

Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying
Message Five : Keeping Ourselves in the One Flow of the Lord's Work for the Spreading
of the Church and Receiving the Lord's Mercy to Be Saved from Satan's Schemes

I. Overview:

The divine stream, which has been flowing throughout the generations, is uniquely one; since there is only one divine stream and since the flow is uniquely one, we need to keep ourselves in this one flow. Where the divine stream flows, we have the life of God, the fellowship of the Body, the testimony of Jesus, and the work of God. The spreading of the church is brought about by the growth in the Lord's life and the flowing out of the Lord's life, the overflow of life. When the church begins to spread, erroneous concepts are shattered, regardless of whether the concepts are regional, racial, or mutually discriminatory; it is through spreading that all our close-mindedness is eliminated. Acts 8 shows that the first step in the church's spread was to Samaria, and the second step was to Ethiopia, to Africa; this shows that we must preach the gospel to every tribe and tongue and people and nation. We must be saved from outward and dead ordinances, human opinions, and the self with its old concepts; the degree to which we are saved is the degree to which the church can be built up. The work in the Lord's recovery is for the building up of the local churches unto the building up of the universal Body of Christ.

II. Truth and Enlightenment:

Day 1 —

A. Expound the Scriptures showing us that God comes to us as life as the flowing of living water. The Scriptures show us that God comes to us as life as the flowing of living water. This stream of living water flows out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. This means that the life of God flows out of God Himself in the redeeming Savior, the Lamb, with ruling authority to be life to us now.

B. Explain the stream being a stream of fellowship.

In the whole city of the New Jerusalem there is only one street, and in the midst of that street is the stream of living water. It flows throughout the entire city, and the whole city can have fellowship only through or by this stream of living water. This reveals that the fellowship of the Body of Christ is the stream of divine life. As the stream of the divine life flows within us, there is the fellowship of the Body among us.

Day 2 —

A. Explain the spreading of the church being brought about by the growth in the Lord's life. The church is universal, so it must spread. This spreading is not promoted by human methods, nor is it worked out by human hands. The spreading of the church is brought about by the growth in the Lord's life. On man's side, the church cannot grow quickly, and we should not be greedy for speed. However, on God's side, the church must spread.

B. Expound that the spreading of the church can break through many barriers.

In Jerusalem they had many Old Testament traditions and teachings that caused them to close themselves off from others; moreover, they did not communicate with others. In Peter's mind the church should not go to the Gentile lands; however, the church had to spread. When the church begins to spread, erroneous concepts are shattered, regardless of whether the concepts are regional, racial, or mutually discriminatory.

Day 3 —

A. State the purpose of God choosing Saul.

The person God saved and chose to be an apostle was a person who opposed God, persecuted the church, and inflicted harm on Christians. Our narrow, erroneous human concept needs to be broken and shattered through the spreading of the church. We must believe that a person can be persecuting the church one hour and preaching the gospel the next hour. God is able to do this because He wants to spread.

B. Expound the obstacle of preaching the gospel to Cornelius's household.

a representative of the Gentiles, and it was difficult to break In Acts 10, however, God wanted the apostles to preach the gospel to Cornelius, a representative of the Gentiles, and it was difficult to break through. The Holy Spirit did a marvelous thing. He showed Peter a vision of "a great sheet", which represents the

gospel. All kinds of things were in that sheet. A voice told Peter that he should rise up and “slay and eat”, which means that Peter needed to be mingled with them.

Day 4 —

A. Explain the Holy Spirit forbidding and the Spirit of Jesus not allowing them.

The Holy Spirit forbade Paul and his co-workers, and the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. The Holy Spirit is the sanctifying Spirit. Sanctifying is always a matter of forbidding. The Spirit of Jesus either allows us or does not allow us. To allow is to let you go. We have to go to do the will of God just as the man Jesus did. Jesus was a man who was always under the cross.

B. State the first problem encountered in the spread of the church.

The first problem encountered in the spread of the church was the limitation and bondage of Judaism. The believers in Judea were Jews who still kept the traditions of Judaism; they looked at the church from a Jewish viewpoint. The Jews believed that their law, ordinances, and rituals were from God and pertained to piety; therefore, they considered themselves as those best able to keep God's word.

Day 5 —

A. Expound the great mistake James made.

James treasured the law of letters through Moses, and he seemingly mentioned another law that he called the perfect law of freedom. Jeremiah prophesied concerning the law of life that would be written in our hearts, and Paul spoke of the law of the Spirit of life. James was not speaking of the law of life but of the law of letters.

B. Explain the cross Paul has seen and experienced.

The old “I” of the believers has been crucified, crossed out; in the Christian life it should no longer be their old crucified “I” who lives but Christ who lives in them. Paul says, “I did not determine to know anything among you except Jesus Christ, and this One crucified”. The cross of Christ is the greatest lack of James.

Day 6 —

A. Expound the river of water and the river of fire, and their applications.

In Genesis 2 we see a river of life, and in chapter 3 we see a river of fire. The flame signifies God's holiness, and the sword signifies God's righteousness. As far as God's holiness and righteousness are concerned, we should die. All those who do not allow the river of life to flow through them will have the river of fire flowing through them. Everything that will not give way to the flow of the river of life will eventually pass through the burning of the river of fire.

B. Explain the river of water by passing through the river of blood.

Today between the river of water and the river of fire, there is a river of blood. What should have been consumed by the river of fire is merged into the river of water by passing through the river of blood. We have the river of blood to take care of everything that is of ourselves. On the one hand, we need to examine ourselves, and we need to trust in the blood of the Lord. In this way we will be saved from the river of fire into the river of water.

III. Conclusion:

Some believers have this flow of river that flows into them, but they do not guard themselves within this flow. Whenever you feel that the flow within you has ceased, you must immediately turn to the Lord and ask what the reason for this is. No matter where you are going or what you are doing, if you feel that moving forward in that direction will cause stopping the flow, then you must stop. To maintain this flow, you must cease all activities that are not out of God, or anything that does not originate from the flow of rivers within you. God works according to the flow of the divine life, and wherever this flow goes, there is God's work. There is still this divine flow within the church. May we be prepared to walk with the Lord so that this flow may overflow freely within us without any hindrance. Today, we must submit to the flow of the work of the Holy Spirit.