

Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying
Message Ten : Christ- the Establisher of the Kingdom and the Word of God - King of Kings and Lord of Lords

I. Overview:

After fighting His enemies, Christ will establish the kingdom of God on the earth, the millennial kingdom, and reign with His overcoming believers for a thousand years. The whole earth must be cleared up as a preparation for God's kingdom to come. The first item mentioned in Revelation 20, a chapter concerning the millennium, is the binding of Satan. Although the Lord judged Satan on the cross, that judgment has not yet been fully executed. When the Lord returns, He will fully execute the judgment that He accomplished on the cross upon Satan. Satan will be bound and cast into the abyss, then the earth will become Christ's kingdom. After His wedding feast Christ with His bride will fight against Antichrist. The Lord's name is called the Word of God; the Lord Himself is the Word of God. That means that He is the expression, the testimony, and the speaking of God. The Lord's fighting in the war at Armageddon will be a powerful speaking. It will tell Satan that God is sovereign and that no one can rebel against Him. As the coming King, He will be the Head and the center in the upcoming kingdom of God in the millennium.

II. Truth and Enlightenment:

Day 1 —

A. Explain many things taking place after the rapture of the man-child.

After the rapture of the man-child, the following things will take place; the rapture of the majority of the saints, the destruction of religious Babylon, that is, the annihilation of Catholicism; the destruction of Judaism; and the fall of material Babylon. Following all this, there will be the war at Armageddon. The whole earth must be cleared up as a preparation for God's kingdom to come.

B. State according to the prophecies of the Bible, the millennial kingdom being in two sections.

The upper section of the millennium is called the kingdom of the Father and the lower section is called the kingdom of the Son of Man. The kingdom of the Messiah is another name for the lower section of the millennium. In the millennial kingdom there will be three peoples. The first are the overcoming saints, including those of both the Old Testament and the New Testament. The second group is the preserved and proper Jews as priests to teach all peoples seeking God and knowing God.

Day 2 —

A. Explain Revelation 20:4-6 revealing that Christ will reign with the overcoming saints.

Revelation 20:4-6 reveals that Christ as the Establisher of the kingdom will reign with the overcoming saints. Because the overcomers bring in the kingdom of Jesus Christ, the Lord will reign for a thousand years, and the overcomers will also reign with Christ for a thousand years. To have the authority to judge means to have the kingdom. Therefore, it indicates that the overcomers have received and are enjoying the kingdom.

B. Why are the overcomers qualified to reign with Christ?

The overcomers become qualified to reign with Christ by the humanity of Jesus being worked into them.

Christ who is the unique proper man dwells in our spirit as the Spirit of Jesus. Such a One with all the proper human virtues is in us to be our humanity. When we have His humanity, we will put Satan to shame and be the kingdom of God.

Day 3 —

A. Expound in Revelation 19:13, Christ being revealed as the Word of God.

In Revelation 19:11-16, Christ is revealed as the Word of God—King of kings and Lord of lords—who returns to defeat and destroy Antichrist and the false prophet. After His wedding feast, Christ will come as a fighting General with His bride, the overcoming believers who are His army, to fight Antichrist, the kings under him, and their armies at Armageddon.

B. Explain in Revelation 19:11-21, the Bridegroom with His bride coming to fight against His enemies.

In Revelation 19:11-21 we see that the Bridegroom comes to fight against His enemies with the help of His bride. The Bridegroom is the Commander-in-chief, and the bride is the army. This will be a honeymoon for the newlywed couple. During His honeymoon Christ will clear up the universe. Antichrist and the false prophet will be cast into the lake of fire, and Satan will be bound and cast into the abyss.

Day 4 —

A. State in righteousness Christ will make war against the unrighteous.

Christ is God's faithful and true Witness who sits on a white horse, judges in righteousness, and makes war. Christ will come back to fight against Satan's power of unrighteousness, which today operates in the world as the mystery of lawlessness and which will issue in Antichrist, the man of lawlessness. In righteousness Christ will return to make war against the unrighteousness practiced by Antichrist and all his partners.

B. Expound both Christ and the gospel riding on a white horse.

In Revelation 19 Christ, the Bridegroom as the Commander-in-chief, appears riding on a white horse. The horse of the first seal in 6:2 is also white and signifies the preaching of the gospel. Thus, both Christ and the gospel ride on a white horse. In the book of Revelation, white indicates being clean, pure, just, and approvable. Even today we are riding on this white horse.

Day 5 —

A. Unveil the words in Revelation 19:13 and what its significance is.

Revelation 19:13 indicates that the Lord Himself is the Word of God. The Lord is clothed with a garment dipped in blood because of His fighting at the battle of Armageddon. The garment of Christ is dipped in blood and becomes red by His treading the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God at Armageddon, where the blood will rise up to the bridles of the horses. That the Lord's name is called the Word of God means that He is the expression, the testimony, and the speaking of God.

B. Expound the Word of God in Revelation 19 and its effectiveness.

In Revelation 19, as the Word of God, Christ speaks for God by executing God's judgment upon the rebellious people. Even as the Lord fights, He speaks for God and expresses God. The fighting of Christ is the speaking of the Word of God. God is righteous and sovereign. He is also a God of order, and as such He cannot tolerate disorder and rebellion.

Day 6 —

A. Expound that He will reign over the earth as the King in the kingdom.

After Christ takes possession of the earth, He will reign over the earth as the King in the kingdom, ruling over the nations with His overcoming believers. As the coming King He will be the Head and the center in the upcoming kingdom of God in the millennium. As Christ has redeemed the earth and all its peoples to be the sphere and components of His kingdom, as He has sold all to buy the kingdom, and He will have the full right to be the King of the restored earth and the restored nations.

B. Explain Christ as the Son of Man bringing the kingdom of God.

Matthew 13:41 says, "The Son of Man will send His angels, and they will collect out of His kingdom all the stumbling blocks and those who practice lawlessness." After Christ comes back, He will set up the kingdom of God on earth. Then in the kingdom He will still be the Son of Man. God's enemy, Satan, rebelled against God's authority. For dealing with him God created man and gave man dominion to rule over the earth.

III. Conclusion:

Although we are saved eternally, our salvation is secured, and we believers are held in the Father's choosing with Lord's saving hand, we still need to grow unto maturity to be perfected that we may reign with Christ. If we are not yet matured, we shall suffer loss. If we suffer loss before resurrection, our loss pertain to the first death; if we suffer loss after resurrection, our loss is related with the second death. If we are still fleshy and love the world, then at the judgment seat of Christ we must endure some suffering to make us mature. We need those things related to the second death to work upon us. And we need to be enlightened, to be watchful of earnest, and we ought to long to be overcomers, participate in the out-resurrection, so that the second death shall have no effect upon us.