

# **DOING A WORK OF THREE SECTIONS— INCARNATION, INCLUSION, AND INTENSIFICATION**

(Thursday, Second Morning Session)

Message Two

## **Doing a Work in the Section of Incarnation**

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### **Turning People from Darkness to Light and from the Authority of Satan to God**

Scripture Reading: Matt. 4:16; 12:28; John 8:12; Acts 26:18a; Col. 1:13

#### **I. In His ministry in the stage of incarnation, Christ was a great light shining in the darkness, and He cast out demons by the Spirit of God to bring in the kingdom of God—Matt. 4:16; 12:28:**

- A. In His ministry on earth, the Lord Jesus was a great light shining upon those sitting in darkness and in the region and shadow of death—Isa. 9:2; Matt. 4:16:
  - 1. His ministry began with heavenly light; this light was actually Christ Himself as the light of life shining in the shadow of death—John 8:12.
  - 2. Christ came into the world as the shining of light, the manifestation of God as light, so that people would not remain in darkness but believe into the light to become sons of light—Heb. 1:3; 1 John 1:5; John 12:36, 46.
  - 3. The light in Matthew 4:16 is Christ as the light of life shining in the darkness—John 1:4-5; 8:12.
  - 4. In particular, the teaching of the Lord Jesus was the shining of a great light—Mark 1:21:
    - a. While He was teaching those who were in darkness, the light was shining upon them, and they were enlightened by His teaching.
    - b. The Lord's teaching released the word of light to enlighten those in the darkness of death so that they might receive the light of life; such teaching brings people out of the satanic darkness into the divine light—Acts 26:18a.
- B. In His ministry on earth, the Lord Jesus cast out demons by the Spirit of God to bring in the kingdom of God—Matt. 12:28:
  - 1. Demons, the unclean spirits, move with Satan on earth and act evilly upon man for the kingdom of Satan—Mark 1:23-28:
    - a. Demons indicate rebellion, and the principle of a demon is rebellion; in principle, anything that is not under God's ruling but is in rebellion against Him is a demon—Matt. 17:14-21.
    - b. The possession of people by demons signifies Satan's usurpation of man, whom God created for His purpose—Mark 5:1-9.
  - 2. The Lord Jesus came to destroy the works of Satan, and part of His service to God was to cast out demons from possessed people so that they might be delivered from Satan's bondage, out of Satan's authority of darkness, into God's kingdom—1 John 3:8; Mark 1:34, 39; Luke 13:16; Acts 26:18a.

3. The Lord Jesus cast out demons by the Spirit of God—Matt. 12:28:
  - a. The Spirit of God is the power of the kingdom of God.
  - b. Where the Spirit of God is in power, there the kingdom of God is, and there the demons have no ground.

**II. If we would do a work in the section of incarnation, we need to turn people from darkness to light—Acts 26:18a:**

- A. Through the preaching of the gospel and the teaching of the divine truths, we may turn people from darkness to light—2 Cor. 4:4-7; Eph. 3:9.
- B. Darkness is a sign of sin and death; light is a sign of righteousness and life—John 1:4; 8:12.
- C. Acts 26:13 speaks of the enlightenment of God, who is light, shining in Christ, who is the light of the world, through the preaching of the gospel of the glory of Christ—1 John 1:5; John 8:12; 9:5; 2 Cor. 4:4, 6.
- D. The Lord set the apostles as “a light of the Gentiles”—Acts 13:47:
  1. This word is a quotation from Isaiah 49:6, which refers to Christ, whom God made a light to the Gentiles.
  2. Because Paul was one with Christ in carrying out God’s salvation in Christ, he applied this prophetic word to himself in his ministry of gospel preaching—Acts 13:47.
- E. The Lord commissioned Paul to open people’s eyes and to turn them from darkness to light; this is to open the eyes of those who are fallen so that they might have the spiritual sight and the divine light to see the divine things in the spiritual realm—26:18a; John 3:3.
- F. Paul was burdened “to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is”—Eph. 3:9.

**III. If we would do a work in the section of incarnation, we need to turn people from the authority of Satan to God—Acts 26:18a; Col. 1:13:**

- A. Through the preaching of the gospel of the glory of Christ, unbelievers are turned from the authority of Satan to God—2 Cor. 4:4, 6; Acts 26:18a; Col. 1:13:
  1. The authority of Satan is Satan’s kingdom, which belongs to darkness and is the authority of darkness—Matt. 12:26, footnote 1; Col. 1:13.
  2. To be turned to God is to be turned to God’s kingdom, which belongs to light—Mark 1:15; 1 John 1:5.
- B. Through the preaching of the gospel of the glory of Christ, unbelievers are delivered from the authority of darkness and are transferred into the kingdom of the Son of God’s love—2 Cor. 4:4, 6; Acts 26:18a; Col. 1:13-14:
  1. To be delivered out of the authority of darkness, the authority of Satan, is to be delivered from the devil, who has the might of death—Matt. 12:26; Heb. 2:14:
    - a. Deliverance deals with Satan’s authority over us by destroying his evil power—1 John 3:8; Col. 1:13-14.
    - b. We have been delivered from the devil, Satan, by the death of Christ and by the life of Christ in resurrection—2:14-15; John 5:24.

2. To be transferred into the kingdom of the Son of the Father's love is to be transferred into the Son, who is life to us—Col. 1:13; 3:4:
  - a. The Son of God is the embodiment and expression of the divine life; therefore, the kingdom of the Son is a realm of life—1 John 5:11-12.
  - b. The Son in resurrection is the life-giving Spirit, and He rules us in His resurrection life with His love—Rom. 6:3-4.