Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Spring Term of 2006
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GENERAL SUBJECT: KNOWING AND EXPERIENCING
THE INTRINSIC CONSTITUTION OF THE BUILDING OF GOD

Message Twelve
Answering the Question of Questions
by Seeing the Revelation
concerning the Son of David as the All-inclusive Christ

Scripture Reading: 2 Sam. 7:12-14a; Matt. 22:41-46; 1:1, 21-23

I. “What do you think concerning the Christ? Whose son is He?”—Matt. 22:42a:
A. This question of questions must be answered by everyone—vv. 42-45.
B. Christ is God; in His divinity He is the Lord of David—Rom. 9:5; Rev. 22:16b.
C. Christ is also a man; in His humanity He is the Son of David—1 Tim. 2:5; Rev. 22:16b.
D. Christ’s question of questions concerning His wonderful person muzzled the mouths of all His opposers—Matt. 22:46.

II. The Gospel of Matthew emphasizes the fact that Christ is the Son of David—2 Sam. 7:12-14a; Matt. 1:1; 9:27; 15:22; 20:30-31; 21:9:
A. The title Son of David signifies the kingdom.
B. As the Son of David, Christ brings us into the kingdom of the heavens—4:17; 5:3.

III. The Son of David is Jesus and Emmanuel—1:21-23:
A. “You shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins”—v. 21:
   1. The name Jesus includes the name Jehovah, the I Am—Exo. 3:14.
   2. Jesus is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew name Joshua (Num. 13:16), which means “Jehovah the Savior,” or “the salvation of Jehovah.”
   3. Jesus is not only a man but Jehovah, and not only Jehovah but Jehovah our salvation; hence, He is the Savior.
B. “They shall call His name Emmanuel (which is translated, God with us)”—Matt. 1:23:
   1. Jesus is God incarnated to dwell among us; He is not only God but God with us—John 1:14.
   2. Jesus the Savior is God with us, the saved ones, the believers.

IV. The Son of David is the all-inclusive Christ revealed in the Gospel of Matthew:
A. Christ is the heavenly King, who came with meekness—2:1-2; 21:5.
B. In His human living Christ was a despised Nazarene—2:23; John 1:45-46.
C. The Lord Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God—Matt. 16:16.
D. Christ is the Son of Man, who brings God's dominion to earth—8:20; 11:19; 13:37; 16:13.

E. Christ is the Baptizer—3:11-12.

F. Christ is the light of life shining in the darkness of death—4:12-16.


H. Christ from His incarnation to His crucifixion was the unfulled cloth for making a new garment through His death and resurrection—v. 16; Luke 5:36.

I. The individual Christ is the new wine, and the corporate Christ is the new wineskin—Matt. 9:17.

J. Christ is the Shepherd—vv. 35-36; 26:31.

K. Christ is the Lord of the harvest—9:37-38.

L. Christ is the Friend of sinners and the wisdom of God—11:19.

M. Christ is the One who gives rest—vv. 28-30.


O. Christ is the bread and the crumbs under the table—15:21-38.

P. Christ in His humanity is the resurrected One with all authority in heaven and on earth—28:18-19.

V. The Christian life is a life of faith; we live according to what we believe—8:5-13; Gal. 3:2, 14; John 20:25-29; Heb. 11:6:


B. Faith is a matter of seeing a view of the contents of God's economy—Heb. 12:2:
   1. Because we have seen a revelation regarding the contents of God's economy, we spontaneously believe in what we see—Eph. 3:9.
   2. The ability within us to believe is a product, a result, of having a proper view of God's economy—Heb. 11:6, 9, 23-26; 12:2.
   3. As we open to the Lord in the Word, considering Him as the all-inclusive One, and the light comes in, there will be a reaction, a “click,” which brings the divine scenery of the truth into our spirit; this reaction is faith.

C. As illustrated by the case of the Roman centurion, faith is the realization of what the Lord Jesus is—Matt. 8:5-13:
   1. The centurion said that there was no need for the Lord Jesus to come to his house, because he realized that He was the highest authority—vv. 9-10.
   2. Faith needs an object; the object of our faith is the wonderful Lord Jesus who has all authority and who, in Himself, is the highest authority.
   3. Whenever we realize the Lord Jesus in a certain way, we have faith as a result of that realization—16:16.

D. We are believers, persons of faith in the Lord Jesus—Acts 5:14; 1 Tim. 4:12.

VI. David “in spirit” called Him Lord—Matt. 22:43:

A. Christ can be known by us only in our spirit through God's revelation—Eph. 3:5.

B. If we have seen the revelation concerning the Son of David as the all-inclusive Christ, we should turn to our spirit and in spirit call Him “Lord.”

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