

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Fall Term of 2025**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
THE CRUCIAL POINTS OF THE TRUTH IN PAUL'S EPISTLES—
PHILIPPIANS AND COLOSSIANS**

Message Nine

Enjoying the All-inclusive Christ as Our Allotted Portion in the Light

Scripture Reading: Col. 1:12-13; Luke 11:33-36; Job 42:5-6; Isa. 2:5; 4:4; 5:20; 6:1-8; Psa.
139:23-24

Col. 1:12-13—Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light; ¹³Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Luke 11:33-36—No one, after lighting a lamp, puts *it* in the cellar or under the bushel, but on the lampstand, in order that those who enter in may see the light. ³⁴The lamp of the body is your eye. When your eye is single, your whole body also is full of light; but when it is evil, your body also is dark. ³⁵Watch out therefore that the light which is in you is not darkness. ³⁶If therefore your whole body is full of light and does not have any dark part, the whole will be full of light as when the lamp with its rays illuminates you.

Job 42:5-6—I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye has seen You; ⁶Therefore I abhor *myself*; and I repent In dust and ashes.

Isa. 2:5—House of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of Jehovah.

Isa. 4:4—When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and has cleansed away the bloodstains of Jerusalem from her midst, by the judging Spirit and the burning Spirit.

Isa. 5:20—Woe to those who call evil good, And good evil; Who put darkness for light, And light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, And sweet for bitter!

Isa. 6:1-8—In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting on a high and lofty throne, and the train of His robe filled the temple. ²Seraphim hovered over Him, each having six wings: With two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to the other, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Jehovah of hosts; The whole earth is filled with His glory. ⁴And the foundations of the threshold shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵Then I said, Woe is me, for I am finished! For I am a man of unclean lips, And in the midst of a people of unclean lips I dwell; Yet my eyes have seen the King, Jehovah of hosts. ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with an ember in his hand, *which* he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷And he touched my mouth *with it* and said, Now that this has touched your lips, Your iniquity is taken away, and your sin is purged. ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us? And I said, Here am I; send me.

Psa. 139:23-24—Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxious thoughts; ²⁴And see if there is some harmful way in me, And lead me on the eternal way.

- I. Christ as the preeminent and all-inclusive One is the allotted portion of the saints in the light (Col. 1:12); the New Testament believers' allotted portion is not a physical land but the all-inclusive Christ as the all-inclusive Spirit dwelling in our spirit (Gal. 3:14; 2 Tim. 4:22; Rom. 8:16); to walk according to this Spirit is the central and crucial point in the New Testament (Col. 2:6-7; Phil. 1:19).**

Col. 1:12—Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light;

Gal. 3:14—In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

2 Tim. 4:22—The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

Rom. 8:16—The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.

Col. 2:6-7—As therefore you have received the Christ, Jesus the Lord, walk in Him, ⁷Having been rooted and being built up in Him, and being established in the faith even as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Phil. 1:19—For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and *the* bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

- II. We must be *in the light* in order to enjoy the all-inclusive Christ as the good land in His redeeming and generating aspects—Col. 1:12-13; Exo. 3:8; 1 Pet. 2:9; Isa. 2:5:**

Col. 1:12-13—Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light; ¹³Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Exo. 3:8—And I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

1 Pet. 2:9—But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people acquired for a possession, so that you may tell out the virtues of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Isa. 2:5—House of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of Jehovah.

- A. God is light (1 John 1:5), the word of God is light (Psa. 119:105, 130), Christ is light (John 8:12; 9:5), the life of Christ is light (1:4), the believers are light (Matt. 5:14; Phil. 2:15), and the church is a lampstand shining with light (Rev. 1:20; Psa. 73:16-17).

1 John 1:5—And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

Psa. 119:105—Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

Psa. 119:130—The opening of Your words gives light, Imparting understanding to the simple.

John 8:12—Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 9:5—While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

John 1:4—In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

Matt. 5:14—You are the light of the world. It is impossible for a city situated upon a mountain to be hidden.

