

Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying
Message Twenty-Two : The Flow of Life with the Ministry of Life
out from and for the Magnificent House of God

I. Overview :

In order to participate in God's ultimate move, we need to experience the flow of life out from the house of God; the water flows out from under the threshold, the flow is toward the east, the water flows out from the right side of the house. For the increase of the flow of life, we need to be measured by the Lord as the man of bronze; the more we allow the Lord to examine, test, and judge us to possess us, the deeper the flow becomes. The river causes everything to live and the flow of the river produces trees, fish, and cattle. However, the river is unable to heal the swamps and marshes. Our enjoyment of Christ as the flow of life is for us to be sowers, planters, waterers, begetters, feeders, and builders with the ministry of life for the marvelous organic building of God, the magnificent house of God.

II. Truth and Enlightenment :

Day 1 --

A. Explain that there was water flowing out from under the threshold of the house to the east.

In order for the water to flow forth, there must be a threshold, an opening, through which it can flow. This indicates that if we, through Christ, have more contact with God and draw closer to Him, there will be an opening which will allow the living water of God to flow out from the church. The river issues forth from the house and flows toward the east. The east is the direction of the glory of the Lord. The flowing toward the east indicates that the river of God will always flow in the direction of God's glory. The river cares for God's glory.

B. Expound that the water flows out from the right side of the house and the flowing is by the side of the altar.

The water flows out from the right side of the house. The right side signifies the highest position. The flowing of the water from the right side indicates that the flow of the Lord should have the preeminence. The flowing is by the side of the altar. This indicates that the flow is always by the cross. If we do not have the dealing of the cross, the flow will be frustrated.

Day 2 --

A. How have we been measured in Ezekiel 47?

There is no need for us to struggle, to strive, or to exercise our effort to do anything. The only need is to be willing to be measured. If the saints in a local church are willing to be measured again and again and again and again, four times to one hundred percent, there will be a river to water the parched desert, to heal the dead sea, to grow the trees and produce the fish, and to produce the kids and the calves.

B. What kind of situation will we be after being measured by God?

As we are judged by the Lord, we need to make a thorough confession. If we want God's life to flow out, we have to be measured by Him. Once a person is measured by God, however,

his feet will not be free to walk about at will. In the final step, the water becomes so deep that a man can swim in it. At this point, one is fully carried along by the flow of the water.

Day 3 --

A. What is the purpose of the flowing of the water in Ezekiel 47?

The river is for watering the dry land and healing the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea, or the Salt Sea, is near the Arabah. Because of the flow of the river into the sea, the salt water in the sea is healed. The sea now becomes fresh water because the salt has been swallowed up. The river comes first to water the dry land that grows nothing and to heal the death waters. This watering and healing is for the purpose of producing life.

B. What should we do as the young people are raised up in the church?

We need En-gedi, and we need En-eglaim, the fountains of the kids and the calves. We must realize that the potential with the Lord's recovery is with the young people. I am happy to see so many "kids" and "calves" in the church life. All the "kids" need the care of the older saints.

Day 4 --

A. Explain that Ezek. 47:8 says the river flows toward the East Sea.

Ezekiel 47:8 says that the river flows toward the East Sea. According to the map, the East Sea is the Salt Sea or the Dead Sea. By the flowing of the river out of the house, the salt water of the Dead Sea will be healed. This means that death will be swallowed up by life. When there is a rich and deep flow of life in a local church, much death will be swallowed up by life.

B. What is a marsh? Why it cannot be healed?

A marsh is a place that is neither dry nor flowing with water. Consisting partly of mud and partly of water, a marsh is neither wet nor dry. A marsh signifies a situation that is full of compromise. This means that wherever there is a compromising situation, there is a marsh.

Day 5 --

A. Explain the meaning of sowing spiritual seeds.

A seed is a container of life, and to sow a seed is to impart life. Hence, sowing the spiritual things is a matter of life. According to Matthew 13, the Lord Jesus came as a Sower to sow Himself as the seed of life into the human race. In the Lord's recovery we need to be sowers who impart life into others.

B. How should we be waterers? What equipment do we need?

We should not only be planters but also waterers. Once we plant Christ into others, we need to water them with the water of life. We will be a channel of living water, a divine irrigation system, that can supply others with the water of life. We need to be waterers, those who are filled with the water of life and who water their fellow believers for their growth in life.

Day 6 --

A. What does a begetter mean? How did Paul set a example in this matter?

To beget is to generate something, to bring forth something, through the impartation of life. Like the apostle Paul, who begot the Corinthian believers in Christ by imparting the divine life into them. Begetting, unlike teaching, is a matter of life. We need to have the divine “life germ” in order to impart the divine life into others.

B. What is the difference between a feeder and teaching?

In 1 Corinthians 3:2 Paul says, “I gave you milk to drink.” To give others milk to drink is to feed them. Feeding is a matter of life. It differs from teaching, which is a matter of knowledge. Instead of merely instructing others, we need to feed them. We should be constantly nourished with Christ as spiritual food so that we may be able to feed others.

III. Conclusion :

To have the flow of life in the church, we first need to have a building, and we also need to have a priestly service, to offer all kinds of sacrifices. In Ezekiel, here mentions that the flow of life must have the preeminence within us, becoming the controlling factor in our living and work. The flowing is by the side of the altar, showing that we need the dealing of the cross and a full consecration to enjoy the flow of life. Our enjoyment of Christ as the flow of life, the life-giving Spirit makes us to be builders with the ministry of life for the marvelous organic building of God, the magnificent house of God.