

Guidelines for the exercise of the Lord's day Prophesying Three : Being Constituted with the Truth and Being Absolute for the Way of the Truth and the Propagation of the Truth for the Consummation of the Divine Economy

I. Overview:

For the consummation of the divine economy, we need to be constituted with the truth. Every saved person should have a full knowledge, a complete realization, of the truth; all the real things revealed in God's Word. We need to pay the price to learn the truths; we need to be delivered from skating on the surface of the divine truth and cooperate with the Lord by laboring together with Him to dive into the depths of the truth of His New Testament economy. The way of the truth is the path of the Christian life according to the truth; it is the straight way to live an upright life without crookedness and bias. The way of the truth is the way of righteousness; to take the way of righteousness is to live a life that is right with both God and man, and it is the way the believers partake of God and enjoy God. We need to be absolute for the propagation of the divine truth; the entire Bible is the gospel of God, and the unique commission of the church today is to preach the gospel. The Lord has given us His precious truth for us to spread the truth not only to believers but also to unbelievers; this will bring in a new revival.

II. Truth and Enlightenment:

Day 1 —

A. Do we really have the truth been constituted into our being?

We all have to admit that a good number of saints have been meeting with us year after year, yet if you check with them today, you would discover that not much intrinsic element of the divine revelation has been really wrought and constituted into their being. Not only in the matter of life but even more in the matter of the truth, not much intrinsic element has been wrought into the saints.

B. Fellowship how to make them solid and constituted with the truth.

You must dive into the Recovery Version with the footnotes and the Life- study messages. You must study the text and every footnote. If possible, it is helpful to take care of the cross references. Then you need to study the Life- study messages. You need to get into these messages and must consider the text of the Recovery Version with the footnotes and the Life-study messages as a textbook.

Day 2 —

A. Explain the words in 1 Timothy 2:4, the full knowledge of the truth.

According to 1 Timothy 2:4, God desires all men to have two things: salvation and the full knowledge of the truth. In the past we took care of salvation, but we neglected the full knowledge of the truth. Notice that, according to the Greek, this verse does not say that men should come simply to the knowledge of the truth, but to the full knowledge of the truth. To have the full knowledge of the truth is to fully know the truth.

B. Expound that the faith of the truth is subjective to us.

When we learn these truths and we hear these truths, we will have the hearing of faith. The scenery (truth) and the seeing (faith) are objective to the camera (us). But when the light (the Spirit) brings the scenery to the film (our spirit) within the camera, both the seeing and the scenery become subjective to it. This is the faith of the truth.

Day 3 —

A. Explain how we should be for the truth and Christ.

Concerning the truth, we need to understand and explain it. Concerning Christ, we need to experience Him and minister to others what we have experienced. The Christ we are referring to here is the subjective Christ who is our life. After we have learned the truth, we still have to experience Christ so that He may become our reality.

B. Describe how the early disciples and apostles announced Christ as the gospel.

Acts 5:42 tells us that the early disciples announced Jesus Christ as the gospel. In Ephesians 3:8 Paul says that he announced to people the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel. For example, Paul tells us that Christ has both divinity and humanity. This means that He was God and man, possessing all the divine attributes and human virtues. This is an item of the riches of Christ.

Day 4 —

A. Expound 2 Peter 2:2 the way of the truth.

In 2 Peter 2:2 the way of the truth is the path of the Christian life according to the truth, which is the reality of the contents of the New Testament. It is designated by other titles according to its various virtues, like the straight way, the way of righteousness, the way of peace, the way of salvation, the way of God, the way of the Lord, and the Way. It was slandered as the way of heresy. This way is the way of God's economy.

B. Explain the meaning of the purification of our souls by our obedience to the truth .

The purification of our souls is the Spirit's sanctification of our disposition that we may live a holy life in God's holy nature. It is deeper than the purification of our sins and the cleansing of sin. The latter is the purification of our outward doing; the former, the purification of our inward being, the soul. This is like the washing in the word in Ephesians 5:26. Truth here is the sanctifying truth, which is God's word of reality.

Day 5 —

A. Expound the meaning and testimony of obedience to the truth.

God will not purify our soul for us. We need to do this ourselves by our obedience to the truth we have heard. Suppose a certain brother struggles for a period of time concerning the Lord's recovery. Eventually, by God's mercy and the moving of the sanctifying Spirit within him, he decided that his emotion is fully set on the Lord and his will follows to make a decision. This is obedience to the truth.

B. Expound the words, 'unfeigned brotherly love' in 1 Peter 1:22.

Since the purification of our souls concentrates our entire being on God that we may love Him with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind, it results in unfeigned brotherly love. We love from the heart fervently all those whom God loves. The word unfeigned means not to pretend or not to be hypocritical. To feign something is to put on a mask to disguise how we really feel.

Day 6 —

A. Expound the four great points being the major truths in the Bible.

These four great points—God's creation, man's fall, God's becoming flesh, and God's dispensing—are the major truths in the Bible from God's creation to the New Jerusalem. We must preach these truths as the gospel to others. If we speak clearly, plainly, and logically, then everyone will be able to understand. For this reason we must study them diligently.

B. Explain how to actively preach the gospel and teach the truth.

The result of society's civilization and progress has been an unremitting emptiness within man. Only the high truths in the Lord's recovery can fill up this emptiness. Therefore, we should bear this burden to diligently study the truth to the extent that we can expound the truth and announce the truth. This is the preaching of the high gospel. I hope that we would all receive this commission to actively preach the gospel and teach the truth.

III. Conclusion:

Seeing the title of the message in order to fulfill the divine economy, we must be constituted by the truth and live a life walking in the truth. And we need to proclaim the truth that the Lord may fully know the truth in 1 Timothy 2:4 and Isaiah 11:9, "For the earth is filled with the knowledge of Jehovah as the waters cover the sea, to be fulfilled." To be constituted with the truth, it is necessary to dive into the Recovery Version with the footnotes and the Life-study messages with the spiritual books. John mentions a few times in his epistles, "I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth."

The way of truth is the straight way, to live an upright life without crookedness and bias; it is the way of righteousness, to live a life that is right with God and man. It is also the way that believers are built up in the Body to testify for Jesus. In spreading of the truth, we must pay the price to learn, apply, speak and proclaim the truth.