

Message Four

The Three Aspects of the Lord's Recovery

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The God-man Life

Scripture Reading: Phil. 1:19-21a; 3:10; Gal. 2:20; Heb. 6:19-20; 13:13; Exo. 33:11a

- I. What God wants is for us to be God-men, living a God-man life, which is God and man living together as one person—Phil. 1:19-21a; Gal. 2:20:**
 - A. The Lord's recovery is to recover this kind of God-man life.
 - B. We need to ask the Lord for a new revival (Hab. 3:2a), and this revival is the God-man life:
 1. This is a life fully dignified, with the highest standard of human virtues expressing the most excellent divine attributes—Phil. 1:20.
 2. This is a life of Jesus living again on the earth in His divinely enriched humanity—1 Pet. 2:21.
 3. This is a life of the wonderful, excellent, and mysterious God-man, who lived in the Gospels, continuing to live through the many members of His Body—Gal. 6:17.
 4. This is a life of being a living witness of the incarnated, crucified, resurrected, and God-exalted Christ—Acts 1:8; Phil. 1:20-21.
- II. The God-man life is the life lived out by the believers, who have been regenerated to become God-men, not by the life of their old man but by the divine life of their new man—Rom. 6:4-6; Eph. 4:22-24.**
- III. The God-man life is a life of being conformed to the death of Christ by the power of His resurrection and a life of living and magnifying Christ by the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ—Phil. 3:10; 1:19-21.**
- IV. The God-man life is a life of overcoming the self, the flesh, and the involvements of the flesh—sin, Satan, and the world—Matt. 16:24; Gal. 5:24; Rom. 8:3; Heb. 2:14; John 12:31.**
- V. The God-man life is a life of overcoming religion, culture, and the tide and amusements of this age—Gal. 1:4; Rom. 12:2.**
- VI. The God-man life is a life of reigning as kings by the reigning life of Christ to conquer all persons, matters, and things contrary to God and be the overcomers of the Lord in this age—5:17, 21; Rev. 2—3.**
- VII. The God-man life is a life of entering within the veil and going outside the camp—Heb. 6:19-20; 13:13:**
 - A. To enter within the veil means to enter into the Holy of Holies, where the Lord is enthroned in glory, and to go outside the camp means to come out of religion, whence the Lord was cast in rejection.
 - B. We must be in our spirit, where, experientially speaking, the practical Holy of Holies is today, and outside religion, where the practical camp is today:
 1. The more we are in our spirit, enjoying the heavenly Christ, the more we will come outside the camp of religion, following the suffering Jesus.

2. The more we remain in our spirit to contact the heavenly Christ, who is in glory, the more we will go forth outside the camp of religion unto the lowly Jesus to suffer with Him.
 3. The genuine New Testament ministry brings us into the enjoyment of Christ in our spirit, within the veil, and strengthens us to follow Jesus outside the camp in the fellowship of His sufferings for the sake of His Body—2 Cor. 11:2-3, 23-33:
 - a. Within the veil, we participate in the ministry of the heavenly Christ that we may be equipped to minister Him to the thirsty spirits outside the camp—cf. Acts 6:4.
 - b. By entering within the veil and going outside the camp, we are equipped in every good work for the doing of the will of God, who does in us that which is well pleasing in His sight—Heb. 13:20-21.
 - c. To be within the veil is to be in the Holy of Holies, in a realm where we partake of Christ and enjoy Him as the hidden manna, the budding rod, and the law of life, issuing in God's corporate expression for the fulfillment of His eternal purpose—9:3-4.
- C. After Moses removed his tent and separated it from the idolatrous camp, the Lord spoke to him face to face, as a man speaks to his companion—Exo. 33:11a:
1. God and Moses were companions, associates, partners, involved in the same career and having a common interest in a great enterprise.
 2. Because Moses was intimate with God, he was a person who knew God's heart, who was according to God's heart, and who could touch God's heart.
 3. We need to enter within the veil and go outside the idolatrous camp to have the closest and most intimate relationship with the Lord so that we can be persons who share a common interest with God and who can be used by Him to carry out His enterprise on earth.