Phil. 2:15—That you may be blameless and guileless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine as luminaries in the world,

Rev. 1:20—The mystery of the seven stars which you saw upon My right hand and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the messengers of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Psa. 73:16-17—When I considered this in order to understand *it*, It was a troublesome task in my sight, ¹⁷Until I went into the sanctuary of God; *Then* I perceived their end.

- B. The truth is the shining of the light, and light is the presence of God; if we have the Lord's presence, we have wisdom, insight, foresight, and the inner knowledge concerning things; the Lord's presence is everything to us—Exo. 33:14; 2 Cor. 2:10.

Exo. 33:14—And He said, My presence shall go *with you*, and I will give you rest.

2 Cor. 2:10—But whom you forgive anything, I also *forgive*; for also what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, *it is* for your sake in the person of Christ;

- C. Because of the merciful compassions of our God, we can enjoy Christ as the rising sun visiting us from on high to shine on those sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death in order to guide our feet into the way of peace—Luke 1:78-79. **Luke 1:78-79**—Because of the merciful compassions of our God, in which the rising sun will visit us from on high, ⁷⁹To shine upon those sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

- D. Christ is the Sun of righteousness who heals us as He shines upon us; we enjoy Christ's shining for our growth in life in the dispelling of darkness and for our healing in life in the effacing of unrighteousness—Mal. 4:2; Psa. 84:11.

Mal. 4:2—But unto you who fear My name will the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings, and you will go forth and leap about like well-fed calves.

Psa. 84:11—For Jehovah God is a sun and a shield; Jehovah gives grace and glory; He does not withhold anything good From those who walk uprightly.

- E. Christ is the great light for the shining in darkness and the release from bondage—Isa. 9:1-5; Matt. 4:12-16; John 1:4-5; 1 Pet. 2:9; Col. 1:12-13; Psa. 119:105; 107:10-22.

Isa. 9:1-5—But gloom *does not remain in the place* where there was anguish: formerly He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali contemptibly, but afterward He treats the way of the sea, across the Jordan, with glory, Galilee of the nations. ²The people

who walked in the darkness Have seen a great light; Upon those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death Light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation; You have increased their gladness; They are glad before You as with the gladness of harvest, As *men* rejoice when they divide the spoil. ⁴For You break the yoke of their burden And the staff on their shoulder, The rod of their oppressor, As in the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots Of those who in boots trample in the battle-quake And the garments Rolled in blood Are for burning; *They are* fuel for fire.

Matt. 4:12-16—Now when He heard that John was delivered up, He withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is beside the sea in the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴In order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: ¹⁶The people sitting in darkness have seen a great light; and to those sitting in the region and shadow of death, to them light has risen.”

John 1:4-5—In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

1 Pet. 2:9—But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people acquired for a possession, so that you may tell out the virtues of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Col. 1:12-13—Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you for a share of the allotted portion of the saints in the light; ¹³Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Psa. 119:105—Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

Psa. 107:10-22—Some inhabited darkness and the shadow of death, *And* were bound in affliction and irons, ¹¹Because they rebelled against the words of God And spurned the counsel of the Most High; ¹²Therefore He brought down their heart with labor; They stumbled, and there was no one to help *them*. ¹³Then they cried out to Jehovah in their trouble, *And* He saved them from their distresses. ¹⁴He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, And He broke apart their bonds. ¹⁵Let them give thanks to Jehovah for His lovingkindness And for His wondrous deeds to the children of men. ¹⁶For He breaks down the doors of bronze And cuts down the bars of iron. ¹⁷Some were fools, because of their way of transgression; And because of their iniquities, they were afflicted. ¹⁸Their soul loathed all food, And they drew near to the gates of death. ¹⁹Then they cried out to Jehovah in their trouble, *And* He saved them out of their distresses. ²⁰He sent forth His word and healed them, And He delivered them from the pits of *destruction*. ²¹Let them give thanks to Jehovah for His lovingkindness And for His wondrous deeds to the children of men. ²²And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving And declare His doings in joyful song.

