

## **Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying Message Seven : Being Perfect as the Heavenly Father Is Perfect by Being Perfected in His Love**

### **I. Overview:**

At the end of Matthew 5, the Lord Jesus said, "You therefore shall be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect" The kingdom people who are the regenerated believers of the New Testament are the Father's children, having the Father's divine life and divine nature.

Hence, they can be perfect as their heavenly Father is. To be perfect is to have God added to us, as seen in God's word to Abraham, that "I am the All-sufficient God; Walk before Me, and be perfect." If we believers keep His words. and love one another, His love is perfected and completed in us. In this has love been perfected with us, that we may have boldness in the day of the judgment. The genuine Christian perfection taught in the New Testament is according to God's New Testament economy that God wanted to become a man that many men may become the God-men, the New Jerusalem. Such a Christian perfection is the issue of the dispensing of Triune God into the believers; that is for the building up of the Body of Christ. When we enjoy this divine nature to the uttermost, love will be the consummation; this makes us become utterly golden; we put together to be a golden lampstand, bearing the testimony of Jesus.

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

Day 1 —

A. Expound how we fulfill the word in Matthew 5:48.

This verse is an indicator that we have the Father's life and nature within us. We have been born of Him and we are His children. Because we are His children possessing His life and nature, there is no need for us to imitate Him or copy Him. As long as we grow in His life, we shall be the same as He is. Thus, all the requirements of the law of the kingdom of the heavens reveal how much this divine life and nature can do for us.

B. Explain that God's life within us can fulfill the requirements of this highest law.

I have the life of my heavenly Father within me! I am now living by this life in my spirit and walking according to the spirit. By this life in my spirit I spontaneously fulfill the highest requirements of the law of the kingdom of the heavens. This is not my boast; it is my humble testimony to give glory to the Lord.

Day 2 —

A. Explain that the more we have His virtue, and the more we are brought into His glory.

Through the precious and exceedingly great promises given by God, we, the believers in Christ, who is our God and Savior, have become partakers of His divine nature. Although we received the divine life at the time we believed, the divine nature must be continually enjoyed by us. This enjoyment requires the grace of God. The more we enjoy the divine nature, the more we have His virtue, and the more we are brought into His glory.

B. Expound how we shall continue to partake of the divine nature for eternity.

Whatever God is, is in His nature. Therefore, when we partake of the divine nature, we partake of the divine riches. Having received the divine life at the time of our regeneration, we must go on to enjoy what God is in His nature. This enjoyment is both for the present and for eternity. For eternity we shall continue to partake of the divine nature.

Day 3 —

A. Expound the meaning of Genesis 17:1, the All-sufficient God.

Genesis 17:1, the All-sufficient God, this title is El Shaddai. El means "the Strong One, the Mighty One," and Shaddai, implying the meaning of breast, udder, means "all-sufficient". An udder produces milk, and milk is the all-sufficient supply, having water, minerals, and many vitamins in it and containing all that we need for our daily living. So El Shaddai means the "all-sufficient Mighty One."

B. Explain that God told Abraham to walk before Him and to be perfect.

In Genesis 17:1 God told Abraham to walk before Him. Walking before the Lord means that we constantly enjoy Him and the supply of His udder. God also told Abraham to be perfect. For Abraham to be imperfect meant that he was short of God. None of us can be perfected without God. Without Him we are always lacking something.

Day 4 —

A. Expound in 1 John 2:5 the Greek word for love.

The love of God here denotes our love toward God, which is generated by His love within us. The love of God, the word of the Lord, and God Himself are all related to one another. If we keep the Lord's word, God's love has been perfected in us. It is altogether a matter of the divine life, which is God Himself.

B. Explain First John 4:12, God's love being perfected in us.

The love of God is perfected already in God Himself, but now this love needs to be perfected in us. This requires that the love of God become our experience. The love of God is perfect and complete in Him. However, in us it needs to be perfected and completed in its manifestation.

Day 5 —

A. Why do we say that the New Jerusalem is the genuine, real Christian perfection?

The genuine Christian perfection is also the Body of Christ, which is the aggregate of all the God-men living the life of the God-man. The genuine Christian perfection taught in the New Testament is according to God's New Testament economy that God wanted to become a man that many men may become the God-men for the producing of the Body of Christ to consummate the New Jerusalem as God's ultimate goal.

B. Explain the genuine Christian perfection being the work of Triune God.

The Father in His nature is the golden base of the New Jerusalem as its source, its origin. The genuine Christian perfection is also with God the Son as the element. This is typified by the pearl gates of the New Jerusalem. The dispensing fellowship of God the Spirit is to secrete the divine life-juice around us by six steps of organic salvation and the Spirit, as the third of the Divine Trinity, will finish His transforming work to make us completed pearls.

Day 6 —

A. Fellowship we enjoying what the three main constituents of the divine nature.

When we enjoy the divine nature, we mainly enjoy God as Spirit, love, and light because these are the three main constituents of the divine nature. Spirit is the nature of God's person, love is the nature of God's essence, and light is the nature of God's expression. To partake of the divine nature is to partake of the divine Spirit, the divine love, and the divine light.

B. Expound the real meaning of the word holiness.

The real meaning of the word holiness is separation and distinction. Gold typifies God in His divine nature. God is distinct, which means that God is holy. The opposite of the word holy is common. Gold signifies the "golden God" or the holy God, the very God of separation. Our God is separated and is a God of separation. To be holy is to be set aside, to be separated, to be made distinct, just as God is.

### III. Conclusion:

The love of God is perfect and complete in Himself. However, in us it needs to be perfected and completed in its manifestation. When we are used to expressing God's love by loving one another in our lives, this love will be perfected and completed in its manifestation. The genuine Christian perfection taught in the New Testament is according to God's New Testament economy that God wanted to become a man that many men may become the God-men for the producing of the Body of Christ to consummate the New Jerusalem as God's ultimate goal. In the Lord's recovery, Christian perfection is the issue of the dispensing of the processed and consummated Triune God into the believers, the God-men. Therefore, the genuine Christian perfection is also the Body of Christ, that is, the aggregate of all the God-men who live the God-man living. This is the issue of the dispensing of the Triune God, which is on the Father as the source, the Son as the element, and the Spirit as the fellowship.