

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Fall Term of 2009**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
STEWARDS OF THE MYSTERIES OF GOD**

Message Two

**Christ as the Mystery of God
in the Fulfillment of the Old Testament Prophecies
(1)**

Scripture Reading: Psa. 102:25-27; Isa. 11:10; 2 Sam. 7:12-13; Gen. 49:9; Psa. 45:6-7

I. Christ is the Creator who remains unchanged and whose years will not fail—Psa. 102:25-27:

- A. These verses prophesy that the Creator is the coming Christ in His divinity—Rom. 9:5.
- B. This portion from Psalms also prophesies concerning the eternal nature of Christ—1 John 1:1; 2:13a:
 - 1. Christ is the eternally unchanging One, and His years are without end—Psa. 102:27.
 - 2. He exists from eternity to eternity as the everlasting One who will never change—vv. 26-27a; Gen. 21:33.
- C. The fulfillment of this prophecy is in Hebrews 1:10-12:
 - 1. In this fulfillment we see that Christ is the Creator; as the Creator, He existed before creation—v. 10.
 - 2. Hebrews 1:11 indicates that the old creation will be terminated and that the new heaven and new earth will be ushered in, but Christ will be the same, and His years will not fail—v. 12.
 - 3. Christ will be the everlasting One in eternity; He will remain forever and ever in eternity future.
- D. Micah 5:2 reveals that Christ existed in eternity, before the creation of all things, and that He was preparing to come forth out of eternity into time.
- E. In 1 John 2:13a *Him who is from the beginning* is the eternal, preexisting Christ, who is the Word of life from the beginning; knowing in the way of life such an eternal Christ will cause us to mature in the divine life and not be deceived by heresies that say that Christ is not eternal as the Father is—1:1.

II. Christ is the Root of David and the seed of David—Isa. 11:10; 2 Sam. 7:12-13:

- A. As the fulfillment of Isaiah 11:10, Christ in Revelation 5:5 is called “the Root of David”:
 - 1. This title signifies that Christ is the source of David; therefore, David, as His forefather in the flesh, called Him “Lord”—Matt. 22:42-45.

2. The fact that Christ is the Root of David means that He is greater than David; Christ is more powerful and victorious than David and has God's authority in full—Isa. 11:10; Rev. 3:7; Matt. 28:18-19.
- B. The fulfillment of the prophecy concerning Christ as the seed of David is found in Romans 1:3, which says that Christ came out of the seed of David according to the flesh; Christ in His humanity was a descendant of David and was born of David—2 Sam. 7:12-13; Matt. 1:1.
- C. Christ is both the source of David and the issue of David—Rev. 22:16b:
 1. In His divinity, Christ is the Root, the source, of David; in His humanity, Christ is the Offspring, the issue, of David.
 2. Hence, He is the Lord as the Root of David, and He is also the son, the shoot, of David as the Offspring of David—Matt. 22:42-45; Jer. 23:5.

III. In the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies, Christ is the Lion of the tribe of Judah—Gen. 49:9; Rev. 5:5:

- A. The prophecy in Genesis 49:9 likens Christ to a young lion and to a couching lion—a symbol of Christ as a strong fighter against the enemy and as the ultimate Overcomer; this is a picture of the victory of Christ over His enemies in His crucifixion and of His satisfaction and rest in His ascension as the issue of His victory—Col. 2:15; Heb. 2:14; Eph. 4:8.
- B. The fulfillment of the prophecy in Genesis 49:9 is in Revelation 5:5:
 1. Christ is the fighting, victorious, overcoming Lion; His overcoming qualifies Him to open the scroll and its seven seals—v. 1.
 2. As the Lion of the tribe of Judah, Christ has overcome Satan, the enemy of God; He has solved this problem for God and has removed the hindrances to the fulfillment of God's economy—v. 5; Eph. 1:10.

IV. Psalm 45:6-7 prophecies concerning Christ as God, whose throne is forever and ever and the scepter of whose kingdom is uprightness, and as the One whose God has anointed Him with the oil of exultant joy above His partners; these prophecies are fulfilled in Hebrews 1:8-9:

- A. Christ, the Son of God, is God Himself; He has an eternal throne, and the authority of His kingdom is a scepter of uprightness—Psa. 45:6; Heb. 1:8:
 1. This refers to Christ's reigning in the kingdom.
 2. Christ is God Himself, and He will be the King in the millennium reigning over the entire earth—Psa. 72:8, 11; Zech. 14:9.
- B. For Christ to love righteousness and hate lawlessness means that He loves the things related to God and hates the things related to Satan; Christ loves God and hates Satan—Psa. 45:7a; Heb. 1:9a.
- C. Because Christ loves righteousness and hates lawlessness, God has anointed Him with the oil of exultant joy above His partners—Psa. 45:7b; Heb. 1:9b:
 1. We are Christ's anointed partners; He, the anointed One, is anointed above us, and we, the anointed ones, are anointed under Him.
 2. In God's economy Christ is God's appointed One to accomplish God's plan, and we are Christ's partners in the divine interest; He was anointed by God, and we share with Him in this anointing for the fulfillment of God's purpose—Matt. 16:18; Heb. 3:14; 2 Cor. 1:21.