- F. Christ's inner shining is His saving; we need more and more of the Lord's shining day by day for more and more of His shepherding—His saving, restoring, reviving, and deifying—2 Cor. 4:6-7; Mal. 4:2; Prov. 4:18; Psa. 22, title; 80:1, 3, 7, 15-19.

2 Cor. 4:6-7—Because the God who said, Out of darkness light shall shine, is the One who shined in our hearts to illuminate the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of

Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not out of us.

Mal. 4:2—But unto you who fear My name will the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings, and you will go forth and leap about like well-fed calves.

Prov. 4:18—But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, Which shines brighter and brighter until the full day.

Psa. 80:1—O Shepherd of Israel, give ear, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who are enthroned *between* the cherubim, shine forth.

Psa. 80:3—O God, restore us; And cause Your face to shine, and we will be saved.

Psa. 80:7—O God of hosts, restore us; And cause Your face to shine, and we will be saved.

Psa. 80:15-19—Even the stock which Your right hand has planted And the son whom You have strengthened for Yourself. ¹⁶It is burned with fire; it is cut down; They perish at the rebuke of Your countenance. ¹⁷Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand, Upon the son of man whom You have strengthened for Yourself; ¹⁸Then we will not turn back from You. Revive us, and we will call upon Your name. ¹⁹O Jehovah God of hosts, restore us; Cause Your face to shine, and we will be saved.

- G. The measure of life that we receive for our growth in life corresponds with the measure of our enlightenment; only the shining of light can bring forth life, and only the shining of light can increase life—2 Cor. 4:6; Gen. 1:1-3, 14; Psa. 36:9; Eph. 5:13.

2 Cor. 4:6—Because the God who said, Out of darkness light shall shine, is the One who shined in our hearts to illuminate the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Gen. 1:1-3—In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²But the earth became waste and emptiness, and darkness was on the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was brooding upon the surface of the waters. ³And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.

Gen. 1:14—And God said, Let there be light-bearers in the expanse of heaven to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years;

Psa. 36:9—For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.

Eph. 5:13—But all things which are reprov'd are made manifest by the light; for everything that makes manifest is light.

- H. When God allows all kinds of temptations, difficulties, or blows from the environment to come upon us, if what we have is from the life of God, it can still survive after passing through all these circumstances and is even more manifested; however, if what we have is merely from human behavior, the behavior is either changed in nature or is extinguished—2 Cor. 1:8-9; 12:7-9.

2 Cor. 1:8-9—For we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, of our affliction which befell *us* in Asia, that we were excessively burdened, beyond *our* power, so that we

despaired even of living. ⁹Indeed we ourselves had the response of death in ourselves, that we should not base our confidence on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead;

2 Cor. 12:7-9—And because of the transcendence of the revelations, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up. ⁸Concerning this I entreated the Lord three times that it might depart from me. ⁹And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.

- I. Light is in the word of God—not the written word of the Bible but the word that the Holy Spirit speaks to us from within, revealing anew the word of the Bible to us—Psa. 119:105, 130; John 6:63; Eph. 5:26-27; S. S. 8:13-14; Isa. 66:2, 5.

Psa. 119:105—Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

Psa. 119:130—The opening of Your words gives light, Imparting understanding to the simple.

John 6:63—It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

Eph. 5:26-27—That He might sanctify her, cleansing *her* by the washing of the water in the word, ²⁷That He might present the church to Himself glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be holy and without blemish.

S. S. 8:13-14—O you who dwell in the gardens, *My* companions listen for your voice; Let me hear *it*. ¹⁴Make haste, my beloved, And be like a gazelle or a young hart Upon the mountains of spices.

Isa. 66:2—For all these things My hand has made, And *so* all these things have come into being, declares Jehovah. But to this kind of man will I look, to *him who is* poor And of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.

