

## **Guidelines for the exercise of the Lord's day Prophecy Message Eight : The Factor of Living an Overcoming Life in the Recovered Church to Consummate the Divine Economy and Become the New Jerusalem**

### **I. Overview:**

The overcomers are produced by Christ as the sevenfold intensified Spirit, and they are burdened for the building up of the Body of Christ as the preparation of the bride of Christ. In order to enter into the Lord's joy and receive the Lord as our reward in the next age, we need to gain Him and faithfully enjoy Him today in this age. The church in Philadelphia prefigures the recovered church; whose outstanding feature is that she keeps the Lord's word, having not denied His name. The key of David is the key of the kingdom, with authority to open all the treasures of the house of God for our enjoyment. As the real David, Christ has built up the house of God, the real temple, and He has set up the kingdom of God, the dominion in which He exercises full authority to represent God. The Lord will make the overcomer in the recovered church a pillar by transforming him to carry away his natural elements and replacing with His divine essence to keep what he has received to the end. The name of God, the name of the New Jerusalem, and the Lord's new name written upon the overcomer indicates that they are one with God, with the New Jerusalem, and with the Lord.

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

Day 1 —

A. Briefly state the full ministry of Christ in three stages.

In order to see the three stages, the three sections, of Christ, we should know that "incarnation", the stage of Christ in the flesh, produces redeemed people; "inclusion", the stage of Christ as the life-giving Spirit, produces the churches; "intensification", the stage of Christ as the sevenfold intensified life-giving Spirit, produces the overcomers to build up the Body, which consummates in the New Jerusalem.

B. Explain the work of Christ in the first, second, and third stage.

The first stage, incarnation, is in the physical realm for the accomplishment of judicial redemption. The second stage, inclusion, is divine and mystical. In the third stage of intensification, the Body will be built up. The work brother Lee did in mainland China mainly to produce redeemed people. When he went to Taiwan doing a work in the stage of inclusion, many churches being raised up. Now he's carrying out a work for being an overcomer in the stage of intensification.

Day 2 —

A. Expound the feature of the church in Philadelphia keeping the Lord's word.

In Greek, Philadelphia means "brotherly love." One outstanding feature of the church in Philadelphia is that she kept the Lord's word. According to history, no other Christians have kept the Lord's word as strictly as those in the church in Philadelphia. The church in Philadelphia, the recovered church, does not care for tradition, but cares for the word of God.

B. Explain that the church in Philadelphia has not denied the Lord's name.

The church as the chaste virgin betrothed to Christ should not have any name other than her Husband's. The recovered church has no denominations (names) but the unique name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The deviation from the Word to heresies and the exaltation of so many names other than that of Christ are the most striking signs of degraded Christianity.

Day 3 —

A. Explain God's dominion having some recovery through the temple and the city.

Due to the fall, man lost this power. We do not see this power until God's chosen people, the children of Israel, entered into the good land and built the temple. The temple is related to God's image, that is, it is His expression; the temple was built in the city. The temple signifies God's expression, and the city signifies God's dominion. The image and dominion revealed in Genesis 1 are, at least to some extent, fulfilled in the temple and the city.

B. Expound that the key held by David is the key of God's entire dominion.

In the church today, which is both a house and a kingdom, we have God's expression and representation. As the greater David, Christ has built up the house of God, the real temple, and He has set up the kingdom of God, the dominion in which He exercises full authority to represent God. Thus, He holds the key of David, that which represents God and opens the whole universe for God. It signifies that Christ is the center of God's economy.

Day 4 —

A. Expound the word in Revelation 3:12, how to be made a pillar for the temple of God.

In Revelation 3:12 the overcomer will be made a pillar built into the temple of God. Because he is built into God's building, "he shall by no means go out anymore." This promise will be fulfilled in the millennial kingdom as a prize to the overcomer. To overcome in the church in Philadelphia is to keep what we have received in the Lord's recovery to the end. If you do this, the Lord will make you a pillar in God's temple.

B. Explain how to make us pillars in the temple by God's transforming work.

The Lord makes us pillars by transforming us, that is, by carrying away our natural element and by replacing it with His divine essence. The Lord's work in the church is to work Himself into us as the divine flow to carry away our natural being and replace it with His substance that we may be gradually processed by His transforming element. As the result of this transforming work, we become pillars in the temple of God.

Day 5 —

A. Why do we have to learn to speak the truths of the high peaks of His divine revelation?

Since the Lord has released these high peaks of His truths, we have to learn the new language to speak them. Today in the recovery all the co-workers must be different. They must learn to speak these high truths concerning God's economy—that God became a man that man may become God, with the New Jerusalem as the ultimate consummation. This is a great miracle and a deep mystery.

B. Explain the prophecies in Isaiah linking the Old and the New Testaments.

Isaiah 7:14 says that a virgin would bring forth a son whose name would be called Immanuel. Isaiah 9:6 says that a son would be given to us and that his name would be called the mighty God and the eternal Father. These prophecies reveal that God would become a man as a little child. The mighty God, the eternal Father, became a man in order to make man God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead.

Day 6 —

A. Expound that Christ writes His new name upon the overcomers.

Christ writes His new name upon the overcomers. This indicates that the overcomers are one with this new Christ. This new name will be according to our experiences. In other words, what we experience of the Lord will become us. We experience God, and God becomes us. We experience the New Jerusalem, and that also becomes us. We experience the Lord in an intimate and personal way, and that becomes us.

B. Explain the meaning of the name upon the overcomers, and how to experience it.

The name that is upon the overcomers indicates that this is what they are. To have the new name of the Lord Jesus means that they are Jesus, because they have His new name written upon them. That the Lord's new name is written upon the overcomer indicates that the overcomer is possessed by the Lord, that the Lord Himself belongs to him, that he is one with the Lord, and that the person of the Lord has been wrought into the overcomer.

### III. Conclusion:

The church in Philadelphia typifies the recovered church; the church depicting brotherly love refers to the proper church life today. The Lord will restore the overcomers in the church to be the pillars built into the temple of God. In order to become the pillars, he needs to hold fast to the end what he has gained in the Lord's recovery, he needs to closely follow the word of the ministry of the age, and he needs to be transformed by the Lord, carrying away his natural element by replacing it with His divine essence. This requires his constant intimate fellowship with the Lord, and also being constituted with Him. There are three names written upon him; the name of God, the name of the city of God, and the new name of the Lord indicates that he is one with God, one with the Lord's person, one with the nature of the holy city. And he also needs to be constituted with the word of the ministry in seven times a year through prayer, study, reciting, and prophesying. Finally, being a pillar in the church today, he must absolutely possess the characters of stability, forbearance, and depth.