

Guidelines for the exercise of the Lord's day Prophesying
Message One : The Divine Economy with the Divine Dispensing of the Divine Trinity in the Divine Move and in Our Experience

I. Overview:

We need to see that the central matter in the Bible is the divine economy with the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity into the believers in Christ. The accomplishment of the divine economy is by the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity. John 4:14 talks about the divine dispensing of Divine Trinity. When we drink of the living water, it becomes in us "a fountain of water springing up into eternal life" and the totality of the eternal life is the New Jerusalem. Based upon the controlling vision of the divine economy with the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity, we can see the Divine Trinity in the divine move and in our experience in the book of Matthew. In Matthew 1 the Holy Spirit, Christ, and God are present for the producing of the man Jesus. In Matthew 3 the Son was standing in the water of baptism under the open heavens, the Spirit like a dove descended upon the Son, and the Father spoke out of the heavens to the Son. In Matthew 12 the Son, in the person of man, cast out demons by the Spirit to bring in the kingdom of God the Father. We need to pray that the Spirit of reality would guide us into all the reality of the divine economy with the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity in the divine move and in our experience.

II. Truth and Enlightenment:

Day 1 —

A. Expound the words in Psalm 36:8, and what the spiritual significance is.

Psalm 36:8 is a figurative speaking of Christ being the rich sacrifices through His death, and this is the fatness of God's house. Verse 8 also tells us that the Lord causes us to drink of the river of His pleasures. The fatness refers to Christ, and the river refers to the Spirit. The Father is the source of life. Even in such a short portion of the Word, in the poetry of the ancient psalmist, we can see the Divine Trinity.

B. Why do we say that the way to interpret Psalm 36:8 is by the governing vision?

The governing vision— the Triune God is working Himself into His chosen and redeemed people to be their life and life supply, to saturate their entire being with the Divine Trinity, that is, with the Father as the fountain, the Son as the fatness, and the Spirit as the river. This is the vision that should govern and direct how you interpret any portion of the Bible.

Day 2 —

A. Expound in what the three stages of the Triune God flowing in the Divine Trinity.

In John 4:14b, when the fountain springs up, that is the fountain emerging. Then a river flows. This flowing Triune God is "into eternal life". A fountain is in us springing up as a river into a destination. This destination is the eternal life. The New Jerusalem is the totality of the divine, eternal life.

B. Explain that the New Jerusalem is the totality of God joined with man and man mingled with God.

The number that represents the New Jerusalem is twelve, signifying that God in His eternal administration is mingled with His creature, man. The Triune God is signified by the number three, and man is signified by the number four. In the New Jerusalem there are the twelve foundations, inscribed with the names of the twelve apostles; there are the twelve gates. This shows that the New Jerusalem is the mingling of God and man.

Day 3 —

A. Expound that the divine conception in Luke 1:35 revealed the Divine Trinity.

In this divine conception the Divine Trinity is revealed. Luke 1:35 shows the Holy Spirit's coming upon Mary; the Most High God the Father overshadowing Mary; and the birth of the holy thing, which is the Son of God. Thus, the entire Divine Trinity was involved in the conception of the Man-Savior.

B. Explain Matthew 3:16 and 17 reveal the Divine Trinity.

These verses show Jesus standing in the baptizing water, the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Jesus, the Son, and the Father speaking out of the heavens, saying, "This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I have found My delight." The Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Christ can be considered as God's anointing Him to be His Messiah. God anointed Him with the consummation of the Triune God as the anointing oil.

Day 4 —

A. Explain the meaning of the words in Matthew 6:9-10.

The praying ones must be children of God, born of God, so they have the authority, the right, to call God their Father. We have a Father in the heavens who has begotten us. To be sanctified means to be separated and distinct

from all that is common; we should express Him in our living. We must live a sanctified life, a daily life separated from being common. In other words, we should be holy.

B. Expound that today the world is not God's kingdom but His enemy's kingdom.

This is why the Bible says that Satan is the ruler of today's world. In Satan's kingdom, the world, there is no righteousness, no peace, and no joy. Romans 14:17 says that the reality of the kingdom life is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. In Satan's kingdom today, there is no joy, because there is no peace.

Day 5 —

A. Expound the word in Matthew 12:28 and how to apply it.

In Matthew 12:28 the Lord said, "If I, the Son, by the Spirit of God, cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you." We need to see its deeper meaning and revelation to look into this verse. The way He cast out demons showed that He was doing something by the Spirit of God and for the kingdom of God. He never did anything by Himself or for Himself. This shows us the excellency in the Divine Trinity.

B. Explain God giving us a good pattern for our coordination.

He was working by the Spirit of God for God the Father. Is this not a pattern for us to be coordinated in His Body? We should behave ourselves just like our Head. Today in the church life the Body of Christ has not been built up adequately because of the shortage of the proper coordination. If we want to be coordinated with all the members in the Body, we have to learn of Christ our Head, taking Him as our pattern.

Day 6 —

A. Expound the truth in Matthew 28:19 and its intrinsic significance.

In Matthew 28:19 the Lord charged His disciples to baptize people into the name of the Divine Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. For the Divine Trinity to be completed, to be consummated, He needed to go through a process to pick up humanity. To be the consummated Triune God, the completed Triune God, He needed humanity as well as divinity.

B. Describe Christ's death being a lovable, all-inclusive death.

The death of Christ is lovable and dear, and the Triune God needed it for His completion, for His consummation. The Divine Trinity is undoubtedly omnipotent, but if He were short of this beautiful death, He would not be able to solve our problems. In Him and with Him there is an all-inclusive death that can kill all the "germs" related to us.

III. Conclusion:

The entire Bible was written according to the controlling vision that the Triune God is working Himself into His chosen and redeemed people to be their life and life supply. This is the vision that should govern and direct how you interpret any portion of the Bible. We must realize that the Scriptures were written under this governing principle. With this key, we can unlock every part of the Bible. Brother Lee said, no matter how young or how old you are, how many years you have been in the service of the Lord. If you are not possessed and captured by this vision, sooner or later your preaching and messages will become somewhat natural. We must have the key, the governing principle of all the writings in the Bible. This key also enables us to apprehend every portion of the Bible. This vision, this principle, applies to every passage of the Bible, including type, prophecy, and even dispensation.