Isa. 66:5—Hear the word of Jehovah, You who tremble at His word: Your brothers who hate you, Who cast you out because of My name, said, Let Jehovah be glorified So that we may see your joy. But they will be put to shame.

- J. Whenever the light shines within us, it causes us to have an inner consciousness; thus, we may say that light is our inner sense—John 8:12, 32, 36; Rom. 8:6; Eph. 4:18-19; 5:8; 2 Cor. 2:13; Mal. 2:15-16.

John 8:12—Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 8:32—And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.

John 8:36—If therefore the Son sets you free, you shall be free indeed.

Rom. 8:6—For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

Eph. 4:18-19—Being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance which is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; ¹⁹Who,

being past feeling, have given themselves over to lasciviousness to work all uncleanness in greediness.

Eph. 5:8—For you were once darkness but are now light in the Lord; walk as children of light

2 Cor. 2:13—I had no rest in my spirit, for I did not find Titus my brother; but taking leave of them, I went forth into Macedonia.

Mal. 2:15-16—But did He not make *them* one? And the remnant of the Spirit was His. And why the one? He sought the seed of God. Take heed then to your spirit, and let no one be treacherous to the wife of his youth. ¹⁶For I hate divorce, says Jehovah the God of Israel; and he *who does it* behaves in violence, says Jehovah of hosts. Take heed then to your spirit, and do not be treacherous.

- K. God's shining in the universe produced the old creation; now His shining in our hearts makes us a new creation; God's shining produces the new covenant ministers and their ministry—Gen. 1:3, 16; 2 Cor. 4:6; Eph. 5:8-9; Gal. 5:22-23.

Gen. 1:3—And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.

Gen. 1:16—And God made the two great light-bearers, the greater light-bearer to rule the day and the lesser light-bearer to rule the night, and the stars.

2 Cor. 4:6—Because the God who said, Out of darkness light shall shine, is the One who shined in our hearts to illuminate the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Eph. 5:8-9—For you were once darkness but are now light in the Lord; walk as children of light ⁹(For the fruit of the light *consists* in all goodness and righteousness and truth),

Gal. 5:22-23—But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³Meekness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

- L. The inner illumination of God, the marvelous light of God, shines in our hearts so that we may shine on others (1 Pet. 2:9; 2 Cor. 4:6); “then you will see and you will beam, / And your heart will be in awe and will swell with joy” (Isa. 60:5a).

1 Pet. 2:9—But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people acquired for a possession, so that you may tell out the virtues of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

2 Cor. 4:6—Because the God who said, Out of darkness light shall shine, is the One who shined in our hearts to illuminate the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Isa. 60:5—Then you will see and you will beam, And your heart will be in awe and will swell *with joy*, For the abundance of the sea will be turned to you, The wealth of the nations will come to you.

- M. We need to spend personal and private time with the Lord each morning so that we can be infused with God to glow with God and to shine forth God—Exo. 34:29-35; Matt. 5:14-16; Phil. 2:14-16a; Eph. 5:8-9.

Exo. 34:29-35—And when Moses came down from Mount Sinai—and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain—Moses did

not know that the skin of his face shone by reason of His speaking with him. ³⁰And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, at that time the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers in the assembly returned to him, and Moses spoke to them. ³²And afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them in commandment all that Jehovah had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴But whenever Moses went in before Jehovah to speak with Him, he would remove the veil until he came out; and when he came out and spoke to the children of Israel what he had been commanded, ³⁵The children of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone. Then Moses would put the veil back on his face until he went in to speak with Him.

Matt. 5:14-16—You are the light of the world. It is impossible for a city situated upon a mountain to be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do *men* light a lamp and place it under the bushel, but on the lampstand; and it shines to all who are in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in the heavens.

Phil. 2:14-16—Do all things without murmurings and reasonings ¹⁵That you may be blameless and guileless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine as luminaries in the world, ¹⁶Holding forth the word of life, so that I may have a boast in the day of Christ that I did not run in vain nor labor in vain.

