

Message Five

The Need of a New Revival

Scripture Reading: John 10:11; 21:15-17; Heb. 13:20; Acts 20:24, 28;
1 Cor. 12:23-26; Eph. 4:12-16

I. For the fulfillment of God's central work, we need a new revival by arriving at the highest peak of the divine revelation:

- A. The highest peak of the divine revelation given to us by God is the revelation of the eternal economy of God, that is, to make man the same as He is in life and in nature but not in the Godhead and to make Himself one with man and man one with Him, thus to be enlarged and expanded in His expression, that all His divine attributes may be expressed in human virtues—1 Tim. 1:3-4; Eph. 3:9; 1:10.
- B. For the fulfillment of God's eternal economy, we need God to build Himself in Christ into our being, working Himself in Christ into us as our life, our nature, and our constitution to make us God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead—2 Sam. 7:12-14a; Rom. 1:3-4; Eph. 3:17a; John 14:23; Col. 3:10-11.
- C. “I hope that the saints in all the churches throughout the earth, especially the co-workers and the elders, will see this revelation and then rise up to pray that God would give us a new revival—a revival which has never been recorded in history”(*Life-study of First and Second Chronicles*, p. 15).

II. For the fulfillment of God's central work, we need a new revival by living the life of a God-man:

- A. God needs a corporate people to be raised up by His grace through the high peak of the divine revelation to live a life according to this revelation, that they may be disciplined from being a natural man to being a God-man to live the kingdom life, the church life.
- B. We live the life of a God-man by being conformed to the death of Christ through the power of His resurrection, that Christ, the first God-man, may be formed in many God-men, for the building up of His organic Body that the economy of God might be carried out—Gal. 4:19; Eph. 4:12, 16.
- C. “We should all declare that we want to live the life of a God-man. Eventually, the God-men will be the victors, the overcomers, the Zion within Jerusalem. This will bring in a new revival which has never been seen in history, and this will end this age”(*Life-study of First and Second Chronicles*, p. 28).

III. For the fulfillment of the central work of God, we need a new revival by shepherding according to God:

- A. We need to shepherd people by cherishing and nourishing them according to the pattern of the Lord Jesus and of the apostle Paul—Matt. 9:36; John 10:11; Heb. 13:20; 1 Pet. 5:4; 1 Tim. 1:16; Acts 20:28.
- B. In the Lord's recovery today, there is an urgent need of practicing the vital groups, that the believers may be under the organic shepherding of Christ for the building up of the Body of Christ—Eph. 4:12-16; John 21:15-17; 1 Cor. 12:23-26.

- C. “If we practice these things, there will be a real revival in the Lord's recovery. We must be shepherds with the loving and forgiving heart of our Father God in His divinity and the shepherding and finding spirit of our Savior Christ in His humanity. We also must have the heavenly vision of all the divine and mystical teachings of Christ. Shepherding and teaching are the obligation of the vital groups and the basic way ordained by God to build up the Body of Christ consummating the New Jerusalem”(*The Vital Groups*, pp. 55-56).