

Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying
Message Nine : The Vision, Experience, Enjoyment, and Expression of the Supreme Preciousness
of Christ for the Genuine Church Life

I. Overview:

The proper concept of value for the believers can be seen in their estimation and assessment. We need to ask the Lord to grant us the light to have a thorough change in our concept of value so that we will continually choose Christ and all that He is as our super-excelling portion. Peter was attracted and captivated by the Lord to see that precious stone for God's building is Christ Himself. The precious blood of Christ has redeemed us from our vain manner of life. The precious and exceedingly great promises have been granted to us by our God and Jesus Christ. The precious proving of our faith is by various trials that come through sufferings. The evil time during Isaiah's days, Christ, as the Lord, the King, Jehovah of hosts, is still sitting on a high and lofty throne. Seeing God issues in being purged and cleansed by God, and being cleansed by God issues in being sent by God to bring His chosen people into a state of living Christ. The vision of the excellent Christ appeared to Daniel in His supreme preciousness for Daniel's appreciation, consolation, encouragement, and stabilization.

II. Truth and Enlightenment:

Day 1 —

A. Expound the relationship between the concept of value and knowledge.

A person often measures the value of something according to the amount of knowledge he has of it. Some saw the altar built mostly with gold. They considered the temple to be most valuable. In Matthew 23:16-26 the Lord Jesus called these people fools, blind men, and hypocrites because they did not know the true concept of value. Their concept of value was all wrong.

B. Explain every believer having concept of value changed.

Once a person is saved, his concept of value changes. He no longer cherishes what he once cherished, and he treasures what he once despised. This is a change in his concept of value. The Bible has much to say concerning a change in one's concept of value.

Day 2 —

A. Explain the words in Matthew 10:37-38, and how to choose.

Matthew 10:37-38 implies that a father, mother, wife, and children are the most precious things to a man. They are the most important things a man has in this life. When these are not compared with the Lord, there is nothing wrong in loving them. But when a situation arises where we have to choose between the two, which one will we choose? Our Lord is more precious than any of our kin.

B. Unveil the word of Job 22:23-28, and how to experience it.

Job 22:23-28 says, "If you return to the Almighty, you will be built up. If you put injustice far away from your tents, / And place your gold nuggets in the dust / And your gold of Ophir in the stones of the brooks, / Then the Almighty will be your gold nuggets / And precious silver to you. / For then you will delight yourself in the Almighty, / And you will lift up your countenance to God." This is the result of a change in the concept of value with those who turn to God.

Day 3 —

A. State how Peter was charmed by the Lord and captivated by Him.

Peter was charmed by the Lord to such an extent that although he was rebuked by the Lord frequently, he still determined to follow Him. Peter was thick-skinned. He had been rebuked by the Lord many times, but he still followed Him. On the night of His betrayal, while Peter was sitting in the courtyard of the high priest, a little servant girl came to question him. Because of her questioning, Peter denied the Lord.

B. Fellowship what Peter had seen and experienced.

Peter realized that he, James, and John had been admitted into the highest degree of initiation at the Lord's transfiguration, admitted to be the initiated spectators of His majesty. Peter considered the Lord's transfiguration as a figure of His second coming. The Lord's transfiguration in glory was a fact, and Peter was in it. The Lord's coming back in glory will also be a fact, as real as the Lord's transfiguration.

Day 4 —

A. Explain the things Isaiah had experienced.

In spite of the rebellion, iniquities, and corruptions of Israel, His chosen and beloved people, Christ is still sitting on a high and lofty throne in glory. These verses indicate that no matter what the situation might be on earth and regardless of the corruption and degradation among God's people, Christ is still on the throne in His glory.

B. Expound the vision Isaiah had seen.

The train of Christ's robe still filled the temple. Christ's long robe signifies Christ's splendor in His virtues. The splendor of Christ in His virtues is expressed mainly in and through His humanity. When we see Christ in His glory, we will see Him mainly in His humanity, which is full of virtues. All of Christ's virtues are bright and shining, and this shining is His splendor.

Day 5 —

A. Explain the response of Isaiah seeing the vision.

In Isaiah 6:4 we see that the foundations of the threshold shook at the voice of him who called. This shaking signifies solemnity. In this verse we also see that the house was filled with smoke. This signifies glory burning in awe. Isaiah responded to the vision of Christ in glory by saying, "Woe is me, for I am finished!" As a result of seeing this vision, Isaiah was terminated, finished.

B. Expound how Isaiah to be purged.

After Isaiah realized that he was unclean, he was purged by one of the seraphim, signifying the holiness of God. Isaiah was purged with an ember from the altar. This ember signifies the effectiveness of Christ's redemption accomplished on the cross. This purging by the seraphim with an ember from the altar took away Isaiah's iniquity and purged his sin.

Day 6 —

A. Expound the excellent Christ appearing to Daniel.

The excellent Christ, the centrality and universality of God's move on the earth, appeared to Daniel for his appreciation, consolation, encouragement, expectation, and stabilization. First, the excellent Christ appeared in His priesthood for taking care of His chosen people.

B. Explain the contents of Daniel seeing the vision.

For His people's appreciation Christ appeared in His preciousness and dignity as signified by His body being like beryl. Christ appeared in His brightness for shining over the people. His brightness is signified by His face being like the appearance of lightning. Christ's enlightening sight for searching and judging is signified by His eyes being like torches of fire.

III. Conclusion:

We must realize that God's desire is to gain a recovery, which is depending on says in Christ as a person, that is, the treasure in our earthen vessel. The Lord says in Matthew 12:34, "... For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." A good person speaks good out of what they possess, while an evil man speaks evil out of their heart. This refers to what is within a person's heart. Therefore, we should give our hearts to the Lord every day and say to Him, " Lord, today I offer my heart to You, and let You be treasure in my heart." This day strengthens me into my inner man, that Christ may make His home in my heart, and You may become my treasure in my heart." Thus, what comes from within me is Christ as goodness. In Daniel, the angel speaks of Daniel three times, stating that Daniel is a man of preciousness. This also means that the person Daniel is the precious treasure of the Lord.