

## **Guidelines for the exercise of the Lord's day Prophesying Message Seven : Knowing Jehovah, the Eternal God, in His Lovingkindness, Compassions, and Faithfulness**

### **I. Overview:**

Jeremiah often addressed God as Jehovah of hosts; Jehovah is the true God and the eternal King. Jehovah means "I am who I am". Apart from Jehovah, all else is nothing; He is the only One who is, the only One who has the reality of being. The title Jehovah of hosts indicates that Jehovah God is the Mighty One, the Lord of all the heavenly host; the One who is strong and mighty. What He is abides forever; His throne is from generation to generation. Jerusalem was overthrown, the temple was burned down, and God's people were carried away, but Jehovah, the Lord of the universe, remains to exercise His administration. It was through Jeremiah's contact with the Lord that he received the word regarding God's lovingkindness, compassions, and faithfulness. In order to enjoy Jehovah as our portion, we should put our entire hope in Him, wait on Him, and call on His name. Although God is true, living, compassionate, and faithful, in order to test His people, He often delays in fulfilling His word. We need to learn the lesson of waiting on the Lord.

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

Day 1 —

A. Explain the meaning of the name "Jehovah".

Jehovah means "He who was, who is, and who will be." This title is composed of the verb to be. Apart from the Lord, all else is nothing. He is the only One who is, the only self-existent being. In the universe all things are nothing; Hebrews 11:6 says that "he who comes forward to God must believe that He is." According to this verse, God is, and we must believe that He is. God is, but we are not.

B. Expound the significance of "God is as I am".

As I Am, God is everything we need. As I Am, God is everything—heaven, earth, air, water, trees, birds, cattle. This is not pantheism, the religious belief that identifies God with the material universe. I do not say that everything is God, but I do declare that God is the reality of every positive thing. This implies that God must be you, even the reality of your very being.

Day 2 —

A. State what we should do as Christ being the coming King in Psalm 24:7-10.

Psalm 24:7-10 shows us the victorious Christ as the coming King in God's eternal kingdom. The gates are of the cities of the nations. The doors are of the houses of the people. The long enduring doors indicate waiting and expecting with long endurance. This indicates that the people of the earth have been waiting and expecting Christ's second coming. Thus, we need to wait and expect His coming with long endurance.

B. Why does the psalmist in Psalm 24:9 say, "Lift up your heads"?

Because we must wait for His coming with long endurance, we have a tendency to drop our heads in discouragement. Lift up your heads, that is, we would be encouraged to expect his coming. We must get ready to welcome Him. Psalm 24:8 asks, "Who is the King of glory?" The King of glory is "Jehovah strong and mighty!"

Day 3 —

A. Expound what are unveiled in Jeremiah being also a man of God though very human.

Although Jeremiah was very human, he was also a man of God. In the human realm, changes take place in every way, but there was no change with God's eternal being. He remains forever the same. God's throne has no beginning or end; His throne exists from generation to generation. Jeremiah's writing here concerning God's eternal being and His eternal and unchanging government surely is divine.

B. Compare that God's eternal being and throne are higher than His lovingkindness, compassions, and faithfulness.

In the third lamentation Jeremiah spoke of God's lovingkindness, compassions, and faithfulness, and at the end of the fifth lamentation he appealed to God's eternal being and His eternal throne, His unchanging government. Which do you appreciate more? God's eternal being and throne are higher than His lovingkindness, compassions, and faithfulness.

Day 4 —

A. Explain First Corinthians 1:9, “God is faithful”.

In His faithfulness He will confirm the believers till the end, making them unreprouvable in the day of the Lord’s return. In His faithfulness He has called us into the fellowship, the participation in His Son, and He will keep us in this participation and enjoyment in His faithfulness. His faithfulness is an assurance to us for this enjoyment.

B. State God’s faithfulness in First John 1:9.

First John 1:9 also reveals God’s faithfulness. God is faithful in His word, the word of the truth of His gospel, which tells us that He will forgive us our sins because of Christ. If we confess our sins, He, according to His word, forgives us, because He must be faithful in His word.

Day 5 —

A. Explain through his contact with the Lord, Jeremiah received His lovingkindness, compassions, and faithfulness.

I believe that Lamentations 3:22 and 23 came to Jeremiah as he was contacting the Lord in the morning, reviewing all the afflictions of his people. While Jeremiah was reviewing these afflictions, he must have regretted the sinfulness of Israel. At this juncture the word of Jehovah came to him, that no matter how much He had punished Israel, He had not utterly consumed them, rather He was faithful for them.

B. Expound the meaning of the entering into the sanctuary of God in Psalm 73.

The psalmist obtained the solution in the sanctuary of God. Where is God’s sanctuary today? First, God’s sanctuary is in our spirit. Second, God’s sanctuary is the church. Once we are in the sanctuary, in the spirit and in the church, I we will have another view, a particular perception, of the situation concerning the wicked. The psalmist could perceive that the wicked were set in slippery places to be cast down into ruins.

Day 6 —

A. State how Jeremiah enjoyed Jehovah as his portion.

On the one hand, Jeremiah realized that God is a God of lovingkindness, that He is compassionate, and that His word is faithful. On the other hand, Jeremiah realized that we still need to contact the Lord every morning, put our entire hope in Him, and wait on Him. Like Jeremiah, we need to realize that God is still our portion and that we should hope in Him, wait on Him, and call upon His name.

B. Testify waiting on the Lord is very crucial. And how should we learn this lesson?

To wait on the Lord is very crucial. God is our portion; He is full of lovingkindness and compassion; and He is absolutely faithful. Now we need to hope in Him, wait on Him, and call upon Him. The reason God delays is that He intends to test us. When we feel that the situation is hopeless, that is often the time when God will come in. This is our experience under God’s dispensing.

### **III. Conclusion:**

When the situation around us seems to be hopeless, we need to realize that our God can never be defeated. Whatever He has spoken, He will be faithful to fulfill. Therefore, we should believe all that the Bible says. In addition, we need to realize that God is the portion of His people, and we need to put our hope and our trust in Him. We need to trust in Him and wait on Him whether He answers us now or later. Even if He seemingly does not answer our prayer, we should continue to pray and wait on Him. The eventual result will be according to His purpose, and we will be the ones benefited by Him. May we all learn this lesson to wait on the Lord, to seek Him and call on Him. If we seek with all our heart, we will find Him.