

Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying Message Ten : The God-men's Divine Right to Participate in God's Divinity

I. Overview:

We need to realize that, as God-men, we have the divine right to participate in God's divinity, that is, to participate in God. The first step in becoming a God-man is that we are born of the pneumatic Christ in our spirit with His divine life and nature. As God-men, those who have been born of God to be children of God, we have the right to participate in what God is and even to become God in life, nature, and expression. As God-men, we can participate and in various aspects of God's divinity. We can participate in God's life; life is the content of God and the flowing out of God. We can participate in God's nature; the divine nature is what God is and the holiness is His nature. We have the right to participate in God's mind. When the anointing is moving within us, it reveals God's mind to us. We have the right to participate in God's being; our being transformed with God's very being. We have the right to participate in God's image; Christ is God's image, expressing what He is. Eventually, we will participate in His glory to participate in God's sonship. The God-men's right to participate in God's divinity in God's manifestation and God's species.

II. Truth and Enlightenment:

Day 1 —

A. Expound God-man being participating in God's divinity.

How marvelous that we, fallen human beings, can be one with the Lord! Such a thought is surely very high. Now we need to see something even higher—that as God-men, we have the divine right to participate in God's divinity. The phrase participate in means not only to partake of but to partake of for enjoyment. It indicates that we possess something and that we enjoy what we possess. We all need to realize that we can participate in God's divinity, that is, participate in God.

B. Explain the human beings being created by God for His purpose.

We human beings were created by God for this purpose. Man was created in God's image and according to His likeness. Thus, human beings have the image and likeness of God. However, at the time of creation, man did not have God's life. But now as God-men, those who have been born of God to be children of God, we have the right to participate in what God is and even to become God in life, in nature, and in expression but not in the Godhead.

Day 2 —

A. Explain the God-men having the divine right to participate in God's life.

John 3:15 tells us that everyone who believes into the Lord Jesus will have eternal life. Eternal life is the divine life, the life of God. We are human beings, but we can have God's life. We were created in God's image and God's likeness but without God's life. Through regeneration we have been graced by God with His divine life...He has put, has dispensed, His life into our being. Colossians 3:4 speaks of "Christ our life." Since Christ is the embodiment of God, for Christ to be our life means that God is our life.

B. Expound what eternal life is.

The natural life makes us a natural man, and the divine life makes us a divine man. The natural life makes us a natural man, and the divine life makes us a divine man. We have been born of the divine life; therefore, we are divine. It is a pity that the majority of regenerated people do not know that they have God's life in addition to their own life. This life is not only holy and heavenly but also divine.

Day 3 —

A. Expound the words in Philippians 2:5.

In Philippians 2:5 "think this in you." This kind of thinking, this kind of mind, was also in Christ when He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, and humbled Himself, being found in fashion as a man. To have such a mind requires us to be one with Christ in His inward parts. To experience Christ, we need to be one with Him to this extent, that is, in His tender inward feeling and in His thinking.

B. Explain God-men having the right to participate in God's mind.

Because we have become God-men through regeneration, we also have the right to participate in God's mind. This means that we, who are human, can have a divine mind. We need to let Christ's mind be our mind. Ephesians 4:23

says, "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind." Such a mingled spirit spreads into our mind, thus becoming the spirit of our mind.

Day 4 —

A. Expound that we, as God-men, participate in God's image.

"The same image" in 2 Corinthians 3:18 is the image of the resurrected and glorified Christ. In God's creation man was made in God's image in an outward way, but the image into which we are being transformed is something inward. To be transformed into the same image is to be conformed to the resurrected and glorified Christ, as the firstborn Son of God, to be made the same as He is.

B. Explain that we will be brought into God's glory to participate in His glory.

Hebrews 2:10 says that God is leading many sons into glory. Glorification is the step in God's complete salvation in which God will completely saturate our body with the glory of His life and nature. In this way He will transfigure our body, conforming it to the resurrected, glorious body of His Son. This is the ultimate step in God's organic salvation, wherein God obtains a full expression.

Day 5 —

A. Explain God-men participating in God's sonship.

We can have God's life, God's nature, God's mind, God's being, God's image, and God's glory because we are God's sons. As a human son shares the glory or prestige of his human father, the sons of God share in the glory of their divine Father. Before the foundation of the world, God predestinated us, marked us out, unto sonship.

B. Expound all the blessings of sonship.

We are the sons of God enjoying all the blessings of sonship. We may itemize the blessings: the spirit of sonship, the witnessing of the Spirit, the leading of the Spirit, the firstfruits of the Spirit, the helping of the Spirit, and the interceding of the Spirit. Eventually, we will have the full sonship of the sons of God revealed in the freedom of glory.

Day 6 —

A. Expound God-men participating in God's divinity with the right bearing His likeness.

First John 3:2, "Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not yet been manifested what we will be. We know that if He is manifested, we will be like Him because we will see Him even as He is." This clearly reveals that we will be like Him, that is, we will bear God's likeness. We will not only participate in God's life and nature but will also bear God's likeness.

B. Why do God's children have a great future with a more splendid blessing?

Since we are the children of God, we shall be like Him in the maturity of life when He is manifested. To be like Him is "what we will be". This has not yet been manifested. This indicates that the children of God have a great future with a more splendid blessing. We shall not only have the divine nature but shall also bear the divine likeness.

III. Conclusion:

People may offend us to the utmost, but we will not hate them, but we will still love them. This is not human, but divine. This is not loving people on a human level; it is loving people on a divine level. We can do many things and express many things that no one else can, because we have God's divinity dispensed into us. We can forgive and forget. Only God can forgive by forgetting. People can't do this. Because of this divine dispensing, we can forgive others as He does. When we forgive, we forget. This is not human virtue, but this is a divine attribute. In God's organic salvation we, the believers in Christ, can partake of God's divinity in the sense that He will make us Himself. He is making us God in life, nature, and expression, without, of course, partaking of His Godhead.