

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Spring Term of 2026**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
THE CRUCIAL POINTS OF THE TRUTH IN PAUL'S EPISTLES—
FIRST AND SECOND THESSALONIANS**

Message Fifteen

**The Mystery of Lawlessness, the Man of Lawlessness,
and Our Need to Be Reconstituted with the Healing Christ,
Sanctified Wholly, and Preserved Complete for His Second Coming**

Scripture Reading: 2 Thes. 2:3-10; Matt. 16:18; Dan. 2:28; Mal. 3:1-3, 10; 4:2; 1 Thes. 5:23-24

- I. In order to be built up to be Christ's bride for His return, we need to see the vision of the divine history within the human history, showing us "what will happen in the last days"—Dan. 2:28; Matt. 16:18; Gen. 2:22; cf. 11:4:**
 - A. In Daniel 2 the history of man is signified by a great human image, with the four sections of this image corresponding respectively to the Babylonian Empire, the Medo-Persian Empire, the Grecian Empire, and the Roman Empire; the armies of these empires were like locusts coming to devastate and consume Israel totally—vv. 34-35; Joel 1:4; cf. 2:25.
 - B. During the church age (the age of the intrinsic history of the divine mystery within the outward, human history), Christ is building up the church to be His bride, and He will return with His overcoming bride as a smiting stone to crush the aggregate of human government and usher in the age of God's dominion over the entire earth—Gen. 2:22; Matt. 16:18; Dan. 2:34-35, 44-45; Rev. 17:14; 19:19; 11:15-17.
- II. The mystery of lawlessness is working today among the nations and in human society; this lawlessness will culminate in the man of lawlessness, Antichrist—2 Thes. 2:3-10:**
 - A. The day of the Lord "will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of perdition"; the apostasy is a falling away from the straight way of God's economy—v. 3.
 - B. Antichrist will be the power of Satan, the embodiment of Satan; he will persecute and destroy the people of God—both the God-fearing Jews and the Christ-believing Christians—Dan. 8:24; Rev. 12:17; 13:7.
 - C. Antichrist will wear out the saints of the Most High—Dan. 7:25; 2 Tim. 3:1; cf. Mark 6:45-52.
 - D. Satan and Antichrist want the souls of men to be the instruments for their activities in the last age—Rev. 18:11-13; 2 Tim. 3:5; cf. Zech. 12:1.
 - E. The Lord prophesied that before Antichrist makes the covenant of seven years with the nation of Israel at the consummation of the present age, the nation of Israel would be restored—Matt. 21:19; 24:32-35; Dan. 9:27.
 - F. Antichrist will break his covenant with Israel, and his idol will be set up in the temple of God at the beginning of the great tribulation, which will last for three and a half years; this indicates that the temple must be rebuilt before the Lord comes back—v. 27; 2 Thes. 2:3-4.

- G. Before the great tribulation, the gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole inhabited earth, and the overcomers will be raptured, leaving the majority of the believers, those who are not yet mature, on the earth to pass through the great tribulation—Rev. 12:5-6; 14:1, 4; Matt. 24:14-15, 40-41.

III. The book of Malachi reveals that we need to be purified and reconstituted with the healing Christ for His second coming—3:1-3; 4:2:

