

## THE VISION, THE LIVING, AND THE PRACTICE OF THE LORD'S RECOVERY TODAY

Morning Message One

### The Vision of the Lord's Recovery— Knowing the Lord's Recovery

Scripture Reading: John 1:14; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Rev. 3:1; Matt. 16:18;  
1 Cor. 12:12; Rev. 21:2

#### **I. Brother Lee was concerned that the co-workers and the elders would know what the Lord's recovery is:**

- A. "I am quite concerned for all the co-workers and elders. It may be that a good number of them do not have a complete understanding of what the Lord's recovery is" (*The Divine and Mystical Realm*, p. 17).
- B. "Regarding the Lord's present recovery, I hope that none of you would be held back by your old theology or by your old understanding of the recovery" (p. 18).
- C. "The co-workers and the elders, who take the lead in the Lord's recovery, must realize that the Lord's recovery is resting on their shoulders. What the recovery will be depends upon what they will be" (p. 24).
- D. "We have to realize what the Lord's recovery is. The Lord's recovery is to build up Zion" (*The Practical Points concerning Blending*, p. 46).

#### **II. The word *recovery* means that something was there originally and then was lost; thus, there is a need to bring that thing back to its original state—Dan. 1:1-2; Ezra 1:3-11; 6:3-5:**

- A. *Recovery* means the restoration or return to a normal condition after a damage or loss has been incurred—1 John 1:1; 2:24.
- B. After Satan's destroying work, God came in to redo the things that He had done before, that is, to bring back whatever had been lost and destroyed by God's enemy, Satan—cf. Gen 1:2-3.
- C. Because the church has become degraded through the many centuries of its history, it needs to be restored according to God's original intention and standard as revealed in the Scriptures—cf. 2 Kings 22:8; Ezra 1:3-11; Neh. 2:11, 17; Matt. 16:18; 2 Tim. 2:20; Rev. 18:4.

#### **III. The Lord's recovery is the recovery of the divine truths as revealed in the holy Scriptures—John 17:17; 18:37; Eph. 1:13; 2 Tim. 2:15; Titus 1:1:**

- A. The truths as revealed in the Word of God have been lost, missed, misunderstood, misinterpreted, and wrongly applied throughout the ages; hence, there is the need of the Lord's recovery—1 Tim. 6:5; 2 Tim. 2:18, 25; 3:7.
- B. In His recovery the Lord is moving by His word, by the truth—Eph. 1:13; Col. 1:5; 1 Tim. 2:4:
  - 1. His word is in the Bible, but the Bible needs the proper interpretation, which is found in the life-studies—2 Tim. 2:15.
  - 2. If the co-workers and elders study all our publications, there will be many Ezras in the Lord's recovery to constitute people with the heavenly truths—Ezra 7:6a, 10; Neh. 8:1-8.
  - 3. In the church life today, the main responsibility of the elders is to teach the saints with the truths—1 Tim 3:2; 5:17; Titus 1:9.

**IV. The words *recovery* and *economy* refer to one thing as seen from two viewpoints—1 Tim. 1:4; Eph. 1:10; 3:9:**

- A. With God, it is a matter of economy; with us, it is a matter of recovery.
- B. God's economy was unveiled through the apostles, but because the believers lost the proper understanding of God's economy, there is the need for it to be recovered—Eph. 3:3-5; Acts 2:42; cf. Matt. 19:8.
- C. What is being recovered today is God's economy, which is centered on God's unique work—to work Himself in Christ into His chosen people, making Himself one with them—Eph. 3:16-17a.
- D. We in the Lord's recovery must have a clear vision of God's economy and then be governed, controlled, and directed by this vision—Acts 26:19; Prov. 29:18a.
- E. We are here to carry out God's economy in His recovery—1 Cor. 9:17; 4:1-2:
  - 1. The Lord's recovery is absolutely different from today's religion.
  - 2. It is impossible for there to be reconciliation between the recovery and Christianity—2 Tim. 2:20-21; Rev. 18:4.

**V. The Lord's recovery today is the recovery of the central vision of Paul's completing ministry—Col. 1:25-27:**

- A. This central vision is that Christ, the embodiment of the Triune God, has become the life-giving Spirit so that He may impart Himself into us as our life to make us living members of His Body to express Him organically—Col. 2:9; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Col. 3:4; 1 Cor. 12:12.
- B. In His recovery the Lord is seeking to recover the all-inclusive Christ as the life-giving Spirit who imparts Himself into the believers and makes them His living Body—Rom. 8:10b, 6, 11; 12:4-5.
- C. The center of the Lord's recovery is Christ and the church: Christ as the embodiment of God and the church as the expression of Christ— Eph. 5:32.

**VI. “If we are asked to explain what the recovery is today, we should be able to answer in one simple sentence: The Lord's recovery is God becoming the flesh, the flesh becoming the life-giving Spirit, and the life-giving Spirit becoming the sevenfold intensified Spirit to build up the church that becomes the Body of Christ and that consummates the New Jerusalem” (*The Divine and Mystical Realm*, pp. 17-18).**