

**BANNERS FOR THE 2001
THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE**

**In His economy, God desires
to make Christ the centrality
and universality
of His move on earth.**

**God's ultimate move in His recovery
is to work Himself into us
that we may live Him out
and express Him as the Body.**

**The Lord's recovery
is for the preparation
of the bride of Christ, who is composed
of all His overcomers.**

**The corporate Christ,
Christ with His overcoming bride,
will come as a stone
to crush the aggregate of human government
to bring in God's kingdom.**

**Outline of the Messages
for the Thanksgiving Conference
November 22-25, 2001**

GENERAL SUBJECT: THE WORLD SITUATION AND THE NEW REVIVAL

Message One

**The World Situation, the Lord's Ultimate Recovery,
and the Universal Aspiration for Revival**

Scripture Reading: Acts 17:26; Rom. 12:4-5; Rev. 19:7; Hab. 3:2a; Joel 3:16-21

I. The carrying out of God's economy has much to do with the world situation—Acts 17:26; Dan. 2:31-45:

- A. Because the church comes out of mankind, in order to have the church life, we need to know the world situation.
- B. Since God has a purpose to accomplish with mankind on earth, He surely has the sovereign authority to manage the situation in human history—Acts 17:26.
- C. The history of human government has been sovereignly arranged by the Lord for the carrying out of His economy—Dan. 2:31-45.
- D. All the major events of human history have been arranged by God for His move on earth; therefore, these major events match God's move.
- E. The world situation has always been an indicator of the Lord's move on earth:
 - 1. For the spread of the gospel, God prepared the Roman Empire; for the return to the Bible, God prepared Germany; and for the recovery of the gospel, the teaching of the Bible, and the proper meetings, God used Great Britain.
 - 2. For the spreading of His recovery and for the final stage of His recovery—the building up of the Body as the preparation of the bride—God has sovereignly prepared, preserved, and blessed the United States—Rom. 12:4-5; Rev. 19:7.
- F. Regarding the world situation, the Bible covers four things—God's chastisement of Israel, God's punishment of the nations, the manifestation of Christ, and the restoration—Joel 1:4; 2:28-29; 3:16-21:
 - 1. Because man has taken his own way and has become sinful and corrupt, God comes in to chastise Israel and to punish the nations.
 - 2. God's chastisement of Israel and His punishment of the nations afford a way for Christ to be manifested in the Lord's recovery—1 Tim. 3:15-16:
 - a. We are in the line in which Christ is being manifested; the line of the manifestation of Christ will bring us into the fuller manifestation of Christ in the millennium, the age of restoration—Isa. 11:6-10.
 - b. As members of the Body of Christ, our goal should be to enlarge the manifestation of Christ intrinsically—Eph. 1:22-23; 3:16-21.
 - 3. The manifestation of Christ has a goal—the restoration of the fallen universe—Rom. 8:19-22; Joel 3:16-21; Isa. 2:2-5; Zeph. 3:9.

II. The Lord's ultimate recovery is the carrying out of His eternal intention to have a number of His seekers live Christ, be the lampstand in their locality, and be built up in the Body that He may prepare His bride—Rev. 1:12, 20; 19:7:

- A. The Lord's recovery began with Romans and will end with Revelation—Rom. 1:17; Rev. 1:12; 19:7.
- B. God's desire is for us to live Christ, to have Christ as our living, and to have Christ as the reality of the church life, making every local church a golden lampstand—Phil. 1:21a; Rev. 1:20.
- C. God wants us to have Christ as our life, flowing in us, saturating and permeating us, transforming us, conforming us, and making us fit to be built up into His Body for His expression—Rom. 5:10; 12:2, 4-5:
 - 1. Christ must be our life, and we must live Him—Col. 3:4.
 - 2. We need to be filled, saturated, and permeated with Christ, having Christ constituted into us—Eph. 3:16-17a.
 - 3. Our entire being should be infused with His feelings, with His thoughts, and with whatever He is—Phil. 1:8; 2 Cor. 10:1a; 11:10a.
 - 4. For the preparation of the bride, we need to grow in life and be built up in the Body of Christ; this is what the Lord wants today—Eph. 4:15-16.
- D. In His ultimate recovery, the Lord intends to recover Christ, the mystery of God, becoming the life-giving Spirit to dispense the processed and consummated Triune God into our tripartite being, making us the members of His Body for His expression—Col. 2:2; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Rom. 8:6, 10-11; 12:4-5.
- E. In the Lord's ultimate recovery, our ultimate responsibility is to live Christ and to meet together in our locality in such a way that we may be the Body, the new man, the lampstand, and the bride—1 Cor. 12:27; Eph. 4:24; Rev. 1:20; 19:7.

III. We need to pray that the Lord will give us a new revival—a revival that has never been recorded in history—Hab. 3:2a:

- A. Among God's elect there has always been an aspiration to be revived—the aspiration to come to the third day, which signifies the pneumatic Christ in resurrection—Hosea 6:2.
- B. If we would be revived, we need to enjoy Christ:
 - 1. We may enjoy Christ as the desire of God's elect—Mal. 3:1b; Hag. 2:7a.
 - 2. We may enjoy Christ as the Angel of the covenant, dispensing the riches of the covenanted Triune God into us—Mal. 3:1b; Matt. 26:26-29; Heb. 7:22.
 - 3. We may enjoy Christ as the Sun of righteousness with healing in His wings—Mal. 4:2.
- C. Since the fall of man, there has been in all of creation a universal aspiration for revival—Rom. 8:19-22:
 - 1. Because of "the slavery of corruption" (v. 21), there is the need everywhere for revival, for restoration.
 - 2. Unbelievers as well as believers aspire to be revived, to have a new beginning—Hag. 2:7a.
 - 3. The pneumatic Christ is the element of revival for which all of creation aspires; for the whole universe and for all of mankind, Christ is the reality of the third day—John 11:25; 1 Cor. 15:45b.
- D. The way to have the revival that we need is to contact the pneumatic Christ and come to the third day—the resurrected Christ with the reality of revival.