

## THE UNIQUENESS OF THE LORD'S RECOVERY

### Message Three

(Thursday—Evening Session)

#### The Vision and Practice of the Genuine One Accord

Scripture Reading: John 17:11, 21-23; Eph. 4:3-6; Acts 1:14; 2:46;  
Rom. 15:5-6; 1 Cor. 1:10

#### I. The genuine one accord in the church is the practice of the oneness of the Body, which is the oneness of the Spirit—Eph. 4:3-6:

- A. From Ephesians 4:4-6 we can see that our practice of the oneness is based upon the attribute of the oneness of the church: one Spirit, one Lord, one God, one Body, one faith, one baptism, one hope.
- B. The practice of the genuine one accord in the church is the application of the oneness—Acts 1:14; 2:46.
- C. The practice of the oneness is with the one accord; when the oneness is practiced, it becomes the one accord:
  1. In John the Lord emphasized oneness, but in Acts the one accord is emphasized—John 10:30; 17:11, 21-23; Acts 1:14; 2:46; 4:24; 15:25.
  2. The landmark that divides the Gospels and the Acts is the one accord among the one hundred and twenty—1:14:
    - a. They had become one in the Body, and in that oneness they continued steadfastly with one accord in prayer—Eph. 4:3-6; Acts 1:14.
    - b. When the apostles and the believers practiced the church life, they practiced it in one accord—2:46; 4:24; 5:12.
  3. The one accord is the heart, the kernel, the nucleus, of the oneness.
- D. Our not being in one accord means that we do not practice the Body:
  1. According to the proper interpretation of the New Testament, the one accord is the Body—Rom. 12:4-5; 15:5-6.
  2. We must practice the principle of the Body; then we will have the one accord—1 Cor. 12:12-13, 20, 27; 1:10.
- E. We are for the one accord, but we are not for uniformity—1 John 2:12-14.

#### II. The one accord refers to the harmony in our inner being, in our mind and will—Acts 1:14:

- A. In Acts 1:14 the Greek word *homothumadon* is used for one accord:
  1. The word denotes a harmony of inward feeling in one's entire being.
  2. We should be in the same mind and the same will with the same purpose around and within our soul and heart; this means that our entire being is involved.
- B. In Matthew 18:19 the Greek word *sumphoneo* is used to signify the one accord:
  1. The word means "to be in harmony, or accord" and refers to the harmonious sound of musical instruments or voices.
  2. The one accord, or the harmony of inward feeling among the believers, is like a harmonious melody.
  3. When we have the one accord, we become a melody to God; we become a poem not merely in writing but in sound, in voice, in melody.

**III. Today we can be in one accord because we have one, all-inclusive vision—the vision of the age—Prov. 29:18a; Acts 26:19:**

- A. Many love God and serve Him, but everyone has his own vision; as a result, there is no way to have the one accord.
- B. As long as we have different views on a minor point, we cannot have the one accord—Phil. 3:15.
- C. The vision that the Lord has given His recovery is an all-inclusive vision—the ultimate consummation of all the visions in the Bible—Rev. 21:2, 10-11.

**IV. The teaching of the apostles is the holding factor of the one accord—Acts 2:42, 46:**

- A. The practice of the oneness—the one accord—is according to the apostles' teaching—v. 42.
- B. Acts tells us that there was one accord among the believers and that all those who were in one accord continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching.
- C. The apostles taught the same thing to all the saints in all the places and in all the churches—1 Cor. 4:17; 7:17; 11:16; 14:33b-34:
  - 1. We must also teach the same thing in all the churches in every country throughout the earth—Matt. 28:19-20.
  - 2. There is no thought in the New Testament that a teaching is good for one church but not for the other churches; rather, the New Testament reveals that all the churches were the same in receiving the teachings—Titus 1:9.

**V. When we practice the one accord, we must learn to be in one spirit with one soul—Phil. 1:27:**

- A. We need to turn to our spirit and then enter into our soul with one spirit that we may be in one accord—2:2, 5; 4:2.
- B. To practice the one accord, we should be attuned in the same mind and in the same opinion; this is to be one in our soul—1 Cor. 1:10.
- C. To be in one accord is to be one in our whole being, and this results in our being one in our outward speaking—Rom. 15:5-6:
  - 1. To have one mind and one mouth means that we have only one Head—Christ—because only the Head has a mind and mouth; we should think with the mind of Christ and speak with the mouth of the Head—Col. 1:18a; Phil. 2:2, 5; 4:2.
  - 2. Whenever we are in one accord, we speak the same thing; we speak with one mouth.
  - 3. The only way to be with one accord and one mouth is to allow Christ the room to be everything in our heart and in our mouth that God may be glorified—Eph. 3:17a, 21.

**VI. We should all have one heart and one way; this one heart and one way is the one accord—Jer. 32:39.**

**VII. If we have only one “scale,” we will be fair, just, and righteous, even as God is, and we will keep the oneness and one accord in the church—Deut. 25:13-16.**

**VIII. The one accord is the master key to every blessing in the New Testament—Eph. 1:3; Psa. 133.**