

Guidelines for the exercise of the Lord's day Prophesying

Message One : The Factor of Cooperating with the Lord to Bring In a New Revival That Will End This Age

I. Overview:

Among God's elect there has always been an aspiration to be revived. We can enter into a new revival by arriving at the highest peak of the divine revelation given to us by God—the revelation of the eternal economy of God; this is the great answer to the great question concerning God's purpose in His creation of man and in His dealing with His chosen people. If we practice living the life of a God-man, which is the reality of the Body of Christ, spontaneously a corporate model will be built up, a model living in the economy of God; this model will be the greatest revival in the history of the church to bring the Lord back. God needs a corporate people to be raised up by His grace through the high peak of the divine revelation to live a life according to this revelation. The only way to live the life of a God-man according to the Lord's model is to set our entire being on the mingled spirit, walking, living, and having our being according to the mingled spirit. We can enter into a new revival by participating in Christ's heavenly ministry to take care of God's flock, which is the church that issues in the Body of Christ.

II. Truth and Enlightenment:

Day 1—

A. Expound that among God's elect there has always been an aspiration to be revived.

The matter of revival is the "kernel" within the "shell" of the books of the Minor Prophets. Among God's elect there has always been an aspiration to be revived. As long as you are a saved one, every day, consciously or unconsciously, there is an aspiration with a spontaneous prayer within you: "O Lord, revive us." Habakkuk's prayer for revival represents the whole of God's elect. Thus, such a prayer is an everlasting prayer.

B. Explain what the main contents of the New Testament are.

The main contents of the New Testament are that the Triune God has an eternal economy according to His good pleasure to dispense Himself into His chosen and redeemed people in His life and in His nature, to make all of them the same as He is in life and nature, to make them His duplication that they may express Him. This corporate expression will consummate in the New Jerusalem.

Day 2 —

A. Briefly state the central revelation of God.

The central revelation of God is God becoming flesh, the flesh becoming the life-giving Spirit, and the life-giving Spirit becoming intensified sevenfold to build up the church to issue in the Body of Christ and to consummate the New Jerusalem. We need to see that the Lord's recovery today is just the recovery of these critical points concerning the Spirit of God in the move of God's eternal economy.

B. Explain what the understanding of the Lord's present recovery we should have.

Christ made Himself, the first God-man, a prototype for the mass reproduction of many brothers, the many God-men. God became man so that man may become God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead. God and man will become one entity, and that one entity is the mingling of divinity with humanity. This mingling will consummate in the New Jerusalem.

Day 3 —

A. Expound that the Lord needs a model for such a high, deep, and profound revelation.

For such a revelation, which is so high, deep, and profound, the Lord needs a model. He needs a corporate people to be raised up by His grace through this high peak of the divine revelation to live a life according to this revelation. We must live a crucified life that we may live Christ. Where is the model of living Christ? This is what God wants today.

B. Explain how to the disciples who followed the Lord Jesus be disciplined.

The disciples who followed the Lord for three and a half years saw what He did, how He behaved, and how He spoke. That disciplined them. Christ used these three processes—His human living; His all-inclusive, all-terminating, life-releasing, and new-man-creating death; and His life-dispensing resurrection— to disciple His followers.

Day 4 —

A. Expound before the Lord carried out Ministry, the first thing He did was to be baptized.

Before He carried out His ministry, the first thing He did was to be baptized to fulfill the righteousness according to the way of righteousness brought in by John. The Lord recognized that, according to His flesh, He was good for nothing but death and burial. Jesus needed to be baptized because He became flesh, and the flesh, in God's eyes, is good for nothing but death and burial. To bury such a dead person by baptism is the way of righteousness.

B. Explain that the Lord used the miracle of five loaves and two fish to show the disciples to learn from Him. The Lord told the disciples to learn from Him, indicating that He was their pattern. Matthew 14:19, He took the five loaves and two fish and when He was going to bless them, He looked up to heaven. Looking up to heaven indicates that He was looking up to His Father in heaven. He was the sent One. The sending One, the Father, should be the source of blessing. Regardless of how much we can do, we still need the blessing from the source.

Day 5 —

A. Explain the content of God's entire New Testament economy.

The content is Christ as the Son of Man cherishing us and as the Son of God nourishing us.

The Jesus who is portrayed in the four Gospels is very cherishing. All people need Him to cherish them and give them rest. God sent His Son as a propitiation for our sins in His humanity; this is cherishing. God sent His Son to us that we may have life and live through Him in His divinity; that is nourishing.

B. Expound the reason why we don't bear fruit.

I believe that not having the Father's loving and forgiving heart and not having the Savior's shepherding and seeking spirit is the reason for our barrenness. I realize that you all work hard, but there is almost no fruit.

Matthew 12:33 the Lord said, "By the fruit the tree is known", but we are a tree without any fruit. Because we are lacking in the Father's loving and forgiving heart and the Son's shepherding and seeking spirit, we do not have fruit.

Day 6 —

A. Expound the pattern of Paul as a good shepherd, taking care of God's flock.

In 1 Corinthians 9:22 Paul says, "To the weak I became weak that I might gain the weak." This means that we should come down to the weak one's level. To a sick person we come down to the level of a sick person. This is the way to shepherd people by visiting them. Paul also says, "Who is stumbled, and I myself do not burn?" This shows the pattern of Paul as a good shepherd, taking care of God's flock.

B. Explain Paul's shepherding in Acts 20.

Paul said that he taught them "publicly and from house to house". He did this to perfect the saints. Paul went back to every home of the saints, exhorting them and admonishing them with tears. His speaking was full of sympathy with tears. An apostle tells the dear ones under his shepherding everything concerning God and His counsel with tears. He does not only speak publicly, but he also visits the homes of the saints.

III. Conclusion:

Believers who love the Lord among God's elect throughout the ages, there has always been an aspiration to be revived, and this revival is not a short-lived one, like a shot in the arm, after a few days the medicine has gone, and returned to its original state. Genuine revival must have three elements. First, there will be a vision, which reaches the high peak of divine revelation, that is, God becomes man, so that man may become God in life and nature, not in the Godhead. Second, practicing for living the God-man life, which is the reality of the Body of Christ, that is, a group of people living not by their own natural life, but by the divine life within them. Third, shepherding according to God, which is an apostolic ministry in cooperation with Christ's heavenly ministry; both the Lord and the apostles are full of shepherding patterns, so that the churches should also be full of the practice of shepherding.