

Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's day Prophesying

Message Five: Knowing the Significance of Loving the Lord, Loving the Lord Jesus Christ in Incorruptibility, and Walking in Love and Light

I. Overview:

We need to know the significance of loving the Lord; to love the Lord is to allow Him to live in us and for us, is to be stopped from our doing, and is to let Him take full possession of our being and desire Him to be expressed. We need to love our Lord in incorruptibility; everything natural is corruptible, but God, the divine life, and all things that are in resurrection are incorruptible. As the children of God, we should walk in love and be brought into divine love to love others as Christ did. Therefore, the Body of Christ builds itself up in love. Walk as children of light. We are not only children of light but also light itself. When we are in the light, we are outside the realm of right and wrong, and we will bear the fruit of the light in goodness, righteousness, and truth which is related to the Triune God.

II. Truth and Enlightenment:

Day 1 —

A. Expound the significance of loving the Lord.

Loving the Lord is to allow Him to live in us and for us. He desires a dwelling place and a vessel so that He can be expressed. To love the Lord is not to do good things or even spiritual things. Instead, to love the Lord is to be stopped from our doing and to let the Lord take full possession of our being. We need to pray, "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. Lord, live in me and for me."

B. What are the two things God asked us to do in the Gospel of John?

In the Gospel of John God asked us to do two things—first to receive Him into us by believing into Him and second to love Him. Our believing into the Lord is for our receiving Him, and our loving Him is for our enjoying Him. Every believer has received the Lord. Although we have already received Him, we still need to love Him. We should tell the Lord that we love Him every day, morning and evening.

Day 2 —

A. How does 1 Corinthians reveal to love the Lord?

According to 1 Corinthians, in order to love the Lord, we first need to take Him as our portion for our enjoyment. Second, to love the Lord is to allow Him to grow in us. Third, in order to love the Lord, we need to realize that we are one spirit with Him. We mainly need to pray, "Lord, You are my enjoyment, You are growing within me, and You and I are one spirit."

B. How do we love the Lord in the view of 2 Timothy?

If we love the Lord in this way, we will love His appearing, which is His coming. We should pray, "Lord, although I have given You a free course to live in me and for me, I still long for Your outward appearing. Come quickly, Lord Jesus!" According to Paul's word, a crown is laid up for those who love the Lord's appearing.

Day 3 —

A. How do we love the Lord in all the items unveiled in Ephesians?

Every chapter, in Ephesians, unveils something concerning Christ and His Body, the church. If we love Him in all these things, our love toward Him will be incorruptible. Such love is not a natural love. It is a love in resurrection, the love that is God Himself in His divine essence and the things concerning the Triune God, the divine life, what Christ is to us, what He has done, and the church.

B. What does we differ from Adam in image?

Adam was the son of God in image and likeness, but he had only the image of God without the life and nature of God. We are not only created by God but also born of God, so God is our real, genuine, Father, and we are His real, genuine, children. We have the authority to say that we are children of God. We have God's image and His life and nature. We are God-men.

Day 4 —

A. What is a relation between the Gospel of John and the 1 John?

In the Gospel of John there is grace, but in the first Epistle of John there is love. Christ also came to bring us the truth, the reality. When we have the truth, the truth brings us to the source of truth, the Father as light. Jesus Christ brings us to the Father, who is love as the source of grace and who is light as the source of truth.

B. Why do we need faith and love in order to experience Christ?

Faith enables us to receive and realize Christ, and love enables us to enjoy Him. Both faith and love are not ours but His. His faith becomes our faith to believe in Him, and His love becomes our love to love Him. With such a love we love the Lord, and with that same love we love one another.

Day 5 —

A. How to experience Christ's knowledge-surpassing and immeasurable love?

The love of Christ surpasses knowledge; yet, we can know it by experiencing it. The love of Christ is Christ Himself. Just as Christ is immeasurable, so His love is also immeasurable. Because Christ is immeasurable, His love is knowledge-surpassing; yet we can know it in our spirit. Christ in His universal dimensions and in His immeasurable love is like a vast, limitless ocean for us to experience.

B. Explain that the divine love prevails.

We should love everybody, even our enemies. If the co-workers and elders do not love the bad ones, eventually they will have nothing to do. We must be perfect as our Father is perfect by loving the evil ones and the good ones without any discrimination. We must be perfect as our Father, loving any kind of person through love.

Day 6 —

A. How do we live our marriage life in the light?

When we are in the light, we are outside the realm of right and wrong. There is no need to discern what is right and what is wrong, what we should do and what we should not do. If we are in the light, we simply act and behave spontaneously in a certain way. However, when we are in darkness, we need to guess, and to grope for a way to do things.

B. How's the fruit of light(goodness/righteousness/truth)related to Triune God?

Goodness refers to the nature of the fruit of light. The Lord Jesus once indicated that the only One who is good is God Himself. Righteousness denotes the way or the procedure of the fruit of the light. In the Godhead, the Son, Christ, is our righteousness. The truth is the expression of the fruit of the light. This fruit must be real; that is, it must be the expression of God, the shining of the hidden light.

III. Conclusion:

In the book of Revelation, the Lord denotes that the first church was the church in Ephesus, who left the first love; the last church was the church in Laodicea, whose condition was lukewarm. Whenever we leave the first love, inevitably we will become lukewarm. We need to love the Lord in incorruptibility; that is, to love Him in all the divine, spiritual, heavenly, resurrected and incorruptible things revealed in Ephesians. As the children of God, we should walk in love and light. Love is the inner substance of God,

and light is the expressed element of God; our daily walk should be constituted with both the loving substance of God and the shining element of God, both of which are far beyond the ethics and morality of the world.