

Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying Message One : Living and Serving according to the Heavenly Vision of God's Economy

I. Overview:

The one thing, the unique thing, that should be focused on, stressed, and ministered in the Lord's recovery is the heavenly vision of the eternal economy of God. Today we can be in one accord because we have only one vision, the vision of the eternal economy of God. The divine sanctification is the center of the divine economy; for us to be holy we need God in His holy nature dispensed into us, and this holy nature becomes the holy element with which the Holy Spirit sanctifies us. We say that sanctification is the holding line because every step of God's work with us is to make us holy. The divine, dispositional sanctification is carried out by Christ as the speaking Spirit. The word in Ephesians 5:26 is *rhema*, which is the word of God spoken to us on a specific occasion; *logos* is God's Word objectively recorded in the Bible. Acts 26:18 reveals the contents of our divine commission; to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance by faith.

II. Truth and Enlightenment:

Day 1 —

A. Expound that God creating man, what the ultimate purpose of God is.

When God created man, He created him as a vessel. God's purpose is to fill up this vessel with Himself. However, before God filled man up, man became defiled and corrupted. Hence, God came to redeem man and cleanse him. But this is only the means; it is not God's goal. The ultimate purpose of God is to work Himself into us in order that He may be our life and everything to us so that one day we can become Him.

B. Explain that in John 1:13 we are born of God, so that we are God but do not share God's person.

John 1:12-13 says that we the believers are begotten of God. What is begotten of man is man, and what is begotten of God must be God. We are born of God; hence, in this sense we are God. Nevertheless, we must know that we do not share God's person and cannot be worshipped by others. Only God Himself has the person of God and can be worshipped by man.

Day 2 —

A. Explain the meaning of the sanctification and the way of becoming holy.

Holy means not only sanctified, separated unto God, but also different from everything that is common. Only God is holy; holiness is His nature. He chose us that we should be holy. He makes us holy by imparting Himself, the Holy One, into our being, that our whole being may be permeated and saturated with His holy nature. For us, God's chosen ones, to be holy is to partake of God's divine nature, just like God Himself.

B. Expound sanctification being unto sonship, for sonship.

Sanctification is to separate God's people unto God for God to work on them and to work in them to make them His sons. First, they were sanctified unto God; then God came to beget them, making them His sons, and this was through the sanctification of the Spirit. Ephesians 1:4 says that God chose us to be holy. Thus, sanctification is unto sonship, for sonship.

Day 3 —

A. State that the divine sanctification is the holding line in the carrying out of the divine economy.

Sanctification is a great point in God's economy. We need to see what the term holding line means. When a person goes fishing, he needs a line. The line holds his fish. In other words, the line directs his fishing. We say that sanctification is the holding line because every step of God's economy in His work with us is to make us holy.

B. Explain the holy essence in the whole universe being God Himself.

God created the universe. Not one part of it was holy. Then God created man. Even before man's fall, he was not holy. In the whole universe, only One is holy, that is, God Himself. Regardless of how perfect and good someone is, this does not make him holy. If you are holy, you must have the holy essence, and the holy essence in the whole universe is God Himself.

Day 4 —

A. Illustrate by Ephesians 5:26 the way the Lord sanctifies us.

In Ephesians 5:26 Paul says that Christ sanctifies the church by cleansing her by the washing of the water in the word. According to the divine concept, water here refers to the flowing life of God, which is typified by flowing water. In separating and sanctifying the church, the Lord first washes away our sins with His blood and then washes away our natural blemishes with His life.

B. Fellowship that the cleansing by the washing of the water of life is in the word.

The cleansing is the sanctifying. The cleansing by the washing of the water of life is in the word. This indicates that in the word there is the water of life, which is typified by the laver between the altar and the tabernacle. Now the laver is the washing of the water. Day by day, morning and evening, we need to come to the Bible and be cleansed by the laver of the water in the word.

Day 5 —

A. Expound the complete, perfect, whole gospel in Acts 26:18.

The complete, perfect, whole gospel is found here; to open people's eyes and to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, be sanctified by faith, and enjoy the common portion of the saints to have the church life. In this one verse there are seven points; this is the gospel that the young people must preach to this generation.

B. Explain turning me from darkness to light.

You need to go to the Lord and pray, saying, "Lord, open my eyes. I don't need knowledge, Lord. I need my eyes to be opened. Lord, turn me from anything dark. I don't want to remain in darkness. Lord, turn me from darkness to light." This is spiritual reality. I don't want to be opaque. I want to have eyes like the four living creatures in the book of Revelation. The living creatures have eyes everywhere, without and within.

Day 6 -

A. Explain the word inheritance in Acts 26:18.

The word inheritance in Acts 26:18 may also be translated into "lot" or "portion." This Greek word is also used in Colossians 1:12, "The portion of the saints." The entire book of Colossians deals with the fact that God gave the all-inclusive Christ to us as our portion. All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in this all-inclusive person. Christ has been given to us as a divine portion allotted to us by God.

B. Expound that Paul's commission was according to his vision.

Paul could not be disobedient to what he had seen. His commission was according to his vision. If we have really seen God's plan and have been really converted from the things other than Christ to Christ Himself, what we have seen and experienced will produce or create a commission for us. This vision will cause us to act, to work for Christ, to serve Christ, according to what we have seen of Him.

III. Conclusion:

We need to desperately pray to the Lord; "Lord, I want to experience the gospel which You revealed to Paul, of which Acts 26: 18 mentions. I want to experience the full, complete and thorough gospel. Then the Lord will immediately appear to us, and this appearance will make us witnesses to tell others what we have seen before the living Lord. Our preaching is the outflow of seeing. We are ministering and testifying to what we have seen in His appearing. We are all qualified to receive the vision and receive the revelation. We must go to the Lord, the source of the heavenly vision, in order to see. Apart from prayer, there is no other way. If we pray, we shall see the vision of the full gospel and become witnesses to today's young generation of what we have seen from the Lord.