

## **Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying Message Eleven : The Surplus of the Produce of the Good Land and the Corporate Worship of God the Father in Truthfulness**

### **I. Overview:**

The surplus of the produce of the good land typifies. The people of Israel offered Canaan's produce to God and enjoyed it with God. The enjoyment of the surplus of the produce of the good land typifies the corporate enjoyment of Christ as our worship to God. The proper life of Christians is to labor on Christ every day and thus have the rich surplus of Christ to bring to the meetings for a rich exhibition of Christ. Through our daily experiences of the riches of Christ, these riches will become an exhibition of the produce of Christ. Daily, we should labor on Christ to have a harvest of Christ's riches to bring to the church meetings for the corporate worship of God the Father. Whenever we come to the Lord's table meeting to remember the Lord and worship the Father, we must come with the riches of Christ produced by our daily laboring on Christ. The divine reality is Christ as the fountain of living water, the life-giving Spirit, partaken of and drunk by the believers to be the reality within them, which eventually becomes their genuineness and sincerity in which they worship God through our experience and enjoyment of the Triune God as the divine reality.

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

Day 1 —

A. Expound whenever the people of God came to worship God, they were commanded not to come with their hands empty.

They had to come with their hands full of the surplus of the produce of the good land. The people put aside at least three portions of one-tenth of the produce they obtained from the good land, not for their own living but for the purpose of worshipping God. In this way, whenever they came together to worship God, they brought a surplus of the produce of the good land to God.

B. Explain that we must labor on Christ in order to have the surplus.

The surplus is the first tenth, not the last tenth. The Israelites had to separate every first lamb and every first tenth of the produce for the Lord. This typifies that after being brought into Christ, we need to labor on Christ, to cooperate with the Holy Spirit to live by Christ. We need to till the ground, sow the seed, and reap the harvest.

Day 2 —

A. Expound our meetings being exhibition of Christ.

At certain times people from all over certain areas and districts and sometimes from throughout the entire world bring their products together for exhibition. This is just what we are doing when we come together to worship God. 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.

B. Describe the situations of God's people having the Feast of Tabernacles.

At the time of the Feast of Tabernacles so many from all over the land came together to their center, Jerusalem. All brought with them some of their produce—some fruit, some vegetables, some cattle, and many other things. The church life is simply this. It is all the saints enjoying Christ before God and mutually with God. They are enjoying the Christ they produce.

Day 3 —

A. Fellowship whenever we meet, should come with the Christ experienced by us.

Whenever we come together, regardless of the kind of meeting we have, we should come with the Christ experienced by us. In this way the surplus of Christ is offered to God and exhibited to the whole universe. Then our meetings will be enriched and strengthened because they are full of Christ. Christ will be expressed through us not only in the building up of the church but also in the church life, in all the meetings of the church.

B. State God's people coming together to worship Him at least three times a year.

They come together at the time of the Passover, at the time of Pentecost, and at the Feast of Tabernacles. And He told them that whenever they come together, they must bring to Him something of the produce of the good

land. We must realize that whenever we come to the meetings, whenever we come to worship the Lord, we should not come with our hands empty. We must come with our hands full of the produce of Christ.

Day 4 —

A. Expound that we are truly enjoying Christ.

When we truly enjoy Christ, we spontaneously have not mere knowledge but a surplus of the experience of Christ to bring to the church. We have the adequate experience of Christ to feed on and live by, and we also have a surplus, the tithe, the best portion of our experience of Christ set aside to offer to God when we come together.

B. Explain the people of Israel worshipping God to bring the surplus of the good land.

They brought together, such as flocks, wine, milk, honey, and fresh wheat. Their coming together was an exhibition of the rich produce of the good land. This typifies that whenever we who enjoy Christ meet together by bringing a portion of our experience of Christ, our meetings are the exhibition of Christ. If we have this kind of meeting, the outcome of our enjoyment of the riches of Christ will be the fullness of Christ.

Day 5 —

A. Explain the truthfulness in John 4:23-24.

Truthfulness here denotes the divine reality becoming man's genuineness and sincerity for the true worship of God. The divine reality is Christ as the reality of all the offerings of the Old Testament for the worship of God and as the fountain of the living water, the life-giving Spirit, partaken of and drunk by His believers to be the reality within them. This reality eventually becomes the believers' genuineness and sincerity.

B. Expound how to worship God in truthfulness.

In order to have the genuine worship in truthfulness, Christ must be presented to God. If in our singing, calling on the name of the Lord, praying, and praising, Christ is not presented to God, all these practices will be empty...If Christ is not offered to God through our calling and praying, there will be little or no reality in our worship, and our worship will not be in truthfulness.

Day 6 —

A. Expound how the Christian life should be.

The Christian life is a life of daily experiencing the Christ. This experience of Christ produces the offerings with which we worship God. We should come to the meetings of the church in spirit and with the Christ whom we have been experiencing in our daily living. In the church meetings we should worship God in our spirit and with the very Christ whom we have experienced as the offerings.

B. Explicit what the Christ we should experience in our daily living.

We should not come to God empty-handed. Whenever we come to Him, we should have something of the Christ we have experienced in our daily living. God wants the Christ we have experienced. His desire is that we worship Him with the Christ we experience day by day. In experiencing Christ we enjoy God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit. This enjoyment issues in a reality.

### **III. Conclusion:**

The life after we have gained the good land is a life of labouring on Christ, producing Christ, enjoying Christ, sharing Christ with others, and offering Christ to God that He may enjoy Himself together with us. To enjoy and share Christ in this way is to exhibit Christ to the whole universe. This is a worship of God, and is a shame to the enemy. Not one child of God will be poor after going through such a worship, rather everyone is rich and full. They come with a surplus and leave with even more. The life on that good land is only Christ Himself, but He is a Christ related to us, that is, the Christ we have experienced, have laboured, have produced, and have enjoyed. This is the Christ what we have shared with others and have offered to God.