

Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying Message Three : Living in the Divine Dispensing of the Divine Trinity by the Law of the Spirit of Life in Romans 8

I. Overview:

Romans 8 is the focus of the entire Bible and the center of the universe; the key to being an overcomer is the law of the Spirit of life in Romans 8. Romans 7 is the experience of being "in the flesh"; Romans 8 is the experience of being "in the spirit". The enjoyment of the law of the Spirit of life in Romans 8 ushers us into the reality of the Body of Christ in Romans 12; this law operates within us as we live in the Body and for the Body. The processed Triune God as the life-giving Spirit installed into our spirit may be likened to electricity; God's operation as the law of the divine "electricity" within us requires our cooperation to "switch on" this law by prayer. The secret of our Christian life that we all must learn is found in Romans 8:6; to set the mind on the spirit is to take heed to the spirit, to take sides with the spirit, to cooperate with the spirit, and to stand with the spirit, that is, to pay attention to our spirit. When we take heed to the inner sense of the spirit, living in the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity for the Body of Christ to accomplish the goal of His eternal economy—the New Jerusalem.

II. Truth and Enlightenment:

Day 1 —

A. Briefly describe the intrinsic significance of Romans 5 - 8.

In Romans 5 we are in Adam, in Romans 6 we are in Christ, in Romans 7 we are in the flesh, and in Romans 8 we are in the spirit. If we are in the flesh, we experience Adam, and if we are in the spirit, we experience Christ. The Adam in chapter 5 can be experienced only in the flesh in chapter 7, and the Christ in chapter 6 can be experienced only in the spirit in chapter 8.

B. Expound the experience of the Romans 7- 8.

Romans 8 is not trying to stir people up. Nor is it trying to bring some backsliders back to the Lord. This chapter is for those who are desperate to be freed. We can see this by the last part of chapter 7. Paul is desperate; he is seeking to the uttermost. He has nothing else in his heart, except such a freedom. Romans 8 is for such a person.

Day 2 —

A. Expound that Romans 8 may be considered the focus of the Bible and the center of the universe.

Romans 8 may be considered the focus of the Bible and the center of the universe. God's intention in the universe is to work Himself into His chosen people. He created the universe for this purpose. Romans 8, especially verses 1 through 17, is not composed with doctrinal teaching, exhortation, admonition, or instruction. Instead, the apostle Paul wrote this portion according to revelation and experience.

B. Explain what positions Christ gained after His resurrection and ascension.

After His resurrection Christ entered into ascension, where as a man, He was made the Lord of all, given the headship over all things, glorified, crowned, and enthroned. Moreover, He received the highest name and title. This is the processed God who has accomplished, obtained, and attained everything necessary for His purpose.

Day 3 —

A. Expound the law in Romans 8:2 and its application.

In Romans 8:2 law does not refer to the Mosaic law or to a particular commandment. Paul had a scientific understanding of the function of the law of the Spirit of life. Just as the law of digestion regulates the digestion of the food we eat, so with the divine life dispensed into us there is a law. This means that the divine dispensing works spontaneously by law, by a principle that functions automatically. Through the working of this law, the element and the riches of the divine life are being dispensed into our being.

B. Unveil the words in Romans 8:10.

In Romans 8:10, Paul says that the spirit is life, or zoe [Gk.]. When we call on the name of the Lord Jesus, this zoe gets into our spirit and causes our spirit to become zoe. Now not only the Triune God is life, but our spirit is also life. If we see this, we shall have the boldness to declare to the whole universe and especially to Satan that our spirit is life.

Day 4 —

A. Explain that we may enjoy the wonderful law of the Spirit of life.

We may enjoy the wonderful law of the Spirit of life, the very law who is the Triune God who has been processed and dispensed into us and who now dwells in us. The way to cooperate with this law is to walk in the spirit and simply be in spirit. To be in the spirit is to have the divine electricity turned on.

B. Expound the true meaning of the prayer.

The meaning of the prayer, first, is to absorb God; prayer causes man to obtain God. God is reality, and also we may say God is substance; hence, He is contactable and obtainable. Prayer is to contact God and obtain Him. Our enjoyment of God's salvation depends on our absorbing God.

Day 5 —

A. Explain that pray is to let God speak, to let Him be expressed.

The first meaning of prayer is to absorb God, and the second meaning is to express God. These meanings are related. To express God means to let Him speak, that is, to let God be expressed. Prayer is not our speaking or expressing ourselves. Real prayer is our coming to God and letting God speak and express Himself instead of speaking our own words and expressing ourselves.

B. Unveil the principle of the prayer in Psalm 27:8.

God speaks within us, and to pray is to repeat what He has spoken back to Him. This is the principle of Psalm 27:8. Therefore, the words we utter in prayer are an expression of the speaking within us. Prayer is not our asking for something through speaking; it is our expressing what God has spoken within us. Hence, our prayer becomes God's expression.

Day 6 —

A. Explain how to experience of Romans 8:6.

Satan dwells in the members of our body, but God is in our spirit. This brings us to Romans 8:6. This verse contains a real secret. In this verse there are three things: the mind, the flesh, and the spirit. If we set our mind on the flesh, that is, on Satan, the issue is death. Adam did this when he partook of the fruit of the tree of knowledge, with the same result of death. However, if we set our mind on God as life, the result is life and peace.

B. Why do we say that the teaching of Romans 8:6 is crucial?

We must learn how to set our mind on the spirit. In other words, we must learn to trust in God and depend on the Lord. This can be illustrated by the use of electric appliances. All we have to know is how to plug them in. There is no trouble unless we do not plug them in; in that case, no one can help us.

III. Conclusion:

When we are troubled by temper, we may fast and pray, calling on God to have mercy on us and help us not to lose our temper. We need to realize that the Triune God is already installed in us and that He is working in us as a law. We should simply walk according to our spirit by turning on the switch. As long as we walk according to our spirit, we will spontaneously overcome our temper. The issue of the divine dispensing of the divine Trinity as the law of the Spirit of life imparted in us who believe in Him, not only saves us from and conquers negative things, but also actively supplies the three parts of our whole being so that we may be sanctified, renewed, transformed, and conformed. Finally, when Christ comes again, we will receive full sonship, the transfiguration of the body into the likeness of His glorious body, which is the summit of God's complete salvation