

Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying Message Five : Being a Fully Equipped Man of God by Inhaling and Exhaling the Word of God as the Breath of God

I. Overview:

God's intention is to gain a corporate God-man with the breath of God; He formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life to become the spirit of man. That was not the life of God nor the Spirit of God, but there can be a transmission between God the Spirit and man's spirit. The night of the Lord's resurrection, He came to the disciples, then breathed into them and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit. All Scripture is God-breathed; God's speaking is the breathing out of God. Our reading of the Bible should be our inhaling of God to receive life, and our teaching of the Bible should be our exhaling of God to impart life. The Bible is for our profit in teaching, conviction, correction, and instruction in righteousness. Satan is not only the enemy outside of us but also the adversary inside of us. By praying over the constant word of the Bible that it becomes the instant word, that is, the sword of the Spirit that kills the adversary and the negative things in us are killed through pray-reading. The overcomers keep the Lord's word by always coming to the Lord to contact Him as the living word in the written word so that He can become the applied word as the dispensing Spirit in them.

II. Truth and Enlightenment:

Day 1 —

A. Explain what the function of the man's spirit God creating is.

The breath of life breathed into man's body became the spirit of man, the human spirit. Man's spirit is his inward organ for him to contact God, receive God, contain God, and assimilate God into his entire being as his life and his everything. It was specifically formed by God and is ranked in importance with the heavens and the earth in God's holy Word. The spirit of man is for man to worship God, to fulfill God's purpose.

B. Expound the Lord's breathing of the Holy Spirit into the disciples in John 20:22 .

The Holy Spirit mentioned in John 20:22 was the Spirit expected in 7:39 and promised in 14:16. Hence, the Lord's breathing of the Holy Spirit into the disciples was the fulfillment of His promise of the Holy Spirit as the Comforter. By breathing the Spirit into the disciples, the Lord imparted Himself into them as life and everything.

Day 2 —

A. Explain the Scripture being the breathing out of God.

God-breathed indicates that the Scripture, the word of God, is the breathing out of God. God's speaking is God's breathing out. Hence, His word is spirit or breath. Thus, the Scripture is the embodiment of God as the Spirit. The Spirit is therefore the very essence, the substance, of the Scripture, just as phosphorus is the essential substance in matches. We must strike the Spirit of the Scripture with our spirit to kindle the divine fire.

B. Expound how we should read the Scriptures properly.

The Bible does not teach us to read the Scriptures in a secular way. Rather, Ephesians 6:17-18 tell us to receive the word of God by means of all prayer and petition. According to 2 Timothy 3:16, the Scriptures are God-breathed. This indicates that the Scriptures are the breathing out of God. God has breathed Himself out in the Scriptures, and thus our reading of the Scriptures should be our receiving of God's breath.

Day 3 —

A. State that in 2 Timothy 3:16 teaching equals revelation.

In 2 Timothy 3:16 teaching equals revelation. A revelation is the opening of a veil. As you are teaching the young people, you should be taking away a veil so that they may see something of the Triune God. For the Bible to be profitable for teaching means that it is profitable for unveiling, for rolling away the veil. Time after time and in session after session, you need to gradually roll away the veil.

B. Expound teaching being followed by conviction.

The reason for this is that no one can see something of God without being convicted by what he sees.

Whenever we see something of God, we realize our mistakes, wrongdoings, shortcomings, and sins. The

result is that we are convicted; we are rebuked. This conviction comes from the revelation we receive. When in our reading of the Scriptures we receive a revelation, the revelation will convict us and rebuke us.

Day 4 —

A. Fellowship the spiritual meaning of a man of God in 2 Timothy 3:17.

A man of God is one who partakes of God's life and nature and thus becomes one with Him in His life and nature and thereby expresses Him. This corresponds to the mystery of godliness, which is God manifested in the flesh. Through the God-breathed Scripture, the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work. Complete here means complete and perfect in qualifications.

B. Explain that it is not profitable for us to memorize and recite Bible verses without experiencing any rebuking.

When we receive a revelation from the Word, that revelation exposes our sinfulness and rebukes us. We are not rebuked by man, nor are we rebuked directly by God; we are rebuked by the teaching of the Word. When we are rebuked in this way, we are spontaneously corrected, and when we are corrected, we have the instruction in righteousness. The result is that we are adjusted.

Day 5 —

A. Expound how to differentiate the word of rhema and the word of logos.

The Greek for word in Ephesians 6:17 is rhema, the instant word spoken at the moment by the Spirit in any situation. When the logos, the constant word in the Bible, becomes the instant rhema, this rhema will be the Spirit. This rhema, which becomes the Spirit, is the sword that cuts the enemy to pieces. Furthermore, we, not the Spirit, are the ones to use this sword to kill the enemy.

B. Explain how we should do with facing the spiritual warfare.

In spiritual warfare we must deal not only with the objective enemy but even the more with the subjective adversary. Satan is not only the enemy outside us; he is also the adversary inside us. Because the enemy's elements are within us, we need the killing power of the word to be applied to our being subjectively.

Day 6 —

A. Testify how to be able to get through all the offenses.

I have often been offended by others in the church life or in my family life. I get through by receiving the word as the Spirit. The word I receive as the Spirit then becomes the sword to slay the enemy. Apparently, the sword of the Spirit kills my emotion; actually, it kills the evil spirit in the air who takes advantage of my emotion. Whereas my emotion is killed directly, the evil spirit is killed indirectly. In this way I have been able to get through the offenses.

B. Fellowship using the sword of the Spirit killing the negative things.

I receive the word in a living way as the Spirit, and the Spirit, which is the word, becomes the sword that kills my emotion directly and kills the evil force indirectly. Spontaneously, the offense is gone, and no damage is done to the church. However, if the offense were allowed to remain, it would cause serious damage to the church life.

III. Conclusion:

We need to receive God's Word in a living way, that is, to receive the Word as the Spirit. Then the Spirit will become the sword of killing. This Word first kills us directly, and then indirectly kills the dark powers in the air. This is why we need to have the proper pray-reading. When we study and teach the Bible, we need to be very spiritual, and we need a lot of prayers first. We must be men of prayer. In other words, we must be people who constantly inhale the Lord, who constantly inhale God. Our reading of the Bible should be our inhaling of God to receive life, and our teaching of the Bible should be our exhaling of God to impart life. You should feel that you are exhaling God, and they are inhaling God. This means that there is a communication between your exhalation and their inhalation. This indicates that the way you teach is proper, and when you shepherd, you are supplying life to others.