

Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day prophesying

Message Four : Propagating the Resurrected Christ under the Heavenly Ministry of the Ascended Christ

I. Overview :

The book of Acts reveals a resurrected and ascended Christ who is in the heavens. The Lord's living and ministry in the heavens are the content of the book of Acts, which reveals that the resurrected and ascended Christ is now living in the heavens and ministering there. Christ's ascension was God's exaltation of Him; He was made Lord, made Christ, as Leader and Savior. Our cooperation with the heavenly ministry of the ascended Christ for the propagation of the resurrected Christ is a move in life. In Acts there is a group of people who live by Christ as their life, who act by Christ as their power and authority, and who realize that they are the Body and act in the Body and for the Body in the one divine stream.

II. Truth and Enlightenment :

Day 1 --

A. How do we see the Lord's living and ministering in His ascension from Acts?

The Lord's Ascension was not the end of His activity, but was His inauguration, His initiation, into His heavenly ministry. The Lord's conception was His first initiation, and His ascension was another initiation. His conception was the initiation of His life and ministry on earth; His Ascension was the initiation of His living and ministry in the heavens.

B. Explain how the Lord was made Lord and Christ in His ascension?

As God, the Lord was the Lord all the time. But as man, He was made the Lord in His ascension after He brought His humanity into God in His resurrection. And He was Christ from the time He was born, but He was also officially made the very Christ of God in His ascension. The Lord was made Lord, as the Lord of all, to possess all; and He was made Christ, as God's Anointed, to carry out God's commission.

Day 2 --

A. Explain that the One God has exalted is not only the Leader but also the Savior?

Leader is related to His authority, and Savior to His salvation. Jesus' incarnation made Him a man, His human living on earth qualified Him to be man's Savior, and His exaltation inaugurated Him to be the ruling Leader so that He might be the Savior. His sovereign ruling causes and leads God's chosen people to repent, and His salvation affords them forgiveness of sins.

B. What is the record of a group of people in the book of Acts?

The book of Acts is the record of a group of people who are regenerated by the Triune God and inaugurated with authority by the Triune God. These people have the Triune God within them as their life and upon them as their authority and power. They act in this way and live by the life within. This is the basic thought of the book of Acts.

Day 3 --

A. How to prove that Philip's preaching gospel was not by himself in Acts 8?

When Philip was in Samaria, it was Peter and John who came to confirm his preaching. It was when Peter and John came and laid hands on the Samaritan believers that the Holy Spirit on the Body was transmitted to them. This proves that even Philip's preaching was not an individual action.

B. Expound there was only one flow on this earth starting from Jerusalem in Acts 2.

The central meaning of the flow is that there is a group of people who know the meaning of resurrection and ascension. They live not by themselves but by Christ as their life, and the living Christ as their strength and way. Moreover, they realize that they are the Body, and they always act in the Body and for the Body in the one divine stream.

Day 4 --

A. Describe that there are a body of Christ's living witnesses in Acts.

The Lord uses a body of His witnesses, who bear a living testimony of the incarnated, crucified, resurrected, and ascended Christ. Satan could instigate the Jewish religionists and utilize the Gentile politicians to bind the apostles and their evangelical ministry, but he could not bind Christ's living witnesses and their living testimony. The more they were bound, the stronger and brighter they became.

B. What is a difference between testifying and teaching? What is the testifying in relation to what they are?

Testifying requires experiences of seeing, participating, and enjoying. It is different from mere teaching. Paul's use of this word here indicates that he himself had experienced repentance unto God and faith in the Lord Jesus. Therefore, he could testify concerning what he had experienced. He did not merely preach and teach; he testified of what he had passed through in his experience of repentance and faith.

Day 5 --

A. What is the spiritual significance of why in Acts [3:13](#) Peter spoke of God as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob?

This title refers to the Triune God, Jehovah, the great I AM. According to the Lord's word in Matt. 22, this divine title implies resurrection. He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. Peter referred to God as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob because this indicates that He is the God of resurrection.

B. Expound regarding Lord's resurrection proving His dual status-human&divine.

Regarding the Lord as a man, the New Testament tells us that God raised Him from the dead. Considering Him as God, it tells us that He Himself rose from the dead. Acts [2:24](#) says that it was not possible for the Lord to be held by death. The Lord is both God and resurrection. Because He is such an ever-living One, death is not able to hold Him.

Day 6 --

A. How did disciples cooperate with the Lord's heavenly ministry we saw in Acts?

This was so in the case of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch, Ananias and Saul, and Peter and Cornelius. All three were moves in life that corresponded to the Lord's heavenly ministry. In Acts 8, 9, and 10 the Lord moved His disciples outwardly for the preaching of the gospel. He was ministering in the heavens to move some of His disciples responding to Him.

B. How did we see the proper gospel preaching in Acts 10?

In Acts 10 a Roman centurion named Cornelius was praying when an angel came and told him to send for Peter..., who went with them. Finally Cornelius and his family were all brought to the Lord. It is a move in life under the heavenly ministry of Christ. It is not a movement organized by a mission board.

III. Conclusion :

The subject of Acts is the propagation of the resurrected Christ in His ascension, by the Spirit, through the disciples, for the producing of the churches - the kingdom of God. This move in life corresponds to the Lord's heavenly ministry in His ascension. In Acts 8, Philip left Jerusalem for Gaza, walking along in the desert for the preaching of the gospel to the eunuch in response to the Lord's heavenly ministry. In Acts 9 there was Christ ministering in the heavens, with Ananias and Saul corresponding to it on earth. In Acts 10 Peter cooperated with the Lord to preach the gospel to Cornelius and his family, spreading the Lord's gospel to the Gentiles. The churches in Taiwan are diligent to carry out the new way, encouraging saints going out for a visit weekly; this is a prevailing move in life, corresponding to Christ's heavenly ministry in the Body of Christ.