

Message Five

Experiencing, Enjoying, and Ministering Christ in the Stage of Intensification

Scripture Reading: Rev. 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6; 2:7, 17; 3:20; 1:2, 9; 19:10

I. The seven lamps of the golden lampstand are the seven Spirits as the seven lamps of fire burning before God's throne; this signifies that the seven lamps are absolutely related to God's administration, economy, and move from His throne to execute His eternal policy—Rev. 1:4; 4:5:

- A. In order to know God's administration and economy, we must have the light of the golden lampstand from the seven shining and illumining lamps:
 - 1. Natural light cannot help us to know God's economy, administration, and eternal purpose; the light of the lampstand is the light in the Holy Place, which typifies the church—Matt. 5:14; 1 Cor. 1:2; Rev. 21:23, 25; 22:5.
 - 2. Once we enter into the realm of the church, we are enlightened to know God's eternal purpose, and we also know the path that we should take for the journey before us toward God's goal—Psa. 73:16-17.
- B. The light of the lampstand is based on the strength of the priests' service:
 - 1. In 1 Samuel the lamp of God was about to go out because Eli the priest was weak and degraded—3:3.
 - 2. The light in the local church cannot be bright unless we fulfill our priestly duty to burn the incense and light the lamps—Exo. 25:37; 27:20-21; 30:7-8; Acts 6:4; 1 Cor. 14:24-25.

II. The seven Spirits are the seven eyes of the redeeming Lamb and of the building stone—Rev. 4:5; 5:6; Zech. 3:9:

- A. The seven eyes are for transfusing all that Christ is as the redeeming Lamb in His judicial redemption and as the building stone in His organic salvation into our being so that we may be saved in His life to become exactly the same as He is for God's building, God's expression—v. 9; 1 Pet. 2:4-5; Rom. 5:10:
 - 1. A person's eyes are the expression of his inner being; transfusing is to transmit a person's inner being into the one whom he is looking at—2 Cor. 2:10.
 - 2. The seven Spirits are the seven eyes by which Christ expresses Himself; as the Lord looks at us, His seven eyes transfuse Himself into us.
 - 3. The church is the place where the Lord transfuses His inner being into us for our transformation; transformation is the transfusing of the Lord's lovable person into us—3:16-18; Rom. 12:2.
- B. God guides us with His eyes—2 Chron. 16:9; Psa. 32:8; Prov. 15:3; 2 Cor. 2:10.

III. Christ as the sevenfold intensified Spirit is working to produce the overcomers by bringing them out of the degradation of the church back to the enjoyment of Himself for the finalization of God's New Testament economy—Rev. 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; 5:6; 2:7, 17; 3:20:

- A. The overcomers love the Lord with the first love—2:4; Col. 1:18b.
- B. The overcomers enjoy eating Christ as the tree of life in the church as today's Paradise to be a shining lampstand—Rev. 2:7; cf. v. 5.
- C. The overcomers are faithful unto death in suffering poverty and trial for the crown of life—vv. 9-10.
- D. The overcomers enjoy Christ as the hidden manna, a special portion of the nourishing supply, to overcome the worldliness of the degraded church with

the idolatrous teaching of Balaam and the hierarchical teaching of the Nicolaitans—vv. 12-17a.

- E. The overcomers are transformed to be a “white stone,” justified and approved by the Lord, for the building up of the house of God, with a “new name” according to the transformation in life—v. 17b.
- F. The overcomers stand strongly against the Romish teaching of Jezebel, which is full of fornication, idolatry, and the deep things of Satan—vv. 20, 24.
- G. The overcomers flee spiritual death, being living in reality with nothing dying in imperfection, and they walk in “white garments” without any defilement, that their name would not be erased out of the book of life but confessed by the Lord before His Father and His Father’s angels—3:1-2, 4-5.
- H. The overcomers keep the Lord’s word of endurance and do not deny the Lord’s name unto the last bit of their power, that they may be kept out of the hour of trial, which is coming to try all those who dwell on the earth, and that they may receive the crown of reward to be pillars in the temple of God with the name of God, the name of the city of God, the New Jerusalem, and Christ’s new name written upon them—vv. 8b, 10-12.
- I. The overcomers are hot, instead of being lukewarm, to buy gold refined by fire, white garments, and eyesalve so that they may not be spewed out of the Lord’s mouth but may be invited to dine with the Lord and to sit with Him on His throne—vv. 15-21.

IV. The overcomers enjoy the sevenfold intensified Spirit to become the testimony of Jesus—1:2, 9; 19:10:

- A. The testimony of Jesus is the seven golden lampstands as the shining churches—divine in nature, shining in darkness, and identical with one another—1:11-20.
- B. The testimony of Jesus is the great multitude serving God in the heavenly temple, the whole Body of God’s redeemed, who have been raptured to the heavens to enjoy God’s care and the Lamb’s shepherding—7:9-17.
- C. The testimony of Jesus is the bright woman, representing the whole Body of God’s redeemed, with her man-child, representing the overcomers as the stronger part of God’s people—12:1-17.
- D. The testimony of Jesus is the firstfruits, signifying the overcomers raptured before the great tribulation, and the harvest, signifying the majority of the believers raptured at the end of the great tribulation—14:1-5, 14-16.
- E. The testimony of Jesus is the victorious ones standing on the glassy sea, signifying the late overcomers who will pass through the great tribulation and overcome Antichrist and the worshipping of Antichrist—15:2-4.
- F. The testimony of Jesus is the bride ready for marriage, consisting of the overcoming saints during the millennium—19:7-9.
- G. The testimony of Jesus is the bridal army to fight in oneness with Christ, the embodiment of God, and to defeat Antichrist, the embodiment of Satan, with his armies—vv. 14-19; 17:14.
- H. Ultimately, the testimony of Jesus is the New Jerusalem, the great universal, divine-human incorporation of the processed and consummated Triune God with His regenerated, transformed, and glorified tripartite people (21:2-3, 22; cf. Exo. 38:21) and the unique lampstand as the consummation of all the lampstands for the consummate expression of God (Rev. 21:18, 23; 22:5).