

Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying

Message Eighteen : The Grace of God and the All-inclusive Spirit

I. Overview:

The current of the Divine Trinity within us as revealed in 2 Corinthians 13:14 is our spiritual pulse. The blessing in 2 Corinthians 13:14 is the same as that in Numbers 6:22-27; this is the eternal blessing of the Triune God. Whenever we turn to our spirit, we enter through the gate of heaven and touch the throne of grace in heaven through Christ as the heavenly ladder. The product of the grace in God's economy is the Body of Christ as the poem of God, expressing God's infinite wisdom and divine design. The anointing Spirit is the indwelling, compound Spirit moving and working within us to impart all of God's divine ingredients and constituents into us. The teaching of the anointing is the inward feeling generated by the moving of the Spirit within us, enabling us to know God's mind. The sealing Spirit transforms the believers into a treasure to God. The pledging Spirit gives us a foretaste as a sample and guarantee of the full taste of God. The transforming Spirit dispenses the divine life, nature, essence, element into us so that we may be metabolically changed in our inner being. The transmitting Spirit transmits all that Christ is with all the riches of God into us for our participation.

II. Truth and Enlightenment:

Day 1 —

A. Expound what the all-inclusive type of Christ is.

In 1 Corinthians Paul likened the Corinthians to the children of Israel. They had left Egypt by experiencing Christ as the Passover, and they were wandering in the wilderness, experiencing Christ as the heavenly manna and as the spiritual rock that flowed out the living water. The record of entering into the good land is in 2 Corinthians. The good land is Triune God given to us as the divine grace for our enjoyment.

B. Explain what 2 Corinthians 13:14 reveals.

We see that with the Divine Trinity are the source, the course, and the flow. The source of this circulation is the love of the Father. The course, the outflow, is the very grace expressed and conveyed to us by Christ. The grace of Christ comes out of the source of the love of the Father. The flow is the Holy Spirit as the fellowship, the communication, the transmission, the circulation, of the grace of Christ with the love of the Father.

Day 2 —

A. Fellowship that the blessing in 2 Corinthians 13:14 is the same as that in Numbers 6:23-26.

The blessing in 2 Corinthians 13:14 is actually the same as that in Numbers 6:23-26. The grace of the Lord is the Lord Himself as life to us for our enjoyment, the love of God is God Himself as the source of the grace of the Lord, and the fellowship of the Spirit is the Spirit Himself as the transmission of the grace of the Lord with the love of God for our participation. The Triune God is our real blessing and portion.

B. Explain the blessing in Numbers 6 being related to Triune God.

In the blessing in Numbers 6, "Jehovah bless you and keep you" is ascribed to the Father; "Jehovah make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you" is ascribed to the Son; and "Jehovah lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace" is ascribed to the Holy Spirit. The Father blesses us, the Son shines upon us, and the Holy Spirit lifts up His countenance upon us.

Day 3 —

A. Explain that the everyday experience of the believers must be grace.

The everyday experience of the believers must be grace. If it is not grace, it is not the believers' experience; if it is not grace, it is not the Christian living. Grace is God's embodiment—Christ. Hence, the grace experienced by the believers is Christ, the embodiment of God. The New Testament believers' living under the grace in God's economy is the total living of experiencing the Triune God as grace.

B. State the total living being the living of a living person.

A total living is not the living concerning right and wrong, good and evil, or anything else, but the living of a living person. The living of this living

person is the mingled living of the processed Triune God with the tripartite transformed man. Thus, God becomes our grace, and we live in this grace. This is the grace referred to in the New Testament.

Day 4 —

A. Explain the anointing Spirit and the sealing Spirit mentioned in 2 Corinthians.

This Spirit is also in our hearts as a pledge, a foretaste. Since we have been attached by God to Christ, the anointed One, we are spontaneously anointed with Him by God. God has anointed Him with the oil of exultant joy above His partners. The ointment with which Christ and we are anointed is God Himself. The more we are anointed by God, the more of the element of God's divine nature we receive.

B. Expound our experience of the anointing.

In one sense, all of us who have been regenerated have been attached to Christ. But in our experience, how much we have been attached to Christ depends on the amount of anointing we have received. If we are living and doing things under the anointing, this anointing teaches us in everything. When we walk according to this anointing, we have the sense that at that time we are attached to Christ.

Day 5 —

A. Expound that Spirit is the writing Spirit, and how to apply it.

The Spirit is the writing Spirit, and we are the letters of Christ. The Spirit is the ink for writing Christ into us. As the divine ink, the Spirit is the Spirit of the living God. There should be something living within us all the time as evidence that Christ is being written into every part of our inner being. If we are under the Spirit's writing, we have the deep sensation of being living within.

B. Explain Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 3:6.

That the letter kills but the Spirit gives life. This means that the Spirit inwardly imparts life into us day by day. We need to always return to our spirit because it is in our spirit that we sense and experience the imparting of life. This revives us and makes us living. If we pay attention to the letter of the Bible, we will be killed.

Day 6 —

A. State the producing of the ministry.

The life-giving Spirit is also the ministering Spirit. A ministry is produced in a person because Christ has been wrought into him for many years, not just overnight. The ministry is produced through years of the Lord's working, dealing, and building up bit by bit. Once something of Christ has been wrought into you, nothing can take it away.

B. Expound the freedom mentioned in 2 Corinthians 3:17.

The freedom, the liberty, from the letter of the law under the veil. The Spirit liberates us from the written code, the written regulations. The Judaizers knew a lot, but they did not see anything. We need to be unloaded and emptied so that we can freshly receive Christ Himself in the newness of His living presence.

III. Conclusion:

Throughout the ages, every servant of the Lord has had the resurrected Christ living within them. We can testify that He, the grace of God, lives within us, enabling us to do the things we could not do before. We may be persecuted and opposed, and we may suffer; but we have the resurrected Christ within us. The more we are opposed, the more vigorous and active we become. We must all declare that in our labor, it is not us, but the grace of God that is with us. In 2 Corinthians, this spirit has nine aspects of work. In chapter one, we see the anointing, the sealing, and the pledge aspects. In chapter three, there are five other aspects: writing, giving life, supplying Christ, freeing, and transforming. In chapter thirteen, we see the fellowship and transmission of the Holy Spirit. That is the conclusion of 2 Corinthians.