Outline of the Messages for the Full-time Training in the Fall Term of 2013

GENERAL SUBJECT: THE KERNEL OF THE BIBLE

Message Five

The Kernel in Exodus— a Revelation of God and a Vision of God's Building

Scripture Reading: Exo. 3:6, 14-16, 18; 25:8-9; 40:34-35

I. Exodus is a book of salvation, provision, revelation, and building—12:12-13, 51; 14:13, 22; 16:14-15; 15:22-27; 17:6; 19:3-4, 20; 24:15, 18; 25:8-9; 40:34-35.

II. In Exodus we have a revelation of God:

- A. God is the God of the Hebrews—Exo. 3:18; 5:3; 7:16; 9:1, 13; 10:3.
- B. God is the God of Israel—5:1; 24:10; 32:27; 34:23.
- C. God is the speaking God—4:10, 30; 9:35; 20:1.
- D. God is the living and active God—2:24-25; 3:7-8, 20; 7:4-5; 10:2; 12:51; 19:4.
- E. God is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—3:6, 15-16; 4:5; Matt. 22:31-32.
- F. God is the God of the covenant—Exo. 2:24; 6:4-5; 24:8; 13:5.
- G. God is the self-existing and ever-existing God—3:14.
- H. God is the fulfilling God—vv. 10-17; 6:1-8.
- I. God is the God burning within the thornbush—3:1-4; Deut. 33:16a.
- J. God is the sovereign God—Exo. 3:20-21; 4:21; 7:3-5; 8:10; 9:16; Rom. 9:15-23.
- K. God is the redeeming and saving God—Exo. 6:6; 15:13; 14:30, 13; 15:2.
- L. God is the blessing God—23:25; 32:29.
- M. God is the healing God—15:26.
- N. God is the victorious God—14:14, 25; 15:1-13; 17:15.
- O. God is the holy and righteous God, the God of love and light—20:1-17.
- P. God is the infusing God—34:29-35.
- Q. God is the jealous God—20:5; 34:14.
- R. God is the courting God—19:4-6; Jer. 2:2; 31:32.
- S. God is the processed and consummated God—Exo. 17:6; John 19:34; 7:37-39.
- T. God is the God who dwells in the tabernacle—Exo. 25:8-9; 29:46; 40:1-2, 34-38.

III. In Exodus we have a vision of God's building:

- A. God's building is the desire of His heart and the goal of His salvation—25:8.
- B. The desire of God's heart is to have a dwelling place on earth constituted with Christ and according to Christ—Eph. 1:5, 9.
- C. We need the Lord to give us a divine understanding of God's building—Matt. 16:18; Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Cor. 3:9:
 - 1. God's building is the mingling of God with man—John 14:20; 15:4a; 1 John 4:15:

- a. The principle of God's building is that God builds Himself into us and builds us into Himself—Eph. 3:17a.
- b. The church is God's building composed of God Himself as the divine material mingled with man as the human material—1 Cor. 3:9, 11-12.
- 2. God's building is the corporate expression of the Triune God—1 Tim. 3:15-16; John 17:22; Eph. 3:19b, 21:
 - a. God's desire to be expressed and represented by man on earth can be fulfilled only when we are built up together—Gen. 1:26; 1 Pet. 2:5.
 - b. The building up of the saints into one corporate expression is the real testimony—Rev. 1:2, 12, 20.
- 3. God's building is the enlargement of God—John 3:29a, 30a; Col. 2:19:
 - a. The proper building is the enlargement, the expansion, of the Triune God, enabling God to express Himself in a corporate way—v. 19; John 3:30a.
 - b. The building of God is the Triune God as life being wrought into us so that we may become His one expression, the enlargement and expansion of God—Eph. 3:17a, 19b, 21.
- D. The direction of the book of Exodus is toward the building of the tabernacle—25:8-9; 40:1-2, 34-35:
 - 1. What God desires to have is a corporate expression of Himself through His called and redeemed people—25:8.
 - 2. We need to be delivered from the world and freed to participate in God's building—1:11:
 - a. The world is against God's building, and God's building is opposed to the world—Rom. 12:2.
 - b. If God's people are willing to be rescued from the world unto God, God can work out His purpose to have a dwelling place—Exo. 40:1-2, 34-35.
 - 3. For God's building we need to have the experience of Marah and Elim and to drink the water of life in resurrection—15:22-27; 17:6.
 - 4. Exodus is an account of how God saved His chosen people and gave them a heavenly vision so that they could build His dwelling place on earth—25:9:
 - a. The purpose of Exodus is to reveal God's full salvation for the building up of His dwelling place—40:17.
 - b. God's chosen people are saved all the way from their fallen condition to God's dwelling place—Eph. 2:1-22.
 - 5. At the mountain of God, God's people saw a vision of the desire of God's heart—to have a dwelling place on earth—and by this vision they came to know God and the kind of living that is in accordance with God—Exo. 25:8; Matt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 3:9b; Eph. 2:21-22.
 - 6. We must build God's dwelling place according to the pattern revealed on the mountain—Exo. 25:9; Heb. 8:5.
 - 7. God's dwelling place is built with the Christ whom we have experienced, enjoyed, and offered to God—Exo. 25:2-7.
 - 8. The book of Exodus begins with slavery in Egypt and ends with the building of the tabernacle; Exodus consummates with God's tabernacle, His dwelling place, filled with His glory—1:11; 40:17, 34-35.