

## **Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying Message Eight : Experiencing and Enjoying the All-inclusive Christ as the Good Land— a Land in Which We Do Not Lack Anything**

### **I. Overview:**

Christ as the preeminent and all-inclusive One is the allotted portion of the saints in the light, as illustrated by the allotment of the good land of Canaan given to the children of Israel for their inheritance. We must be in the light in order to enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the good land; light is the presence of God. God is the real Farmer, and Paul was one of His co-workers; Paul planted the believers into Christ as the soil. Day by day we need to take time to absorb Christ, the One into whom we have been planted; we must take time to enjoy the Lord as the all-inclusive land so that all the elements of Christ as the rich soil may be absorbed into us for us to be made full in Him. Furthermore, Christ as the soil is the history and mystery of God with all the riches, including Christ as God, Christ as man, Christ as our necessities, and Christ as our divine provision. Christ as our allotted portion, our unsearchable rich good land in which we do not lack anything, is our All-sufficient God and the great I Am, whom we can experience and enjoy day by day; what He is meets our every need in order to meet His need for the building up of His church as His Body and the preparation of His church as His bride.

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

Day 1 —

A. Expound the words in Colossians 1:12 and in Deuteronomy 8:7-9.

The allotted portion in Colossians 1:12, refers to a lot of the inheritance, as illustrated by the allotment of the good land of Canaan given to the children of Israel for their inheritance. The New Testament believers' inheritance is not a physical land; it is the all-inclusive Christ. The riches of the good land in Deuteronomy 8:7-9 typify the unsearchable riches of Christ in different aspects as the bountiful supply to His believers in His Spirit.

B. Explain God's goal in His economy.

God's goal in His economy is not merely to redeem His people and save them from the world, typified by Egypt, but to bring them into Christ, typified by the good land, that they may possess Him and enjoy His unsearchable riches. By enjoying the riches of the land, the children of Israel were able to build up the temple to be God's habitation on earth and the city of Jerusalem to establish God's kingdom on earth.

Day 2 —

A. Explain that the only way to partake of Christ and to enjoy Him is in the light.

The only way to partake of Christ and to enjoy Him is in the light. God and Christ are light. When we turn to the Lord and come into His presence, we are in the light and spontaneously begin to enjoy Him as our portion. When we read the Bible in a pray-reading spirit, opening ourselves to the Lord, we are brought into His presence.

B. Testify that Christ cannot be our portion in darkness.

If we are in darkness because of arguing with someone, we cannot enjoy Christ. Christ cannot be our portion in darkness; He can only be our Passover. However, even for Christ to be our Passover requires that we repent and confess. Because I have found that arguing puts me in darkness, I need repentance and confession to make the light return, and I am able to continue to enjoy Christ.

Day 3 —

A. State the words in Colossians 2:7.

Both the growth and the building depend on being rooted. As the good land, Christ Himself is the rich, fertile soil. Having been rooted in Him, we must daily absorb the rich nourishment of Christ into us to be the element that causes us to grow. All day long as tender roots, we should absorb the riches of Christ as the soil. This is to grow and to be built up in Christ.

B. Explain how God causes us to grow.

God causes the growth by getting into us. The more God is added to us, the more growth He causes. Without the increase of God within us, there cannot be any growth. The growth of the Body depends on the growth of God, the addition of God, the increase of God, within us. Therefore, God causes the growth by giving Himself to us in a very subjective way.

Day 4 —

A. Explain that we absorb the rich nourishment from the soil, we gain this fullness.

When we are rooted in Christ as the soil, the first thing to take place is that we are made full in Him. The Greek word [for made full] implies completion, perfection, satisfaction, and full accomplishment. In Christ as the soil, we are filled, completed, perfected, satisfied, and thoroughly supplied. The first element of the soil is the fullness of the Godhead. As we absorb into our being the rich nourishment from the soil, we enjoy this fullness.

B. Expounded by being rooted in the good land and in its fullness, we have everything.

In this all-inclusive and extensive fullness, we have everything. We have God, we have an uplifted humanity, and we have divine attributes and human virtues. Do you need life? It is found in this fullness. Do you need love or patience? They also are included in the fullness. Other elements include circumcision, burial, being raised, the wiping out of the ordinances, and the stripping off of the powers of darkness.

Day 5 —

A. Explain that Christ is the real man and God.

John 1:1 reveals that the Christ is God. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God". The Word in John 1 is Christ. Christ is the very God. Praise Him, He is not only God, but He is

also man. First Timothy 2:5 says, "The man Christ Jesus." He is not only the very God, but He is also the real man.

B. Expound Christ being the Prophet.

As man, Christ is the Prophet. Acts 3:22 and 23 tell us that Christ is the greatest Prophet. A prophet is one who comes from God to edify and instruct us about God and tell us something about God's future plan. Christ did all these things. He is the Prophet of God.

Day 6 —

A. Explain that Christ is our righteousness, sanctification.

Christ is our righteousness, by which we have been justified by God so that we may be reborn in our spirit to receive the divine life. As our subjective righteousness, Christ is the One dwelling in us to live for us a life that is always acceptable to God. Christ Himself is our sanctification. This means that Christ is the element that produces transformation, which being added to our being, produces a metabolic change.

B. Expound the name Jesus including the name Jehovah.

In Hebrew the name God means "the Mighty One," God the Almighty; and the name Jehovah means "I Am"—I Am Who I Am. The verb to be in Hebrew not only refers to the present but also includes both the past and the future. Hence, the correct meaning of Jehovah is "I Am Who I Am," the One who is now in the present, who was in the past, and who will be in the future and in eternity forever. This is the name of Jehovah.

### **III. Conclusion:**

We need to spend adequate time every morning to absorb the Lord. If you spend half an hour in the morning absorbing and enjoying the Lord, you will not be disturbed by negative things throughout the day. We should spend time with the Lord not only in the morning, but also throughout the day. Let us turn back from our minds, emotions, and wills, and give everything to You Lord today. As you spend time with the Lord, you will be spontaneously absorbing the riches of the soil into you. The fullness, circumcision, burial, resurrection, the dispensing of life, the wiping out of the ordinances, and the putting off the authorities will all be your experience. Because we are in Christ, we lack nothing. In Him is fullness, completeness, and completeness. Because we are in Him, we are perfect and complete.