission. This transmission connects Christ in the heavens with the believers on the earth, just as an electrical current connects a power plant with electrical appliances in a building. This transmission connects the Head in the heavens with His Body on the earth.

B. Why can we say that the churches are God's embassies?

He is the Lamb with seven eyes, with the seven Spirit of God, carrying out God's administration through the local churches. Actually, the churches are God's embassies. For this reason, the world situation is not under the control of any earthly head of state but under the churches through which God is executing His administration.

Praying Verse: Eph. 1:22

Day 5 --

A. How do we discern our spirit from our soul for experiencing Christ and realizing the Spirit?

We must always turn to the spirit and experience the dividing of our spirit from our soul. When we turn to our spirit, we enter into the Holy of Holies. Then we have Christ as the presence of God. We can contact God in all His fullness and enjoy Christ as the tree of life in the flow of the living water. The tree of life is Christ as our grace, and the flow of living water is the transmitting Spirit.

B. Explain the beginning and ending of the heavenly transmission.

By the transmission we experience in our spirit, we are connected to the heavenly power plant; a transmission is going on from heaven to our spirit. When we experience this transmission, we are truly in Christ, in the Father, and in heaven. Our spirit is directly related to heaven. The heavenly transmission begins in heaven and ends in our spirit.

Praying Verse: Rev. 4:2

Day 6 --

A. Explain that the spirit being divided from the soul by Heb. 4:12.

Hebrews 4:12 reveal that the spirit and soul can be divided just like the marrow can be divided from the joints. The marrow is hidden within the bones just like the spirit is hidden within the soul. The spirit is so hidden in the soul that it needs to be divided from the soul by the living and operative word of God, which is "sharper than any two-edged sword".

B. Explain the soulish man and the spiritual man from I Cor. 2:14-15.

The soulish man, and the soul itself, cannot understand or receive the spiritual things and even considers the spiritual things foolish. The spiritual man, however, discerns the spiritual things and likes to receive the spiritual things. It is by the spirit that we understand and discern the spiritual things, and it is in the spirit that we desire to have the spiritual things.

Praying Verse: Heb. 4:12

### **III. Conclusion :**

There are two aspects of Christ's ministries. The first aspect of His ministry is the earthly one recorded in the four Gospels. Through His death on the cross, He accomplished redemption for us. Through His resurrection and ascension, He entered His heavenly ministry, which needed the apostolic ministry to cooperate with. This is a crucial principle through out these eight messages. Here the message is focused on knowing what the things which are above is. Our cooperation is to turn to our spirit and call on His name, being connected to the heaven and seeking the things which are above, by pray-reading the Lord's words and by experiencing the dividing of our soul from our spirit to enjoy the riches of Christ's heavenly ministry and be transformed, constituted with Him, becoming the reflection on the earth in His heavenly ministry