

**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 Thirteen

**Experiencing and Enjoying the Son of David
as the All-inclusive Christ for the Building of the Church**

Scripture Reading: 2 Sam. 7:12-14a; Matt. 1:1; 2:2; 13:3-8, 18-23; 14:16-21; 15:26-28

I. Christ, the Son of David, is the King, the Ruler, who brings us into the kingdom of the heavens—2 Sam. 7:12-14a; Matt. 1:1; 2:2; 4:17; 5:3:

- A. All authority has been given to the Lord Jesus, the Son of David, as the heavenly King—28:18-19.
- B. To receive Christ as the Son of David is to recognize His kingly status and to realize that we should be under His kingship and authority—8:8-9:
 - 1. If we are not under His authority, His administration, we cannot be saved; salvation comes to us under His kingship.
 - 2. The gospel is presented first not in the way of life, as in John, but in the way of the kingdom, as in Matthew—4:17:
 - a. We sin because we are rebellious—8:2; 1 John 3:4.
 - b. We need to repent of our rebellion and receive Christ as our King so that He may rule in us and over us in God's kingdom—Col. 1:13.
 - 3. Christ's being the Son of David is also for us to participate in the divine authority—Matt. 16:19; 18:17-19; 28:18-19.
- C. The kingdom of God established by the Son of David is the realm for God to exercise Himself to bless us—Luke 1:31-33:
 - 1. The blessing requires the sphere of God's authority, a sphere under God's administration; without such a sphere there is no way for God to come in to bless us—Matt. 5:3-11.
 - 2. Once God has a kingdom filled with His authority, then in His administration He can carry out whatever is on His heart to be the blessing promised to His chosen people—Gal. 3:14.
- D. When we experience and enjoy Christ as the Son of David, we also experience and enjoy Him as the Son (the seed) of Abraham—Matt. 1:1:
 - 1. Christ as the seed of Abraham became the life-giving Spirit to impart Himself into His believers for the blessing of all the nations of the earth—Gen. 22:18; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Gal. 3:14, 16.
 - 2. By receiving and enjoying Christ as our King and living under His ruling, we enjoy the processed and consummated Triune God as our blessing.

II. The Son of David as the all-inclusive Christ is both the Sower and the seed, the embodiment of the Triune God—Matt. 13:3-8, 18-23; Col. 2:9:

- A. Christ as the Sower sowing Himself as the seed of life into human beings is the very heart of the Lord's recovery, for it is related to the desire of God's heart—Mark 4:3-4, 14; Eph. 1:5, 9:
 - 1. Christ as the word is the seed of life sown into us as the soil; He has sown Himself as the embodiment of the Triune God into His believers—Matt. 13:23.
 - 2. As the Sower, Christ has sown Himself as the seed of life into our hearts so that He may live in us, grow in us, and be expressed from within us—Gal. 2:20; 4:19; Phil. 1:20-21a.
 - 3. The Lord Jesus desires to come into us to be our life in the way of mingling in order to make Himself our element and to make us His expression.
- B. In reality, the Body of Christ—an organism constituted with the divine life mingled with humanity—is a plant growing out of Christ as the life seed into the human heart as the growing earth—Matt. 13:23; Luke 8:15; Eph. 1:23.
- C. The Triune God in His embodiment has been sown into our being to grow wheat, producing the many grains that can be blended together to be one entity, the Body of Christ—1 Cor. 10:17.

III. The Son of David as the all-inclusive Christ is the Feeder; He is feeding us with Himself so that we may grow Him in our being—Matt. 14:16-21; 15:33-38:

- A. Christ is feeding us with Himself as the barley loaves (generating life) and fish (redeeming life)—John 6:9:
 - 1. To satisfy our spiritual hunger, we need both Christ's generating life and His redeeming life—Matt. 14:17.
 - 2. The barley loaves signify Christ in resurrection as food to us—John 11:25.
 - 3. As the redeeming life, Christ lived in the Satan-corrupted world without being affected by its corruption—17:14-16.
 - 4. We are now being fed by Christ with Himself as the resurrected bread of life, and we are being nourished by Him with His redeeming life.
- B. We may experience and enjoy Christ as the crumbs, the fragments of bread, under the table—Matt. 15:22-28:
 - 1. The Canaanite woman realized that Christ had become broken crumbs as her portion; such a Christ is also our portion for our experience and enjoyment—vv. 26-27.
 - 2. Like the Canaanite woman, we need to exercise faith to take in Christ as the crumbs to be our life supply—v. 28.
- C. Christ rules over us by feeding us with Himself as bread—vv. 26-27, 32-38:
 - 1. God's economy is not a matter of outward things but of Christ coming into us inwardly; for this, we need to take in Christ by eating Him—Eph. 3:17a; John 6:57.
 - 2. The more we eat Christ as the all-inclusive bread, the more the royal ingredients are constituted into us to become the ruling element within us and cause us to become the increase of Christ in His administration as the kingdom of the heavens for the building of the church—Dan. 2:34, 35b, 44-45; Matt. 16:18.