- A. Malachi prophesied at the time of Nehemiah; at that time the priests and the remnant of God's people were in the darkness of self-deception, which is obsession—1:6-7; 1 John 1:8, 10; Acts 9:1-2; John 16:2; cf. Phil. 3:3:
1. The symptom of a person who is obsessed is that what he thinks and does are totally wrong, yet he thinks and believes that he is totally right.
 2. Malachi shows us the degraded condition of God's self-deceived people, who were under Satan's authority of darkness—1:2, 6-7; 2:13, 17; 3:7-8, 13-15; cf. Col. 1:12-13; Acts 26:18.
 3. The reasons for obsession, self-deception, are loving the darkness rather than the light (John 3:19-20), pride (Obad. 3), not receiving the love of the truth (2 Thes. 2:10-11; cf. Prov. 23:23), and not seeking the glory that is from the only God (John 5:44).
 4. The way to be saved from obsession, self-deception, is to live in the light—Isa. 50:10-11; Psa. 36:9; 1 John 1:5, 7, 9; Col. 1:12-13.
- B. The healing Christ is the Messenger of God and the living message of God as a refiner's fire and as fullers' soap to refine and purify the degraded remnant of God's people—Mal. 3:1-3; Rev. 1:20; 2:1; Amos 3:7; cf. Luke 2:26; Heb. 11:7.
- C. The healing Christ is the Angel of the covenant and the Desire of all the nations—Mal. 3:1; Hag. 2:7.
- D. The healing Christ is the Sun of righteousness—Mal. 4:2; 3:1-3:
1. In His first coming, Christ was the dawning sun to the dark age; in His second coming, Christ will return as the Sun of righteousness in His kingdom—Luke 1:78-79; Mal. 4:2; cf. Matt. 17:1-8.
 2. As the Sun of righteousness, Christ is our enjoyment for our growth in life in the dispelling of darkness and also for our healing in life in the effacing of unrighteousness—John 1:4-5; 8:12; 2 Cor. 4:6; Acts 26:18.
- E. To be healed is to be saved, to be made whole; Christ will heal us, but we must give Him the freedom to use His wings to fly above us, around us, through us, and within us—Mal. 4:2; Prov. 4:18:
1. We must see God's great love for us and keep ourselves in the love of God—Mal. 1:1-2; Eph. 1:4-5; 2 Cor. 5:14; Jude 19-21; 2 Thes. 3:5.
 2. We must take heed to our spirit, exercise our spirit, not grieving or quenching the Spirit—Mal. 2:15-16; Eph. 4:30; 1 Thes. 5:19; Rom. 8:6.
 3. We must honor and fear God by bringing the whole tithe into the storehouse for the need of the church, the advancement of the gospel, the supply of the Lord's servants, and the supply of the needy saints—Mal. 3:7-12; Deut. 14:22-23; Phil. 1:5; 4:15-16; 3 John 5-8; Rom. 12:13:
 - a. Although the word concerning the tithe was spoken to the Israelites in the Old Testament, in principle it applies also to the New Testament believers—Mal. 3:10; cf. Heb. 7:1-3; Matt. 23:23.
 - b. If we would be faithful to live for God's administration in caring for money and material matters, there would be no financial needs in the recovery—Neh. 13:10-14; Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; Matt. 6:1-4.

4. The overcomers who are reconstituted with Christ as the Sun will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father—13:43; Judg. 5:31.

IV. The Lord's second coming will resolve all the problems of the world:

- A. The Lord's second coming will resolve the problem of injustice—Isa. 11:4.
- B. The Lord's second coming will resolve the problem of war—2:4.
- C. The Lord's second coming will resolve the problem of sickness—Rev. 22:2; Ezek. 47:12.
- D. The Lord's second coming will resolve the problem of famine—Isa. 35:1, 6.
- E. The Lord's second coming will resolve the problem of education—2:2-5; 4:2-6; 11:9; Hab. 2:14; Heb. 8:11; Psa. 2:6, 12.
- F. The Lord's second coming will resolve the problem of sinful establishments—Matt. 13:41-43.
- G. The Lord's second coming will resolve the problem of the suffering of all creation—Rom. 8:21-22; Isa. 11:6, 9.
- H. The Lord's second coming will resolve the problem of earthly governments—Rev. 11:15; Dan. 2:34-35, 44-45.

V. In order to make ourselves ready for the Lord's coming, we must cooperate with the inner operating God of peace so that He may sanctify us wholly by saturating us with Himself so that we can become the New Jerusalem as the holy city—Rom. 6:19, 22; Eph. 5:26; 1 Thes. 5:23-24; Rev. 21:2:

- A. God desires to sanctify us, and He Himself will do it as long as we are willing to pursue Him as holiness and cooperate with Him; in this way we can be holy as He is holy (1 Pet. 1:15-16); without holiness we cannot see Him (Heb. 12:14).
- B. The God of peace is the Sanctifier; His sanctification brings in peace; when we are wholly sanctified by Him from within, we have peace with Him and with man in every way—1 Thes. 5:23, 13; 2 Thes. 3:16.
- C. By sanctifying us, God transforms us in the essence of our spirit, soul, and body, making us wholly like Him in nature; in this way He preserves our spirit, soul, and body wholly complete—1 Thes. 5:23.

VI. God sanctifies us wholly and also preserves our spirit, soul, and body complete:

- A. In order to cooperate with God to preserve our spirit in sanctification, we must keep our spirit living by exercising it to have fellowship with God; if we fail to exercise our spirit in this way, we will leave it in a deadened situation—vv. 16-18.
- B. In order to cooperate with God to preserve our soul in sanctification, we must clear the three main "arteries" of our psychological heart, the parts of our soul—our mind, emotion, and will; in order for our soul to be sanctified, our mind must be renewed to be the mind of Christ (Rom. 12:2), our emotion must be touched and saturated with the love of Christ (Eph. 3:17, 19), our will must be subdued by and infused with the resurrected Christ (Phil. 2:13; cf. S. S. 4:4a; 7:4a), and we must love the Lord with our whole being (Mark 12:30).
- C. In order to cooperate with God to preserve our body in sanctification, we must present our body to Him so that we may live a holy life for the church life, practicing the Body life in order to carry out God's perfect will—Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Thes. 4:4; 5:18.