

Guidelines for the exercise of the Lord's day Prophesying

Message Two : Being Sanctified by the Truth to Move out of Ourselves and into the Triune God for the Genuine Oneness

I. Overview:

Truth is the divine light shining on the facts of the Bible and televising a heavenly, spiritual vision of these facts into our being; in the New Testament, truth denotes this kind of "heavenly television". Truth is the shining of the light, the expression of the light, which is the source of truth, and when we walk in the light, we are practicing the truth. There are two functions of the truth; the negative aspect of that the truth sets us free from the bondage of sin, and the positive aspect of that the truth sanctifies us positionally and dispositionally, saturating us with the element of God. Sanctification through the word of the truth results in oneness by dealing with the factors of division. The Lord Jesus is the truth, the Spirit is the Spirit of truth, and the Father's word is the truth. Whenever we come to the Word with an open heart and an open spirit, we immediately touch both the Word and the Spirit as the truth. There are four factors of division; worldliness, ambition, self-exaltation, and opinion with concepts. If we are being sanctified, all the four factors of division are taken away. When we move out of ourselves and into the Triune God, we are one and are even perfected into one.

II. Truth and Enlightenment:

Day 1 —

A. Expound the relationship among the light, the truth, and the Word.

According to the Bible, the Lord is the light, the truth, and the Word. The Word, which is also the truth, gives light, for in the Word there is light. Therefore, the Word, the light, and the truth are one. Truth is the realization and expression of light. Light is the source, and truth is the expression. The expression of light is the shining of the light. When light shines upon us, it becomes truth.

B. Explain when the vision becomes reality, it will be effective.

Every vision is a reality; when Christ died on the cross, He shed His blood for us. If this is merely a doctrine to us, we cannot be saved. But as soon as the reality of the death of Christ is televised into our being and we see it as a vision, we are saved. That experience was the vision, the truth.

Day 2 —

A. Explain what the two functions of the truth are.

The first function of the truth is to set us free. To be deprived of the truth is to be in bondage, in slavery, but to know the truth is to be released from slavery, to be freed. The second function of the truth is seen in John 17:17, the truth sets us free; it causes us to be saturated with the element of God. It frees us from all negative things and saturates us with the divine element.

B. Expound that all three of the Triune God are related to the truth.

The truth that sanctifies us for oneness involves the Lord Jesus, the Spirit of reality, and the word of the Father. Therefore, all three of the Triune God are related to the truth. The Lord Jesus, the Son, is the truth; the Spirit is the Spirit of truth; and the Father's word is truth. In the New Testament, especially in the Gospel of John, truth does not mean doctrine; it means the reality of the Triune God.

Day 3 —

A. Explain what the three aspects of the word are.

First, there is the written word of God, the Bible. Then there is the living word of God, Christ. Finally, there is the applied word of God, the Spirit. The living word becomes the applied word through the Spirit. God spoke first and what He spoke was written in a book, which is the Bible. When the word of the Bible is spoken to us, the written word becomes the living word, which is Christ. When the living word is applied to us, it becomes the word of the Spirit.

B. Fellowship how we should be sanctified.

We cannot sanctify ourselves. But when the word mingled with the essence of the Triune God is imparted into us as the truth, this truth sanctifies us. Suppose the young people touch the Word with the Spirit in morning watch and then go to school. Throughout the day at school this word of truth will work within them to separate them and make them different from their classmates.

Day 4 —

A. Explain Sanctification through the word of truth resulting in oneness.

Sanctification through the word of truth results in oneness. The sanctifying word, the sanctifying Spirit, the sanctifying life, and the sanctifying God are all one. Therefore, if we are being sanctified, we can be nothing else but one. We are one spontaneously because all the factors of division are taken away.

B. Expound how we kill our ambition.

Ambition is like a gopher that works underground in a hidden way to cause damage. Ambition undermines from within. We all must admit that we are ambitious. What can kill our ambition? When we contact the Lord through the Word and allow Him to infuse Himself into us, the truth thus imparted into our being kills our ambition.

Day 5 —

A. Explain when we are with the Lord in the Father and in the glory, we are one.

When we are in ourselves, we cannot be one with others. In ourselves we are one only with ourselves, not with anyone else. If we desire to be one with others, we need to move out of the self and into God the Father. When we move out of ourselves and into the Father and into the Father's glory, we are one and are even perfected into one.

B. Expound if we remain in ourselves, we cannot be one with others.

In ourselves we have worldliness, ambition, self-exaltation, and opinion. It is impossible for us to eradicate these things from our being. This is the reason we cannot escape from these four things if we stay in the self. The church life, however, is a building, and the real building is the genuine oneness. In this genuine oneness there is no room for any other negative things.

Day 6 —

A. Fellowship and testify when we are in the Triune God, we are one.

When we are in ourselves, we are divided. Although unbelievers can lodge only in themselves, we have a choice of dwelling in the Triune God. The Lord is in the Father, and He desires that we too be in the Father. We can move into Him by being sanctified through the truth. This involves both the Word and the Spirit. If we continually touch the Word, we will be sanctified and move into Triune God.

B. Expound when Christ lives in us, we sense the reality of the genuine oneness.

When we are in the Triune God, Christ can live in us. When Christ lives in us, we are perfected into one. By moving out of ourselves and into the Triune God, we have oneness. However, this is not yet the perfected oneness. Only when Christ lives in us do we sense the reality of the genuine oneness.

III. Conclusion:

When we are in the Triune God, we are the one. However, when we are in ourselves, we cannot get rid of the four factors of division; that is, the worldliness, ambition, self-exaltation and opinion. Unbelievers can only lodge in themselves, but we can choose to live in the Triune God. Through the sanctification of the truth, we can move into Him. This involves both the Word and the Spirit. If we continually touch the Word and allow the Spirit to touch us day by day, we will be sanctified; that is, we will move out of ourselves, our old lodging place, and into the Triune God, our new lodging place. We will experience the two functions of the truth; on the negative side the truth sets us free from the bondage of sin, on the positive side the truth sanctifies us positionally and dispositionally, saturating us with the element of God.