

# THE UNIQUENESS OF THE LORD'S RECOVERY

## Message Three

(Thursday—Afternoon Session)

### The Recovery of God's Economy

Scripture Reading: Eph. 1:10; 3:8-10; 1 Tim. 1:4

**I. 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; therefore, what is being recovered today is God's economy—Eph. 3:8-10; 1 Tim. 1:4:**

- A. The major point in the Bible concerns God's economy, yet in Christianity nearly no one talks about God's economy.
- B. The entire situation of today's Christianity is in degradation; to be degraded is to lose whatever God has revealed concerning His New Testament economy:
  - 1. The Bible presents us a full picture of God's economy from His creation of the universe to the consummation of the New Jerusalem—Rev. 21:1-2.
  - 2. Any doctrine that causes the saints to deviate from the central line and ultimate goal of God's economy is a different teaching and a deception of Satan—1 Tim. 1:4; Eph. 4:14.
- C. The goal of the recovery is to bring us back to God's New Testament economy, which is Christ and the church—5:32.
- D. The one thing that should be focused on, stressed, and ministered in the Lord's recovery is the New Testament economy of God—1 Tim. 1:4.
- E. The eternal economy of God is the central line of the entire Scripture; the interpretation of the Scripture should be strictly governed by this central line under its adequate enlightenment—Luke 24:27, 32, 44.
- F. The Lord's recovery is simply the recovery of God's economy.

**II. God's economy is centered on God's unique work—to work Himself in Christ into His chosen people, making Himself one with them—Eph. 3:16-21:**

- A. God's New Testament economy is for the processed Triune God to be wrought into us to become our life and our very being—Gal. 1:15-16; 4:19.
- B. The Lord's recovery is the Triune God dispensed into His redeemed people—2 Cor. 13:14.
- C. God's desire is to have a recovery of the Triune God dispensed into His redeemed people, so that He would become their being and that this would issue in the church life.
- D. God's economy is to dispense Christ into His elect that they might become first the Body of Christ and then the bride of Christ to match Him and fulfill God's economy in the divine dispensing—Eph. 4:16; Rev. 19:7.
- E. God's eternal economy is to gain a group of people that He may dispense Himself into them to be their life and everything so that they may be joined to Him as one, be filled and occupied with Him, and be one entity with Him on the earth to be the Body of Christ, the church, for His expression—Eph. 1:3-23.

**III. We in the Lord's recovery must have a clear vision of God's economy:**

- A. We need to be brought into another realm, not the so-called spiritual realm but the realm of God's economy—Rev. 21:9-10.
- B. We need to be governed, controlled, and directed by this vision—Prov. 29:18a.
- C. We must be strong and unshakable in the vision of God's economy, God's eternal will—Rev. 4:11; 1 Cor. 15:58.
- D. If we love the Lord and His recovery and if we mean business to practice the church life in the recovery, we need to endeavor to see all the visions concerning God's economy—Jer. 29:13; 33:3; Deut. 29:29.

**IV. The Lord needs His house and His kingdom in order to carry out His eternal economy—Eph. 2:19; 1 Tim. 3:15; Matt. 6:33; Rev. 11:15:**

- A. Satan, the enemy of God, has usurped the earth, keeping the earth as his house and his kingdom; this has caused a great problem.
- B. God needs a people because He wants a house where He is the Father and a kingdom where He is the King.
- C. Because God needs a house and a kingdom, He needs a return of His people from their captivity; for this He needs the recovery—Ezra 1:1-5.

**V. In Ezekiel 1:15-21 God's economy is likened to a great wheel:**

- A. The hub of this wheel signifies Christ as the center of God's economy.
- B. The rim signifies Christ's counterpart, the church, which consummates in the New Jerusalem.
- C. The many believers as the members of Christ are the spokes of the hub spreading to the rim, to the Body of Christ consummating in the New Jerusalem.
- D. This great wheel is the moving of the economy of God.

**VI. God's economy requires our cooperation—1 Cor. 6:17; John 15:4:**

- A. To cooperate with God means to be bound together with Christ and to have one living with Him by one life—Phil. 1:19-21a.
- B. Today many Christians usurp God by praying for their prosperity, health, or family without any consideration of God's economy—cf. 1 Sam. 4:3-7:
  - 1. Instead of usurping God, we must pray, live, and be according to God's heart and for His economy—Matt. 6:33; 5:8; 2 Tim. 2:22.
  - 2. Hannah's prayer was an echo of the heart's desire of God—a cooperation with the divine move for God's economy—1 Sam. 1:10-20.
  - 3. We need to pray something that is an echo of what is on God's heart; this means that what we say in our prayer is exactly what God wants us to speak—John 14:13-14; 15:7, 16; 16:23-24.
- C. When God's economy is carried out among His people, they are blessed—Rom. 15:29:
  - 1. We should not seek our well-being apart from God's economy.
  - 2. This means that our welfare, our well-being, is altogether linked to the carrying out of God's economy; because this has been lost, it needs to be recovered—Matt. 6:33.
- D. The Christian life is a life that is for God's economy—2 Cor. 5:14-15.
- E. We are here to carry out God's economy in His recovery.