

## **Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying**

### **Message Six : Christ as the Word of God**

#### **I. Overview :**

John 1 is the introduction to the whole Gospel of John, and the main stress of this introduction is that Christ is the Word of God. John 1 refers to Christ, with the two sections of eternity and the bridge of time. In the five greatest events in the history of the universe, Christ as: the Creator, the man in incarnation, the Lamb in redemption, the anointing Spirit, the ladder in God's building to express the invisible God. In His becoming flesh, He became the embodiment of the Triune God, bringing God to man and making God contactable, receivable, experienceable, enterable, and enjoyable. The Word is God expressed, explained, and defined. Life is God imparted so that man may receive God. Light is God shining so that man may be enlightened to partake of God. Grace is God enjoyed by man. Reality is God realized by man. Christ is the anointed One becoming the anointing One and also the anointing; to live in the principle of antichrist is to be anti the anointing.

Jacob's dream is a revelation of Christ, for Christ is the reality of the ladder. anointing. Whenever we turn to our spirit, we experience Christ as the ladder. The issue of Christ as the heavenly ladder is God's building.

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

Day 1 —

A. Explain the first crystal in the Gospel of John, the Word of God.

The Word of God, refers to Christ, the only begotten Son of God, as the definition, explanation, and expression of God. John unveils Christ as the great I Am, self-existing and ever-existing. Everything other than Christ is vanity of vanities. Only He is the reality, the I Am, the One who is. Christ is the One who is eternal, without beginning or ending.

B. Expound John 1:1 referring to eternity in the past and eternity in the future.

John 1:1 refers to eternity in the past, for the beginning denotes eternity in the past. Verse 51 refers to eternity in the future, for when the Lord told Nathanael that he would see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man, He was speaking eternity in the future. If we put together these two sections of eternity, we have the whole of eternity.

Day 2 —

A. Explain the words in Psalm 19:1.

In God's creation, Psalm 19:1 says "the heavens declare the glory of God, /And the expanse proclaims the work of His hands...", and the things in heaven and on earth speak unceasingly concerning the existence of God; their speaking, while silent, conveys true and reliable facts that can be seen. They tell us that there is a creating God.

B. State the words in Romans 1:20.

According to Romans 1:20, all things in heaven and on earth are proof of God's existence. The heavens and the earth that God created, as well as all the things that He made, testify concerning Him. All these things cause people to know God and give no excuse to those who do not acknowledge God's existence. Although God is invisible, we can know Him through the things He created. In other words, the visible creation speaks concerning the invisible God.

Day 3 —

A. Expound what Christ unveils to us in His incarnation.

in His incarnation In His incarnation Christ unveils that the Creator has become one of His creatures, bringing God into man, mingling divinity with humanity as one, and in His human living He expresses God in the divine attributes through His human virtues. Christ is the mingling of divinity with humanity, and we are also the mingling of divinity with humanity.

B. Explain full of grace and reality in John 1:14.

John 1:14 says that He was "full of grace and reality." When He became visible and touchable, He was When Christ was in the flesh with the disciples, they not only saw and touched Him, but they also enjoyed Him. He

did not declare God to His disciples by teaching them but by affording them such a sweet enjoyment. By simply looking at people, He could capture them. How enjoyable was His presence!

Day 4 —

A. Expound God partaking of man's flesh and blood for the redemption of the lost universe.

Christ is the invisible God, partaking of man's flesh and blood, for the redemption of the lost universe to bring in the New Testament age. God partook of man's flesh and blood for the redemption of the lost universe. The entire universe was contaminated by Satan. This first rebel caused the entire universe to become lost, so all things on earth and in the heavens needed to be redeemed by God.

B. Explain Christ being revealed in His becoming the Lamb.

Christ is also revealed in His becoming the Lamb to take away the sin of the world judicially for the New Testament. When He was put to death on the cross, God considered Him the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He became a man for the purpose of redeeming the lost universe, yet He still needed to take a further step to go to the cross to die, bearing the sins of mankind on the cross as the Lamb.

Day 5 —

A. Explain in His becoming the Spirit for the dispensing life and the transformation of God's redeemed people.

The fourth great event in the history of the universe, through which Christ as the Word speaks, is His becoming the Spirit. John 1:32 says, "John testified, saying, I beheld the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He abode upon Him." This is the Spirit descending as a dove upon the Lamb. Christ is revealed in John 1 in His becoming the Spirit for the transformation of God's redeemed people into stones for the building of God's house organically for the New Testament.

B. Expound that we need to be not only redeemed but also transformed.

We need to be not only redeemed but also transformed. If we were merely redeemed, we would still remain men. In order to become like God, we need transformation. We need to be regenerated to begin our transformation into stones for God's spiritual building, His house. The house of God, Bethel, first is the church, then the Body of Christ, and consummately the New Jerusalem.

Day 6 —

A. Explain what He reveals in His being the heavenly ladder.

Christ, in His being the heavenly ladder at Bethel, also speaks to us how God desires to have a house on the earth constituted with His redeemed and transformed elect, that He may bring heaven to earth and join earth to heaven, to make the two as one for eternity. In this sense, we may say that the creation is the Word, the incarnation is the Word, the Lamb is the Word, the Spirit is the Word, and the ladder is the Word.

B. Expound the anointing coming by way of the dove, the Spirit.

We may be in any one of three situations. We may be a created man who needs to be regenerated. We may be a regenerated man who is still quite natural and who needs to be transformed. We may be a transformed man who is still separate and individualistic and who needs to be united with others. If we are properly transformed, we will be willing to be united with others.

### **III. Conclusion:**

Although we are people of the old creation, the Bible tells us that we must become people of the new creation. According to our human concept, this change requires a lot of work. However, it is accomplished through the Word, by Christ. We must forget the religious idea of wanting to do good to please God and wanting to do something for God. We must have this vision of knowing that what we need is to be transformed and built up together to become the house that God really wants. This is what God seeks and what God is after through His Son, who became the Son of Man to be the ladder that connects heaven and earth. The ultimate result will be the mingling of God and man, that God and man can be mutual dwelling place; man will be His dwelling place, and He will be man's dwelling place. This is the eternal dwelling place of God according to His eternal plan.