

Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying

Message Eight : The Man-child, the War in Heaven, and the Overcoming Saints

I. Overview:

The woman brought forth a son, a man-child, who is to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne. The man-child is composed of the overcoming saints who have died and been resurrected. Here, the man-child is raptured to the throne of God before the fifth trumpet, which is the time of the great tribulation, beginning from the sixth seal. After the man-child is raptured to heaven, Michael and his angels begin to war against Satan. The man-child is always engaged in fighting God's enemy, Satan. They have been fighting Satan continually on earth. Heaven is waiting for them to arrive that a war may be waged to cast Satan out of heaven. Satan, the enemy of God, was judged by the Lord Jesus on the cross. After that, the overcoming believers are needed for the carrying out of that judgment, for the executing of that sentence. And brothers overcame him, the devil, because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their soul-life even unto death.

II. Truth and Enlightenment:

Day 1 —

A. Explain the man-child in Revelation 12:5.

Revelation 12:2 says that the woman was with child, and verse 5 says that “she brought forth a son, a man-child.” Man-child here does not indicate a baby. Rather, it indicates the stronger part within the woman. The woman represents the totality of God's people. But throughout all generations there have been some stronger ones among God's people. These are considered as a collective unit fighting the battle for God and bringing God's kingdom down to earth.

B. Expound among God's people only a few of them being strong.

History proves that not everyone among God's people is a strong one. This was true during the time of the patriarchs. I believe that God had hundreds of people. Noah, however, was a strong one. During the time of Israel, there were hundreds of thousands who belonged to God, but only a few of them were strong. For example, Elijah and Jeremiah were strong ones. We find the same thing in the New Testament.

Day 2 —

A. State the man-child having been fighting Satan continually.

Immediately after the man-child is raptured to heaven, a war commences with Michael and his angels against Satan. This indicates that the man-child, the stronger part of God's people, is always engaged in fighting God's enemy, Satan. The overcomers have been fighting Satan continually, even unto death, and have defeated him on earth. But heaven is still waiting for them to arrive there so that a war may be waged to cast Satan out of heaven.

B. Expound the man-child being the executor.

When the man-child is delivered and is raptured to the throne, he will say, “Satan, you were defeated by me on earth. Are you still here hiding in the heavens?” As soon as this word is uttered by the man-child, Michael the archangel will lead all his angels to war against the dragon. God is waiting in the heavens for this executor. Who will be the executor? We, the man-child, will be the executor. Let us go there to preach to Satan.

Day 3 —

A. Expound the man-child being raptured to heaven, Michael taking the lead to fight against Satan.

As soon as the man-child is raptured to heaven, the war begins. The man-child is the executor, and the executor does not need to fight. Rather, he simply gives the word. After we, the executor, give the word, the angels who serve us will fight for us. When we say, “Satan, go away,” Michael will take the lead to fight against him.

B. Explain the overcoming believers against Satan being the executing of the Lord's judgment upon him.

The angels are ready to war against the dragon. Michael might even be saying, “Man-child, come up here and give us the word. We'll carry it out.” But if we would be qualified to be there in the heavens to execute

judgment upon Satan, we must begin to execute the judgment upon him now on earth. The rapture is not only for us; it is for God's economy and for God's strategy.

Day 4 —

A. State the precious blood's value and application.

Any apparent condemnation that does not stop after we have confessed and applied the blood must be of the devil. Once we realize this, we should tell Satan, "Stop! I will not confess anymore. This is not God's enlightenment—it is your accusation. I am one of the brothers who overcome you not because of my perfections but by the blood of my Redeemer."

B. Fellowship how we can overcome the accusations of Satan.

The voice from heaven tells us, "They overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb." The blood is the basis of victory, and it is the instrument to overcome Satan. He may accuse us, but we can answer that the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from every sin. "Every sin" means any sin, whether it is great or small. The blood of God's Son cleanses us from all of them.

Day 5 —

A. Fellowship that they also overcame the enemy by the word of their testimony.

Revelation 12:11 is the word of testifying that the devil has been judged by the Lord. Whenever we sense the devil's accusation, we should verbally testify how the Lord has already dealt with him. We need to testify not only to men but also to the demons, saying, "Demons, you must be reminded that Satan, your king, has been defeated by my Lord Jesus Christ. You should not be here troubling me."

B. Expound

When our conscience is without offense, then our mouth can give testimony. When there is an accusation in our conscience, we can utter nothing. It seems that the more we speak, the lower our voice becomes. The meaning of testimony here is to testify to others, and only will you testify that sinners can be forgiven and man can be accepted because of Christ, but you will further testify of God's kingdom. "Testimony" means to tell others what there is in Christ.

Day 6 —

A. Explain that we must hate our self.

Because of Adam's fall, Satan has joined himself to man's soul-life, man's self. Hence, to overcome him we must not love our soul-life but rather hate it and deny it. The overcoming believers who constitute the man-child do not love their soul-life even unto death. Those who do not love their soul-life are willing to be martyred.

B. Explain the works of Satan.

The best way for Satan to deal with us is to cause us to act in our own strength. Man, however, cannot serve God with the natural ability that has never been dealt with by the cross. Oh, we all must be brought by God to the place where we are trembling and fearful lest we do anything without the Lord. Then we will become useful in the hand of God.

III. Conclusion:

The blood is a matter of fact, while our words are a proclamation of that fact. The truths revealed by the blood indicate that our sins have been forgiven and removed, that we have been crucified, that Satan has been judged, and that his head has been wounded. We must apply this blood, which represents all these truths. After applying the blood, we must declare these truths to Satan. Revelation 12:11; the brothers overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their soul-life even unto death. For the blood of the Lamb that redeemed us, we must respond to the devil's accusations against us before God, thereby overcoming him. Whenever we feel that accusations are coming from the devil, we need to apply the blood. We must declare these truths to Satan and testify about how the Lord dealt with him. This is the way to overcoming the enemy.