

Guidelines for the exercise of the Lord's day Prophesying Message Seven : Our Need to Labor on the All-inclusive Christ to Have the Produce to Exhibit Christ in the Church and to Have a Surplus of Christ to Bring to the Church Meetings for the Corporate Worship of God Our Father

I. Overview:

As believers in Christ who have been led by Christ into Himself as the good land typified by the land of Canaan, we need to labor on Christ. We all need to labor on Christ and let Christ give us much produce; then we will have rich experiences of Christ. Every morning we need to pray, asking the Lord for the day's portion of grace and throughout the day we need to maintain our fellowship with the Lord and thereby contact Him, labor on Him. If we faithfully labor on the all-inclusive Christ, we will have the riches of Christ as the produce to exhibit Christ in the church. God commanded Israelites to not be empty-handed when they came together to worship Him; they had to come with their hands full of the produce of their labor. For our worship of Him, the Father requires that we come to Him with a harvest of Christ; thus, we need to come to the church meetings with the riches of Christ.

II. Truth and Enlightenment:

Day 1 —

A. Why do we say that if we are willing or not to labor on the land was a serious matter?

If an Israelite was lazy and did not rise early to diligently labor, his plot of land would be desolate, and he would not have a harvest at the end of the year. When it was time for the Feast of Pentecost or the Feast of Tabernacles, others would go to worship God with bundles of produce, but he would be empty-handed. Not only would he be without offerings to present to God, but he would also starve. What a pitiful sight that would be!

B. Expound that Christ should be our industry.

We who are the Lord's people living in the all-inclusive Christ should have one industry—Christ. Christ is our industry. We must labor on Him. We are working for Christ and producing Christ. We are working diligently day and night on the farm of Christ. Yet we are working happily, and our work is such a rest to us.

Day 2 —

A. Explain that we need to cooperate with God to have the produce to answer God's invitation.

In the Old Testament God invited all His people to come together, yet God did not cook. He had given them the food by sending the sunshine, the air, and the rain year round. All the things were sent, but they needed to cooperate with God to have the produce. Then the produce became the tithes, and the tithes were brought to answer God's invitation.

B. Expound that the proper church life should be a meeting life.

Without this kind of meeting, we do not have the practical church life. What we have might be just a kind of organization with certain communal activities. But the proper church life should be a meeting life. Before coming to the meeting we must be laboring on Christ. We must reap Christ. We must have gathered some amount of Christ so that when we come to meet, we come filled with Christ.

Day 3 —

A. Expound that the exercise of our spirit is one of the items of the Lord's recovery in these last days.

To worship in the human spirit has been much neglected by today's Christianity. Many today have forgotten about the exercise of the human spirit and instead exercise their mind. Therefore, in order to be trained in a proper way in the Lord's service in the church life, the first matter is that we must learn to exercise our spirit. We need to learn to exercise our spirit in our service.

B. Why must we learn how to discern our spirit and to exercise it all the time?

Whenever we come together, we will know how to use our spirit. Our spirit will be on the alert, ready, active, and living. The church life is a life in the human spirit with the indwelling Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit today indwells our spirit, so we must know how to exercise our spirit. This is one aspect of the principle of the New Testament worship.

Day 4 —

A. Expound the meaning of the word “has” in 1 Corinthians 14:26 and how to apply it.

In 1 Corinthians 14:26, “has” indicates that when we come to the church meeting, we should have something of the Lord to share with others, whether a psalm to praise the Lord, a teaching to minister the riches of Christ to others. Before coming to the meeting, we should prepare ourselves with such things from the Lord, either through our experience of Him or through our enjoyment of His word and fellowship with Him in prayer.

B. Explain our meetings being for having an exhibition of Christ.

We are meeting together to have an exhibition of Christ, not just the Christ whom God gave us but the Christ we have produced, the Christ upon whom we have labored and whom we have experienced. That is the Christ whom we all come together to exhibit. Brothers and sisters, this is what all our meetings should be an exhibition, in which all sorts of the produce of Christ are displayed.

Day 5 —

A. Expound that we should bring all kinds of offerings to our meetings.

Whenever we come together, regardless of the kind of meeting we have, we should come with the Christ experienced by us. Sometimes we offer Him to God as the burnt offering. At other times we may offer Him as the meal offering. In the Lord’s table meeting, we can offer Him as the peace offering for our fellowship with God and man in peace.

B. Fellowship what kind of life we must live to have a proper meeting.

To have proper Christian meetings, we must contact the Lord daily in our private life so that we will be living Christians. Then we must come to the meetings with the realization and understanding that we are coming to exhibit Christ and to share Christ with others. Even if your certain condition in Christian life is marked by failure, you can still function in the meetings.

Day 6 —

A. Testify how to have a meeting of God being glorified.

We need to worship God in spirit with Christ as the reality. Whenever we come to a meeting, we should bring Christ, that is, our experiences of Christ, and our spirit must be living. In this way, we will have the experiences of Christ as well as the release of the spirit. When our spirit is strong and our testimonies are rich, simple, and concise, the meeting will be rich, and God will be glorified.

B. Expound how to have the inward parts and the fat upon them of the peace offering when we come to the Lord’s table meeting.

In the Lord’s table meeting, after the remembrance of the Lord, we should offer the Lord as the peace offering to the Father. What we offer should include the inward parts of Christ. If in our daily walk we are really one with the Lord in our intention toward the Father. If this is the case, we have the reality of the inward parts and the fat upon the inward parts of the peace offering when we come to the Lord’s table meeting.

III. Conclusion:

There were three stages’ eating among the children of Israel. The first stage they ate the Passover lamb in Egypt for producing redeemed people. The second stage they ate the manna in the wilderness to make them a heavenly people. The third stage they ate the produce of Canaan that they might be constituted as the overcomers. The difference between the second and third stage was mainly on their cultivating the land, which really was a laboring job in all processes. Like the farmers, they need to labor diligently on the land allotted to them, including preparing the ground, turning the tillers, sowing, watering, to weed, and applying fertilizer, then they may reap and bring forth for the harvest of God’s ordained feasts. Deuteronomy 16:16, “All your males shall not appear empty-handed in the feasts of three times a year;” This picture reveals that the New Testament believers must work on Christ to produce the rich surplus. Whenever they come to meet together, they exhibit Christ’s top riches. This is the true worship.