

Message Six

Our Preparation for the Lord's Coming

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Having Dispensational Value to God in the Last Days to Turn the Age

Scripture Reading: Dan. 2:28, 31-35; Num. 6:1-8; Rev. 12:5; 14:4

I. Every time God wants to make a dispensational move, an age-turning move, He must obtain His dispensational instrument; we must be those who have dispensational value to God in the last days to turn the age—Rev. 12:5-11; 1:20; Dan. 12:3; 9:23; 10:11, 19:

- A. The goal of God's eternal economy, the goal of the divine history within human history, is to have the corporate Christ, Christ with His overcomers, as the crushing stone to be His dispensational instrument to end this age and become a great mountain, the kingdom of God—2:28, 31-45; Joel 3:11; Rev. 12:1-2, 5, 11; 14:1-5; 19:7-21.
- B. Simply speaking, recovery is to overcome; to be in the Lord's recovery is to be in the Lord's overcoming, being prepared to be His overcoming bride for His return—2:7; 3:21; 19:7-9.

II. Only the Nazarites can bring back the Lord Jesus; all those who are used by God to turn the age must be Nazarites—voluntarily consecrated ones who are sanctified absolutely and ultimately to God—Num. 6:1-8; Judg. 13:4-5; 1 Sam. 1:11; Luke 1:15:

- A. A Nazarite was to abstain from wine and anything related to its source, signifying that we must abstain from all kinds of earthly enjoyment and pleasure, which lead to lustful conduct and a lustful intention—Num. 6:3; cf. Psa. 104:15; Eccl. 10:19; 2 Tim. 2:22; 3:1-5.
- B. A Nazarite was to let his hair grow long, signifying that we must remain in subjection to the headship of Christ—Num. 6:5; cf. 1 Cor. 11:3, 6:
 - 1. A Nazarite is a person who is full of submission; with him there is a submissive standing, atmosphere, and intention; if you are such a person, there will be a great blessing for you and your future.
 - 2. "I thank the Lord that from the day I came into the recovery, the Lord put me under someone, some thing, or some environment" (*Life-study of Numbers*, p. 70).
 - 3. Our consecration before God and our submission to God determine our power before men—Judg. 16:17.
 - 4. Long hair is a glory to a woman but a shame to a man, signifying that a Nazarite is one who is separated from self-glory and is willing to bear shame for the Lord—Heb. 13:13.
- C. A Nazarite was not to be defiled by the deadness that comes through natural affection—Num. 6:7:
 - 1. The Lord Jesus recognized as His relatives those who were His relatives in spirit, not those who were His relatives in the natural life—Matt. 12:48-50.
 - 2. Natural affection is honey, and ambition for leadership is leaven, both of which were forbidden in the meal offering; nothing damages the church life, the ministry, and the work more than ambition and natural affection, which are closely related—Lev. 2:11; cf. Acts 15:35-39.

- D. A Nazarite was not to touch anything dead so that he may not be defiled; the most hateful thing in the eyes of God is death—Num. 6:6-7; Rev. 3:1:
 - 1. The Nazarites are numbered for the formation of God's army; they are very vigilant, full of feeling for the war against death—cf. 1 Cor. 15:54-58.
 - 2. We must be careful about the people whom we contact and be separated unto God from every kind of spiritual death—wild death, mild death, and subtle death—Lev. 5:2.
 - 3. We must be those who are full of life, which is “anti-death”—Rom. 8:10, 6, 11; 2 Cor. 5:4.

III. We must live in our spirit to be men on earth with God's heart, men to whom heaven can be opened to see the vision concerning the destiny of the world and the present situation of the world—Rev. 1:10; 4:1-2:

- A. The Lord sovereignly arranges the world situation and the kingdoms of the world under His heavenly rule so that the environment might be fit for God's chosen people to receive His salvation and be prepared to be His bride—Acts 5:31; 17:26-27; Dan. 4:26; Rev. 1:5.
- B. The great human image in Daniel 2 is a prophetic illustration of the history of human government, sovereignly arranged by the Lord for the carrying out of His economy—vv. 31-35.
- C. Europe, in the consummation of the fulfillment of the vision concerning the great human image in Daniel 2, is more vitally crucial than any other country and race; the crushing of the two feet of the great human image will be the crushing of the entire human government—vv. 34-35:
 - 1. The ten kings typified by the ten toes of the great image in Daniel 2 will be under Antichrist, who will be the last Caesar of the revived Roman Empire; all of this will transpire in Europe—Rev. 17:9-14.
 - 2. The United States, Europe, and the Far East are the three influential factors of the present situation of the world; the recovery has taken root in the United States and the Far East, but there is a void in Europe.
 - 3. Before the crushing of Antichrist and of the totality of human government transpire, the Lord's recovery must spread to Europe and be rooted there.
 - 4. The spreading of the truths of the Lord's recovery will be a preparation for the Lord's coming back to bring the recovery and restoration not only to Israel but also to the entire creation—Matt. 24:14; cf. Rev. 5:6.
 - 5. We should tell the Lord, “Lord, these days are the consummation of the age; Lord, in these days rekindle my love toward You.”

IV. In these last days before the Lord's coming, we must be those who have great resolutions in heart and great searchings of heart—Judg. 5:15-16:

- A. The Lord's present charge to us should be, Go and teach the nations (cf. Matt. 28:19) that the present age may be consummated (24:14).
- B. In order to take the Lord's charge, we must keep the oneness; if we lose the oneness and the one accord, we are finished as far as the Lord's move is concerned—Acts 1:14; Eph. 4:3.
- C. We should rise up to follow the Lord in His present move and have ourselves adjusted to His regulations to be useful to Him—Dan. 11:32; 2 Tim. 2:21.