

Message Five

Being One with the Triune God in the Move of the Great Wheel of His Economy

Scripture Reading: Ezek. 1:15-21; James 5:17; John 14:12-13; 15:7; Matt. 6:9-10; Rev. 11:15

I. In order for God to regain the earth from the usurping hand of the enemy, we need to be in full cooperation and coordination with Him in the principle of incarnation—Gen. 1:26, 28; Matt. 6:9-10; 1 Cor. 6:17:

- A. The Lord wants to recover the earth and establish His kingdom on earth, but in order to do this, He needs us to be one with Him according to the principle of incarnation—Rev. 11:15; 12:10; 1 Cor. 6:17; 7:10, 25, 40b:
 - 1. We need to be one with the Lord in the desire of His heart and in the carrying out of His purpose on earth—Eph. 1:11; 3:9-11; Phil. 2:13.
 - 2. We need to be one with God in His move—one with Him in life, in living, and in our entire doing today on earth—1 Cor. 6:17; John 15:1, 4-5, 7, 16.
- B. We need to be one with the Triune God in the move of the great wheel of His economy for His will to be done on earth—Matt. 6:9-10; Rev. 4:11; Col. 4:12.

II. In Ezekiel 1:15-21 God's economy is likened to a great wheel:

- A. The great wheel is the move of God in the universe; this wheel as the means by which God acts and moves is Christ with the church—Eph. 5:32.
- B. The hub of this great wheel signifies Christ as the center of God's economy, and the rim signifies Christ's counterpart, the church, consummating in the New Jerusalem—Col. 1:17-18; Eph. 1:22-23; Rev. 21:2, 10-11.
- C. The many believers as the members of Christ are the spokes of the hub spreading to the rim, to the Body of Christ—Eph. 5:30; 1 Cor. 12:12-13, 20, 27.
- D. This great wheel is not just the economy of God but also the moving of the economy of God—1 Tim. 1:4; Eph. 1:10; Acts 13:1-4:
 - 1. From Genesis 1 until the present, this wheel has been continually moving—Acts 17:1-6; Rom. 15:18-19.
 - 2. The move of God's economy has never stopped, and today this great wheel has reached us—Acts 28:31.
 - 3. In every age and in every generation, the wheel of God's economy has been moving on earth, and now we all are a part of the move of this great wheel.

III. We need to be one with the Lord to pray for the move of the great wheel of the divine economy—Matt. 6:9-10; John 14:12-13; James 5:17:

- A. In genuine prayer the praying one cooperates with God, works together with God, and allows God to express Himself and His desire from within him and through him, ultimately accomplishing God's purpose—John 15:7; James 5:17.
- B. "Pray to labor with the Lord / Till the wheel begins to move"—*Hymns*, #786, stanza 5:
 - 1. "Pray to pave the way for Him; / Pray to move Him and be moved / From the center to the rim"—stanza 1.
 - 2. "Let the Lord initiate / All the plan and all the work; / Then thru us He'll operate"—stanza 4.

3. “Be identified with Him / In His purpose and His aim / Till His blessing floodeth in”—stanza 2.

IV. The move of God to carry out His economy is by the move of the high and awesome wheels portrayed in Ezekiel 1:15-21:

- A. The move of the wheels is the special, extraordinary move of the Lord for His eternal purpose by Him as our strength, power, and supply—cf. vv. 5-8, 19-20:
 1. Our God is living (1 Tim. 3:15; Heb. 3:12), our Lord is moving (Matt. 16:18), and the Spirit is working (Rev. 5:6b) to carry out God’s eternal economy.
 2. Every local church and every individual believer should have a high and awesome wheel with them—cf. Acts 13:1-4.
- B. The high and awesome wheels being upon the earth shows that God needs a move on the earth—Ezek. 1:15; Matt. 6:10:
 1. The wheels having the appearance of beryl indicates that wherever the wheel goes, it brings the appearance of the Lord—Ezek. 1:16a; Dan. 10:6.
 2. The wheels having the same appearance indicates that the move of the Lord has the same likeness and appearance in every church—Ezek. 1:16b; cf. Rev. 1:12; 1 Thes. 2:14.
 3. The wheels going in four directions and not turning as they went indicates a move in coordination—Ezek. 1:17.
 4. The high and awesome rims of the wheels being full of eyes indicates that if we are one with the Lord in His move, we will have His insight and revelation; the more we participate in the Lord’s move, the more we will be enlightened and the more we will be able to see—v. 18; Eph. 1:17.
 5. The greatest revelation in Ezekiel 1 is the wheel within the wheel; the wheel within the wheel shows the Lord’s move in our move—vv. 15-16:
 - a. For Elijah to pray in a prayer means that the Lord’s prayer was within his prayer; this is the wheel within a wheel—James 5:17:
 - (1) Elijah did not pray in his feeling, thought, intention, or mood, or in any kind of motivation, arising from circumstances or situations, to fulfill his own purpose.
 - (2) Elijah had a burden to pray in a particular way, and that burden was the prayer given to him by the Lord for the accomplishing of His will; therefore, Elijah prayed in a prayer—v. 17; Rom. 8:26-27.
 - b. The inner wheel is the motor, the dynamo, the generator, which causes the wheel to move; if our move is genuine, it must be that within our move is the move of the Lord—cf. 1:9; 8:16.
 6. The wheels following the living creatures indicates that the move of God’s work depends upon our moving—Ezek. 1:19; cf. Eccl. 11:4.
 7. The wheels follow the living creatures, the creatures follow the Spirit, but the Spirit is in the wheels, indicating that the move of the Lord in our move is in the principle of incarnation—Ezek. 1:20; 1 Cor. 6:17; 7:10, 25.
- C. With the wheel of God’s move, God’s activity, there is the need of the church as the rim to match Christ as the hub; when we have Christ as the center and the church as the rim, we will have the wheel of God’s economy moving all the time—Eph. 5:32; Col. 1:17-18.