Outline of the Messages for the Full-time Training in the Spring Term of 2006

GENERAL SUBJECT: KNOWING AND EXPERIENCING THE INTRINSIC CONSTITUTION OF THE BUILDING OF GOD

Message Nine

The Glory of God in the Building of God

Scripture Reading: 2 Sam. 7:13a; 2 Chron. 3:1; 5:1-2, 13-14; Ezek. 43:1-5; Rev. 21:10-11

I. The glory of God is in the building of God—in the tabernacle and in the temple—Exo. 40:34-35; 2 Chron. 5:13-14; Eph. 3:21; Rev. 21:10-11:

A. The glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle—Exo. 40:34-35:
   1. Glory is God’s expression, God Himself expressed.
   2. In our experience of the church life, we need to advance so that we may experience the glory in God’s dwelling place—cf. footnote 14, par. 3, in John 1.
B. The glory of the Lord filled the temple built by Solomon, bringing the God who is in the heavens to the earth and joining the earth to the heavens—2 Sam. 7:13a; 1 Kings 8:10-11; 2 Chron. 5:13-14.
C. In a vision of God, Ezekiel saw the glory of the Lord return to the house and fill the house—Ezek. 43:1:
   1. Ezekiel had seen the glory of the Lord leave the temple and the city, but in his later ministry he saw the glory coming back to the house of Jehovah—8:1—11:25; 43:2, 4-5.
   2. The glory of the Lord returned to the temple because the building of the temple was completed; this indicates that in order for the God of glory to dwell in the church, the church must be built up to become the dwelling place of God—Eph. 2:21-22; 3:14-21.
   3. In the church life we need a gate which is open to the glory of the Lord—Ezek. 43:4:
      a. In the church life the first consideration we should have is the Lord’s glory—1 Cor. 10:31; Eph. 3:21; Phil. 4:20; 1 Pet. 4:11.
      b. The decisions in the church life must be made primarily according to the Lord’s glory—Eph. 3:21.
      c. The church must be open to the Lord’s glory so that His glory may come into the church.
D. Haggai 2:1-9 is a prophecy concerning the house of Jehovah in the millennium:
   1. “I will shake all the nations, and the Desire of all the nations will come; and I will fill this house with glory, says Jehovah of hosts”—v. 7.
   2. “The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former, says Jehovah of hosts”—v. 9a.
E. “In His temple all say, Glory!”—Psa. 29:9b.
II. In the Scriptures there is a line concerning the glory of God and the economy of God—Eph. 3:9, 16-17a, 21:

A. Glory is an attribute of God—Acts 7:55; 2 Pet. 1:3.
B. God is a God of glory—Acts 7:2; Eph. 1:17; 3:14, 16; 1 Cor. 2:8; 2 Cor. 4:6; 1 Pet. 4:14.
C. God’s purpose is to bring many sons into glory—Heb. 2:10; 1 Cor. 2:7; Eph. 1:6-7, 12, 14.
D. The glory of God is related to Christ’s incarnation, human living, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, and coming again:
1. The Word became flesh, and the glory of His divinity was concealed within the shell of His humanity, yet the disciples beheld His glory—John 1:14; Matt. 17:2.
2. In His life and work, the Lord Jesus did not seek His own glory but the glory of the One who sent Him—John 7:18; 8:50, 54.
3. The glory of Christ’s divinity was released through the breaking of the shell of His humanity by His death—12:23-24.
5. Christ was glorified in His ascension—Heb. 2:9.
6. The Lord as the Son of Man will come in the glory of the Father—Matt. 16:27.
E. God created us as vessels prepared unto glory—Rom. 9:23.
F. To sin is to fall short of God’s glory and thus to love the glory of men more than the glory of God—3:23; John 5:44; 7:18; 12:43.
G. Christ’s redemption has fulfilled the requirements of God’s glory—Rom. 3:24-25; Heb. 9:5; cf. Gen. 3:24.
H. Through the gospel of the glory of God, God has called us into His eternal glory—2 Cor. 4:4; 1 Tim. 1:11; 1 Pet. 5:10; 1 Thes. 2:12.
I. Christ in us is the hope of glory—Col. 1:27; 3:4.
J. The goal of God’s organic salvation, and the last stage of this salvation, is glory—Heb. 2:10; Rom. 8:17, 21, 30.
K. The Lord will transfigure our body of humiliation to be conformed to the body of His glory—Phil. 3:21.
L. There is glory to God in the church—Eph. 3:21; 5:27:
1. God’s glory is wrought into the church, and He is expressed in the church.
2. To God is glory in the church; that is, God is glorified in the church.
3. The church is the glory of God coming to us with God and returning to God with us—3:16-17a, 21.
M. The Lord prayed for our oneness in the divine glory for the expression of the Triune God—John 17:22.
N. There will be the glory of God in the kingdom of God—Matt. 6:13; 16:27; 19:28; 25:31; Rev. 5:13.
O. The New Jerusalem will have the glory of God—21:10-11.
P. The glory of God in the economy of God involves deification—God becoming man so that man may become God in life, in nature, and in expression—John 1:14; Col. 3:4; Heb. 2:10; Rev. 21:10-11.

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