

LIVING AND SERVING IN THE DIVINE DISPENSING OF THE DIVINE TRINITY

(Friday, Evening Session)

Message Six

The Divine Dispensing of the Divine Trinity as the Supply to the Believers in Their Meetings and in Their Worship of the Father

Scripture Reading: 1 Cor. 14:26; Eph. 1:3-6; 3:14, 21; Heb. 2:10-12; John 4:14, 23-24

I. The divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity is the supply to the believers in their meetings—2 Cor. 13:14; 1 Cor. 14:26; Eph. 3:14-21:

- A. We should meet in the God-ordained way as revealed in the holy Word—Matt. 18:20; Heb. 2:11-12; 1 Cor. 14:26:
 1. The meetings of the believers should always be linked to God's New Testament economy to have the Body of Christ for the corporate expression of the processed and consummated Triune God—1 Tim. 1:4; Eph. 1:22-23:
 - a. Our meeting is linked to the processed and consummated Triune God, and we are in the meeting as a corporate expression of the processed and consummated Triune God, according to His economy—3:14-21.
 - b. Our meeting is a model, a miniature, of that day when all the created things in the universe are headed up in Christ for the believers' universal meeting in the new heaven and new earth—1:10.
 2. The Christian meetings are to make God's economy in His fatherhood known to the believers for the praise of the Father—vv. 3-6, 17; 2:18; 3:14-16; 4:6:
 - a. The term *fatherhood* denotes the very being of the Father with all His intentions, desires, purposes, and wishes—1:3-6.
 - b. The fatherhood includes all that our Father God has done, is doing, and will do for us—vv. 9, 11; 2:18; 3:9-11.
 - c. Our big Brother, the firstborn Son, makes the Father and His economy in His fatherhood known to us—Heb. 2:11-12.
 - d. In our meeting we are the divine sons to express the Father, the begetting source, to manifest Him, and to magnify Him, which is a divine praise rendered to Him—Eph. 1:6, 12, 14; 3:14, 21.
 - e. We meet in this fatherhood and in the Son's name to declare the Father's name—Matt. 18:20:
 - (1) Whatever we do and say in the meetings should declare the Father so that the Father may be praised—1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:17.
 - (2) Our meeting is for the praise of the Father, and our praise is our magnification, our glorification, our expression, of Him to the uttermost—Eph. 1:6, 12, 14; 3:14, 21.
 3. Whenever we come together, we must be gathered by the Lord out of all kinds of occupations and frustrations into the living person of the Lord, signified by His name—Matt. 18:20.
 4. The Christian meetings should be full of mutuality in speaking—Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Heb. 10:24-25.

5. The church meetings should be an exhibition of the riches of Christ that we have experienced and enjoyed—Eph. 3:8; *Hymns*, #864.
 6. We need to know the relationship between the enjoyment of Christ and the church meetings and realize that our enjoyment of Christ is for the meetings—1 Cor. 14:26.
- B. Our meeting, which is according to God's ordained way, is a service, and this service is the stewardship of God assigned to us—Eph. 3:2, 9:
1. The stewardship of grace is to carry out God's New Testament economy by God's grace, which is the Triune God processed and consummated to be our life and energy—v. 2; 2 Cor. 12:9; 13:14; 1 Cor. 15:10.
 2. The economy of God has become our stewardship, and our stewardship is to carry out God's economy in a corporate way by meeting—4:1-2:
 - a. We need to be brought into the high realization that our Christian meeting is a stewardship, a service, to carry out God's economy—Eph. 3:2.
 - b. We carry out our stewardship by meeting; whenever we meet, we should serve and fulfill our stewardship to carry out God's New Testament economy—1 Cor. 4:1-2.
 - c. Whenever we as the attendants in a meeting dispense the processed and consummated Triune God into others, our meeting dispenses the riches of Christ into the attendants—2 Cor. 13:14.
 - d. We must endeavor to build up the meeting life until every meeting is a stewardship of God's economy to dispense the riches of Christ into His chosen, redeemed, and regenerated people; one day the Lord will fully recover this kind of meeting, and this will be a glory to the Triune God—Eph. 3:21.

II. The divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity is the supply to the believers in their worship of the Father in the dispensing of God—John 4:14, 23-24:

- A. "For more than forty years [spoken in 1982], I have been fighting the battle concerning the genuine worship of God. This battle has not yet been won" (*The Fulfillment of the Tabernacle and the Offerings in the Writings of John*, p. 147).
- B. The genuine worship of God the Father is in spirit and in truthfulness; the divine reality, experienced and enjoyed by us and constituted into us, becomes the truthfulness in which we worship God with the worship that He seeks—vv. 23-24.
- C. The Lord's word in John 4 shows us the worship of the Father in the dispensing of God:
 1. The worship that the Lord spoke of is the worship of the Father in the Son and in the Spirit; this is a worship in God's dispensing, the worship by the divine dispensing—Eph. 2:18; 3:14-21.
 2. If we would have true worship, we need God in His Divine Trinity to be dispensed into our being—2 Cor. 13:14.
 3. The worship of the Father in the dispensing of God is related to drinking the living water—John 4:10, 14:

- a. To contact God the Spirit with our spirit is to drink of the living water, and to drink of the living water is to render real worship to God—v. 24.
 - b. In order to worship the Father in the dispensing of God, we need to drink of the Spirit so that God may dispense Himself into our being—v. 14; 1 Cor. 10:3-4; 12:13.
4. We practice this kind of worship mainly in the Lord's table meeting, where, after we partake of the bread and the cup, the Lord brings us to the Father in the Spirit, and we worship the Father in the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity—Matt. 26:30; Heb. 2:11-12; Eph. 2:18.
 5. The worship in the dispensing of God is the worship of the Father by His many sons with the firstborn Son, who, as the Spirit, mingles Himself with their spirit as the unique place of worship—Heb. 2:10-12.
 6. The more we experience the divine dispensing of the Divine Trinity, the more we will be the kind of worshippers and have the kind of worship the Father is seeking—worship in the dispensing of God—John 4:10, 23-24.