

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Spring Term of 2017**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
THE MENDING MINISTRY OF JOHN**

Message Fourteen

**Seeing a Vision of the Enthroned Christ
as the Administrator in God's Universal Government**

Scripture Reading: Heb. 12:2; Rev. 1:5; 4:2, 5, 11; 5:1-14; 8:3-4; 21:2, 9-11

- I. The book of Revelation is a book of God's administration, unveiling the throne of God for the divine administration throughout the universe—4:2; 5:1; 6:16; 7:9; 8:3; 21:5; Isa. 6:1; Ezek. 1:26; Dan. 7:9:**
- A. The subject of Revelation is Christ as the center of God's administration according to God's eternal economy—5:1; 22:1.
 - B. This book presents a clear view of God's universal administration, revealing the fact that the universe operates according to God's administration—4:2, 5.
 - C. We need to see a vision of the throne of God—5:1; 6:16; 7:9; 8:3; 21:5:
 - 1. The throne in Revelation 4 and 5 is the throne of divine authority:
 - a. God's throne is related to His administration, which is a matter of His economy—1 Tim. 1:4; Eph. 1:10; 3:9.
 - b. Apparently, the throne is invisible and is not realized by man, but actually, it is behind the scene ruling over everyone and everything—Isa. 6:1; 1 Kings 22:19.
 - c. Everything in today's world situation is decided on the throne; no one can do anything and nothing can happen outside the rule of God's throne.
 - 2. The throne of God is not only for God to reign but also for God to accomplish His eternal purpose—Eph. 1:9, 11; 3:11; Rom. 8:28; Rev. 4:11:
 - a. In His economy God administers the universe to fulfill His purpose—2 Tim. 1:9.
 - b. God is a God of purpose, having a will according to His good pleasure—Eph. 1:5, 9.
 - c. God created all things for His will so that He might fulfill His purpose—Rev. 4:11.
 - d. Revelation, the unveiling of God's universal administration, shows us that the will, the purpose, of God in His creation is to have an eternal habitation—the New Jerusalem—for His satisfaction and expression—21:2, 9-11.
 - 3. There are seven lamps of fire—the seven Spirits of God—burning before the throne—4:5:
 - a. The burning of the seven Spirits of God is for the carrying out of God's administration.

- b. The burning of the seven Spirits of God is to bring forth the golden lampstands, the churches, for the fulfillment of God's economy—1:12.
- c. The burning of the seven Spirits motivates us to rise up and take action for the carrying out of God's economy—Dan. 11:32.

II. Christ in His ascension has been enthroned to execute God's administration, His governmental operation—Heb. 12:2; Rev. 3:21; 5:6; 22:1, 3:

- A. Christ's ascension was for His enthronement for God's administration—Eph. 1:20-21:
 - 1. The Lord Jesus has been enthroned to execute God's governmental administration in the universe.
 - 2. We need to see that the Lord is on the throne as a man and realize that the Lord of the universe is a man, the God-man, the Man-God—Ezek. 1:26.
- B. The Lamb, the Redeemer, the One slain for our sins, is now on the throne carrying out God's administration over the entire universe—Rev. 5:6.
- C. As the Lamb with the seven eyes, the seven Spirits of God, He is carrying out God's administration for the accomplishment of God's economy—v. 6.
- D. The enthroned Christ, as the heavenly Administrator in God's universal government, is the Ruler of the kings of the earth—1:5:
 - 1. As the Ruler of the kings of the earth, Christ rules the earth so that the gospel may be spread and the church may be produced—Matt. 24:14.
 - 2. The affairs of the nations are under Christ's rulership.
 - 3. If we study history in light of the Bible, we will see that history has been under the hand of Christ as the Ruler of the kings of the earth—Rev. 1:5.
 - 4. The purpose of Christ's rulership is that we might be brought to God and to the church life:
 - a. He is working in the heavens to see that God's chosen people are saved, called, and brought in—Acts 5:31.
 - b. He is ordering events and circumstances so that we all may grow in life.
 - c. He is arranging things so that the Body may be built up—Eph. 4:16.
- E. As the One enthroned to be the heavenly Administrator in God's universal government, Christ is the worthy Lion-Lamb, the overcoming Redeemer, opening the scroll of God's economy—Rev. 5:1-14:
 - 1. As the Lion, He is the Fighter against the enemy, Satan; as the Lamb, He is the Redeemer for us—Gen. 49:9; John 1:29.
 - 2. Because Christ has solved the problems of the rebellion of Satan and the fall of man, He is worthy to open the scroll of God's economy—Rev. 5:9.
 - 3. The scroll of God's economy has been put into His hands, and now He holds God's economy and carries it out.
 - 4. The Lamb has seven eyes for executing God's administration; Christ carries out the divine administration by the seven Spirits as His eyes—v. 6.
 - 5. The Administrator, the worthy and enthroned Lion-Lamb, is administering the universe through our prayers—v. 8; 8:3-4.
 - 6. We all must worship Christ as the divine Administrator, as the One in the heavens administering all things for the fulfillment of God's economy—5:9-14.