

Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying

Message Eleven : The Lamb-God Being on the Throne within the City

I. Overview:

The throne of God and of the Lamb shows that there is one throne for both God and the Lamb, indicating that God and the Lamb are one. In eternity the very God who sits on the throne is our redeeming God, from whose throne proceeds the river of water of life for our supply and satisfaction. In our daily life, in our family life, in our marriage life, in our business life, and in our church life, the center must be God's throne; everything should be subjected to His headship. In our experience, whenever we subject ourselves to the Triune God, taking Him as our Head, we enjoy a flow within us; the spiritual sky over the heads of the living creatures is crystal clear, like there is nothing between us and God and nothing between us and one another; we have a thorough and clear fellowship with the Lord and with one another. Ezekiel 1 reveals that the One on the throne looks like a man, yet with Him there is the appearance of the glory of Jehovah, indicating that the One sitting on the throne is Jesus Christ, the God-man. God's righteousness, holiness, and glory keep sinners away from God. Because we, the believers, are now in Christ, in the sight of God we bear the appearance of Christ as righteousness, holiness, and glory; this is the appearance of a rainbow as a testimony of God's faithfulness in sparing us and saving us from His judgment on sinners.

II. Truth and Enlightenment:

Day 1 —

A. Expound the throne of God and of the Lamb in Revelation 22:1.

The Lamb with God is on the throne within the city. On this throne God and the Lamb will not sit beside each other; instead, God in Christ will sit on the throne. We know this because God as the light will dwell in the Lamb as the lamp. Just as the light and the lamp are one unit, one entity, God and the Lamb are one entity. The one throne of God and of the Lamb signifies that God and the Lamb are one.

B. Explain the experience of the throne.

In our Christian experience the unique item should be the throne of the One who purposed and of the One who redeemed. Such a throne must be set up in our entire being, and this should be the center of our Christian life. This means that we would accept the God who purposed and the Christ who redeemed us as our Head, Lord, and authority.

Day 2 —

A. Explain that whenever the throne is gone, there is no source of the flow.

This is why many times we have the feeling that we are dry and even dried up. There is not the flow of the living water because we do not accept or recognize the lordship, the headship, and the authority of the Triune God in the very center of our being. This is why the throne is the last item revealed concerning the New Jerusalem. Without the throne the New Jerusalem does not have a center, and without the throne there is no flow of life.

B. Fellowship taking the Triune God as your Head that something begins to flow in your being.

Whenever you would take the Triune God as your Head, that will be the time when something begins to flow in your being. We have to apply this to our daily life in every instance and in every small thing. Even in our talk to our children and in our talk to our spouse, we have to practice submitting ourselves to the inner throne.

Day 3 —

A. Explain Ezekiel 1:22 revealing the sky over our heads being crystal clear.

Ezekiel 1:22 reveals that after we have experienced all the things in the first twenty-one verses, the sky over our heads will be crystal clear. It will be like a great expanse of awesome crystal. We will have a wide, clear expanse above us. This means that above us is an open, clear heaven. The sky is not only clear; it is also expanding.

B. Explain what the difference of our sky between before and after we were saved.

Before we were saved, our sky was dark and cloudy, even foggy. It was also narrow, without any expanse...But one day we repented, confessed our sins, and received the Lord Jesus as our Savior...After we made a

thorough confession, we had the sense, for the first time, that the sky above us was clear. We sensed that the day was dawning, that the clouds were leaving, and that the fog was lifting.

Day 4 —

A. Explain how significant of the throne for God is.

The throne is not only for God to reign over us but also for God to accomplish His eternal purpose. If we have a throne in our spiritual life, God will not only rule over us but will also fulfill His purpose in us, with us, and through us. If you want God's purpose and plan to be carried out in you and with you, you must be a person who submits to the throne.

B. Expound the words in Ezekiel 1:26.

Ezekiel 1:26 speaks of "the likeness of a throne, like the appearance of a sapphire hire stone." The sapphire stone signifies the situation or the condition of the heavens with God's presence in it. The throne being in the likeness of a sapphire stone shows the presence of God in a heavenly situation. Upon the likeness of the throne was One in appearance like a man above it. Here we are told that the One on the throne looks like a man.

Day 5 —

A. Why is God going to bring men to His throne?

God's intention is to cast Satan down and to redeem many of those taken captive by Satan and bring them to His throne. God cannot receive the full glory until we are brought to the throne. One day we will be brought to the throne, and then God will be able to boast to Satan. He will triumphantly declare that His chosen ones, who had been taken captive by Satan, have been brought to the throne.

B. Explain the words in Ezekiel 1:27, and what its significance is.

In Ezekiel 1:27 we see that the appearance of the man on the throne has two aspects. From His loins and upward, He looks like electrum, and from His loins and downward He looks like fire. The upper part of a man, from his loins to his head, is the part of feeling. The lower part of a man's body is for moving. The appearance of fire from the loins and downward signifies the Lord's appearance in His move.

Day 6 —

A. Fellowship the appearance of a rainbow in Ezekiel 1:28.

A rainbow is the brightness around the man who is sitting on the throne. We need to remember the rainbow at the time of Noah. A flood had destroyed the whole earth, and only eight people were spared from that judgment. After that, God made a covenant in which He promised never again to destroy all living things by a flood, and He set the rainbow in the cloud as a sign of this covenant. The rainbow, therefore, was a sign of God's faithfulness.

B. Expound what the significance of the three primary colors of the rainbow are.

In the rainbow there are several different colors, but the basic colors are only three—red, yellow, and blue. When these colors are shining and blending, they produce other colors. Blue signifies the throne, fire refers to God's holiness, and yellow signifies God's glory in the glowing electrum. Therefore, here we have God's righteousness, holiness, and glory, signified by the colors blue, red, and yellow.

III. Conclusion:

The weight of a person before God is equal to the degree to which that person submits to His authority. A brother may speak and act very appropriately, yet his words may be as light as a feather, possessing no spiritual weight; this indicates his disobedience to God's throne. In contrast, another brother may be entirely different. When you come into contact with him, you sense that he carries spiritual weight and evokes a deep reverence within you. This brother has weight because he continually practices standing before God's throne, living under His authority. In spiritual experience, the more we submit to the throne and obey His authority, the greater our weight becomes. Whether brothers and sisters heed you depends on where you stand and what you are. If you are under the clear sky, you need not strive, nor claim status for yourself, nor even speak. The clear sky and the throne above it will make everything manifest.