

THE UNIQUENESS OF THE LORD'S RECOVERY

Message Eight

(Lord's Day—Second Morning Session)

The Organic Union in God's Relationship with Man and the Hindrances to Its Cultivation and Development

Scripture Reading: 1 Cor. 6:17; John 15:4-5; Gen. 1:26; Rev. 21:2-3, 10-11, 22

I. The Bible unveils the organic union in God's relationship with man— John 15:4-5; 1 Cor. 6:17; Rom. 12:5:

- A. The first step of the organic union is God's creation of man—Gen. 1:26; 2:7:
 - 1. God's intention in creating man was that God and man would be joined in a union that is altogether organic, a union in life; we were created to be like God and to be one with God—1:26.
 - 2. God created man for the purpose that He would enter into man, be one with man, and make man one with Him; this is the organic union.
 - 3. The heavens are for the earth, the earth is for man to exist, and the spirit of man is for God, that is, for man to worship God, to be regenerated by God, and to be joined to God that man may live and walk in the organic union with God—Zech. 12:1; John 4:24; 3:6; 1 Cor. 6:17; Gal. 5:16; Rom. 8:4.
 - 4. The tree of life is for man to eat that man may be constituted with God as the element of life; thus, man and God become organically united and live together as one person—Gen. 2:8-9, 16; John 6:57; 15:5; Phil. 1:20-21a.
- B. The incarnation was to bring God as life into man—John 1:1, 4, 14; 14:6; 10:10b:
 - 1. God's incarnation is to carry out God's desire with His good pleasure to be one with man in the organic union—Eph. 1:5, 9.
 - 2. Through God's incarnation, man is in an organic union with the organic God—John 1:14.
- C. God's salvation is the saving God Himself plus His redemption; the redeeming and saving God Himself is our dynamic salvation—Luke 2:30; 19:10:
 - 1. God's salvation is God Himself making Himself our content and making us a part of Him in the divine organic union—Eph. 3:17; 5:30.
 - 2. In God's salvation He is everything to us, and we are His expression; because He and we are one, He lives in us and we live in Him, and thus we are humanly divine and divinely human—Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:20.
 - 3. As those who are now the counterpart of God, we should live God, express God, and manifest God by walking according to the mingled spirit—Rom. 8:4.
- D. God has sown Himself into our spirit as the life seed to grow a tree, a miniature of the tree of life—John 15:1, 4-5; 14:6:
 - 1. Today the tree of life grows in all of us, causing each of us to be a small tree of life; as small trees of life we need to grow—Eph. 4:15.

2. We need to grow unto maturity to know God, to know the Bible, to know the church, and to know today's situation and condition in a mature way—Heb. 6:1.
 3. We are growing with the growth of God, that is, with the increase of God within us; the real growth of the believers is the Triune God growing, increasing, in them—Col. 2:19.
- E. Our growth in the divine life is for the unique purpose of God—the building up of the Body of Christ—Eph. 4:12-16:
1. Growth is for the building, and growth equals the building; the Body builds itself up by growing, and the growth of the Body is the Body's building up of itself—v. 16.
 2. The church as the Body of Christ is an organism, an organic constitution constituted with divinity plus humanity—vv. 4-6:
 - a. The divine essence, element, and source are mingled with the human frame.
 - b. This is what God is after today, and this is according to God's desire.
 3. The building up of the Body of Christ will usher in the fulfillment of the eternal economy of God—3:9-10; 1:10.
- F. The organic union in God's relationship with man consummates in the New Jerusalem—Rev. 21:2-3, 10-11, 22:
1. On the one hand, the New Jerusalem is the Triune God; on the other hand, the holy city is the Triune God mingled with His redeemed.
 2. The building up of the New Jerusalem is the mingling of the Triune God in His divinity with us in our humanity; therefore, the holy city is divinely human and humanly divine.
 3. The New Jerusalem will be a mutual abode in the organic union—vv. 3, 22.
 4. "The entire New Jerusalem will be a great organic union" (*The Organic Union in God's Relationship with Man*, p. 88).

II. In his subtlety Satan has frustrated the development of the believers' organic union with the Triune God—Matt. 13:25, 31-33:

- A. Three "isms" in Christianity—Catholicism, Protestantism, and Pentecostalism—have been utilized by Satan to hinder God's economy by frustrating the proper development of the organic union between the regenerated man and the processed Triune God—Mark 4:26-29; 1 Cor. 3:1-3, 6-7.
- B. The principle Satan follows in frustrating the development of the organic union is to take something given by God and cause it to be used in a wrong way.
- C. Nothing is more subtle in hindering God's people from experiencing Christ than today's Pentecostalism—Gal. 1:15-16; 2:20; 4:19.
- D. The greatest damage of Pentecostalism is that it makes it difficult for believers to appreciate the inward organic union with Christ—2 Tim. 4:22; 1 Cor. 6:17.
- E. "It is crucial that we realize that we have been joined organically to the Triune God. He and we, we and He, are mingled together as one. Such an organic union has taken place in our spirit. Therefore, we should walk according to the Spirit in our spirit. This is God's New Testament economy, the way in which His eternal purpose is carried out" (*Life-study of Galatians*, p. 144).