

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Spring Term of 2014**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
THE ECONOMY AND DISPENSING OF GOD**

Message Eight

**Experiencing the Divine Dispensing by Eating Christ
as the Bread of God to Live in the Reality of the Kingdom of God**

Scripture Reading: John 6:33, 57; 3:3; 18:36; Matt. 5:3, 8; Rom. 14:17

- I. God's economy is that we eat Christ as the bread of God and be constituted with Him in order to express Him and represent Him—1 Tim. 1:4; John 6:35, 41, 57; Gen. 1:26:**
- A. God's eternal plan is to dispense Himself into us so that He becomes every fiber of our inward being—Eph. 3:16-17.
 - B. God's economy is a matter of Christ coming into us inwardly; for this, we need to take Christ by eating Him—v. 17a; John 6:57:
 - 1. The record regarding spiritual eating in the Bible reveals that God intends to dispense Himself into us by the way of eating—v. 57; 1 Cor. 10:3; Rev. 2:7; 22:14.
 - 2. To eat is to contact things outside of us and to receive them into us, with the result that they become our constitution—Gen. 2:16-17.
 - 3. To eat the Lord Jesus is to receive Him into us that He may be assimilated by the regenerated new man in the way of life—John 6:56-57.
 - 4. Eating is the way to experience God's dispensing for His expression and representation—Gen. 1:26; 2:9; John 6:51a, 53-57.
 - 5. The food eaten, digested, and assimilated by us actually becomes us; this is a matter of mingling—1 Cor. 10:17.
 - 6. The oneness that God desires with man is illustrated by what takes place when we eat, digest, and assimilate food—John 6:57.
 - 7. We are what we eat; therefore, if we eat Christ as the bread of God, we will become God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead.
- II. The way to live in the reality of the kingdom of God is to eat and digest Christ as the bread of God—Matt. 15:26-27, 32-37:**
- A. We can be the reality of the kingdom of God only by being nourished with Christ as our food—John 6:57; 3:3; 18:36.
 - B. The Lord Jesus is the kingdom of obedience; we need to take Him in by eating Him as our bread so that He may be wrought into us—Phil. 2:8.
 - C. The more we eat Christ as the bread of God, the more the kingly element is constituted into us to become the ruling element within us—John 6:33, 53-57; 3:3; 18:36.

III. By eating and digesting Christ as the bread of God, we experience the inward effects of this bread—Matt. 14:14-20; 15:21-28, 32-38:

- A. Our hunger is satisfied—5:6:
 - 1. What truly matters to the Lord Jesus is that our spiritual hunger is satisfied—15:32.
 - 2. Hunger is the foremost condition for spiritual progress; all spiritual progress depends on our hunger—Luke 1:53.
- B. We are subdued and brought under the Lord's kingly and heavenly rule—Matt. 14:14-20; 15:32-38:
 - 1. As the King, the Lord Jesus rules over us by feeding us with Himself as bread—John 6:15, 27, 35.
 - 2. We can live in the reality of the kingdom only by being nourished with Christ as our food—Matt. 4:4, 17; 5:3.
- C. Christ as the bread of God casts out the “demons” and deals with rebellion, the principle of a demon—15:22, 26-27; Mark 7:24-30; Ezek. 2:8—3:3:
 - 1. In principle, the things in our daily living that are not under God's ruling are in rebellion against Him and are “demons” that need to be cast out by the Lord Jesus.
 - 2. The Lord rules over us by entering into us as the bread of God to consume the rebellious element within us—John 6:15, 32, 35, 50.
 - 3. The Lord Jesus dispenses Himself into us so that He might discharge our rebellious element and replace it with Himself.
- D. We are cleansed inwardly—Matt. 23:25-26; 15:1-2, 18, 20, 26-27:
 - 1. We all need an inward cleansing from the Lord—the inward cleansing that comes from eating Jesus.
 - 2. As our food, Christ is the best cleansing element; He washes our inner being, and we thereby experience the washing of our disposition—Eph. 5:26-27.
- E. We are healed of all kinds of diseases—Matt. 15:21-31:
 - 1. The Lord desires to heal our sick condition—physical, psychological, and spiritual—and to restore us to normality.
 - 2. In Matthew 15 healing comes after eating; this indicates that healing comes from adequate, proper eating.
- F. We are enabled to overcome our circumstances—vv. 21-28; Rom. 8:37:
 - 1. Any problem that we have is an indicator that we need to eat Christ as the bread of God—Matt. 15:22, 26-27.
 - 2. Instead of asking the Lord to change our circumstances, we should eat Christ as the bread of God and be content—Phil. 4:11-13.
- G. As we digest and assimilate Christ as the bread of God, we live in the reality of the kingdom of God—John 6:33; Matt. 4:4; 6:33:
 - 1. All the kingly elements are in this bread; by eating the bread of God, we are constituted with the reality of the kingdom of God—5:3.
 - 2. The more we eat Christ as the bread of God, the more the kingly elements are wrought into us, and the more we live in the reality of the kingdom of God—vv. 3-8; Rom. 14:17; Rev. 1:6, 9; 5:9-10.