

## Message Six

### **Eating Christ as the Meal Offering to Become the Reproduction of Christ and to Live the Life of a God-man**

Scripture Reading: Lev. 2:1-16; 6:14-23; Luke 1:31-35; John 6:57; 1 Cor. 10:17

#### **I. The meal offering typifies Christ in His humanity as food for God and especially for those who have fellowship with God and serve Him—Lev. 2:1; Luke 1:31-35; 2:40, 49, 51-52:**

- A. The meal offering was made of fine flour mingled with oil—Lev. 2:4:
  - 1. The fine flour, with its evenness and fineness, typifies Christ's perfect humanity with its balance, evenness, and fineness.
  - 2. The oil mingled with the fine flour signifies the divine Spirit; this mingling typifies the mingling of divinity with humanity in Christ—Luke 1:35.
- B. The frankincense added to the meal offering signifies the sweet fragrance of the manifestation of Christ's resurrection life—Lev. 2:15-16.
- C. In typology, salt signifies the death, or the cross, of Christ—v. 13.
- D. The meal offering had neither leaven nor honey—v. 11:
  - 1. Leaven signifies sin and all negative things—1 Cor. 5:6-7a.
  - 2. Honey signifies the natural life in its good aspects, including natural affection—Matt. 10:34-39.

#### **II. In the Gospel of Luke we see that the elements of the meal offering were the components of Christ's God-man living and caused Him to be the real meal offering—1:35; 3:22; 4:1, 18a; 23:14:**

- A. Christ is both God and man; He is a God-man mingled, anointed, and filled with the Spirit of God—1:35; 4:18a:
  - 1. Christ is a person who is absolutely mingled with God; His humanity is mingled with God, mingled with the Spirit, for the Spirit is in His very being—Matt. 1:18, 20; Luke 1:35.
  - 2. Christ is a man mingled with the Spirit and with the Spirit poured upon Him—v. 35; 3:22.
- B. Christ's humanity is fine, perfect, balanced, and right in every way, lacking nothing, having no fault and not having anything in excess—23:1-4, 14.
- C. With the Lord Jesus there is no leaven and no honey of the natural life—1 Cor. 5:7-8; Matt. 12:46-50.
- D. The Lord Jesus was always salted; He daily lived a crucified life—Luke 9:23-24.
- E. Christ's humanity bears the fragrance of His resurrection manifested out from His sufferings—Matt. 2:11; John 11:25.

#### **III. As believers in Christ, we need to eat Christ as the meal offering to become the reproduction of Christ and to live the life of a God-man—Lev. 2:9-10; 6:14-18; Luke 22:19; John 6:57; 1 Cor. 10:17:**

- A. We should be the same as Christ is, and our Christian life should be a meal offering—a duplication of Christ's life—1 Pet. 2:21; 1 John 2:5; Phil. 1:21a; 3:10:

1. In order for our Christian life to be a meal offering, it must be a life with the highest humanity—the humanity of Jesus signified by the fine flour—Luke 22:31.
2. We need to experience the killing power in the salt—Mark 9:49-50; Col. 4:6:
  - a. The corrupting elements cannot exist with the salt in the life of Jesus—Matt. 5:13; Luke 14:34-35.
  - b. We need the salt to kill the natural friendships, the natural love, and the natural affection—Mark 9:49-50; Matt. 10:34-39; 12:46-50.
- B. God's desire is to work Himself into us and to change our constitution by feeding us with Christ as heavenly food—Exo. 16:14-15; John 6:27, 32, 35:
  1. To eat is to contact things outside of us and to receive them into us, with the result that they eventually become our inner constitution—Matt. 26:26.
  2. Food is anything we take into us for our satisfaction—Job 23:12b; Jer. 15:16:
    - a. The food we eat enters into us organically and becomes our constitution.
    - b. Whatever we desire, hunger, and thirst after is the diet according to which our being has been constituted.
  3. God intends to change our diet in order to change our constitution—Deut. 8:3.
- C. Hunger is the foremost condition for spiritual progress; all spiritual progress depends on our hunger—Luke 1:53.
- D. If we eat Christ as the meal offering, we will become what we eat and live by what we eat—John 6:57; 1 Cor. 10:17:
  1. If we eat Christ as our meal offering, we will become Christ.
  2. If we eat the meal offering, we will live by the meal offering—John 6:57.
  3. By exercising our spirit to touch the Spirit consolidated in the Word, we eat the human life and living of Jesus, we are constituted with Jesus, and the human living of Jesus becomes our human living—Eph. 6:17-18; Matt. 4:4.
- E. By eating Christ as the meal offering, we may have the humanity of one who serves the Lord—Gen. 1:26; Gal. 2:20; Matt. 5:44; Luke 23:34; Phil. 3:9; 4:8-9, 11-13:
  1. The humanity of one who serves the Lord must be a coming forth of God and be fully human, that is, it must have the proper human flavor—Phil. 4:8.
  2. Christian humanity is a life lived out through the mingling of the divine attributes and the human virtues—Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:20-21a:
    - a. The divine attributes are the source and the content.
    - b. The human virtues are the expression and the form.
  3. The humanity of one who serves the Lord is a humanity with the highest virtues: extraordinary love, boundless forbearance, unparalleled faithfulness, absolute humility, utmost purity, supreme holiness, and righteousness, brightness, and uprightness—Matt. 5:48; Phil. 4:8.