Eph. 5:8-9—For you were once darkness but are now light in the Lord; walk as children of light ⁹(For the fruit of the light *consists* in all goodness and righteousness and truth),

- N. “May those who love Him be like the sun / When it rises in its might”—Judg. 5:31.
- O. “The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, / Which shines brighter and brighter until the full day”—Prov. 4:18.
- P. The title of Psalm 22 includes “the hind of the dawn,” perhaps a reference to a melody common at that time; the hind of the dawn here signifies Christ in His resurrection, which took place at early dawn (Luke 24:1); a hind is a deer known for its leaping and jumping; Christ in resurrection is the leaping One (S. S. 2:8-9).
Luke 24:1—Now on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared.

S. S. 2:8-9—The voice of my beloved! Now he comes, Leaping upon the mountains, Skipping upon the hills. ⁹My beloved is like a gazelle or a young hart. Now he stands behind our wall; He is looking through the windows, He is glancing through the lattice.

- Q. “Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father”—Matt. 13:43.

III. Enlightening rests with the mercy of God; whenever God comes and bestows His mercy, the light of His countenance is our light, His appearing is our vision, and His presence is our gain—Rom. 9:15; Acts 9:3-4; Isa. 50:10-11; Num. 6:25-26; Isa. 5:20; cf. John 3:19; Obad. 3; 2 Thes. 2:10-11; Prov. 23:23; John 5:44:

Rom. 9:15—For to Moses He says, “I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.”

Acts 9:3-4—And as he went, he drew near to Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And he fell on the ground and heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?

Isa. 50:10-11—Who among you fears Jehovah; Who hears the voice of His servant; Who walks in darkness And has no light? Let him trust in the name of Jehovah, And rely on his God. ¹¹Indeed, all of you who kindle a fire, Who surround yourselves with firebrands, Walk into the light of your fire And into the firebrands which you have lit. You will have this from My hand: You will lie down in torment.

Num. 6:25-26—Jehovah make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶Jehovah lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Isa. 5:20—Woe to those who call evil good, And good evil; Who put darkness for light, And light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, And sweet for bitter!

cf. John 3:19—And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light, for their works were evil.

cf. Obad. 3—The pride of your heart has beguiled you, O you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, Whose habitation is lofty, Who says in his heart, Who will bring me down to the ground?

cf. 2 Thes. 2:10-11—And in all deceit of unrighteousness among those who are perishing, because they did not receive the love of the truth that they might be saved. ¹¹And because of this God sends to them an operation of error that they might believe the lie,

cf. Prov. 23:23—Buy truth, and do not sell *it*; *Buy* wisdom and instruction and understanding.

cf. John 5:44—How can you believe when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that is from the only God?

A. In order to be enlightened, we must want and accept the Lord’s shining, setting our heart to be single in seeking the Lord alone with all our desire—Psa. 139:23-24; Phil. 2:12-16; 2 Chron. 12:14; 16:12; 34:1-3; Psa. 27:8; 73:25; Luke 11:33-36.

Psa. 139:23-24—Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxious thoughts; ²⁴And see if there is some harmful way in me, And lead me on the eternal way.

Phil. 2:12-16—So then, my beloved, even as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only but now much rather in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³For it is God who operates in you both the willing and the working for *His* good pleasure. ¹⁴Do all things without murmurings and reasonings ¹⁵That you may be blameless and guileless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine as luminaries in the world, ¹⁶Holding forth the word of life, so that I may have a boast in the day of Christ that I did not run in vain nor labor in vain.

2 Chron. 12:14—And he did what was evil, because he did not prepare his heart to seek Jehovah.

2 Chron. 16:12—And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became diseased in his feet; his disease was very severe, yet even in his disease he pursued not Jehovah but the physicians.

2 Chron. 34:1-3—Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. ²And he did what was right in the eyes of Jehovah and walked in the ways of David his father and did not turn to the right or to the left. ³And in the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek after the God of David his father. And in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places and the Asherahs and the idols and the molten images.

Psa. 27:8—*When You say, Seek My face, To You my heart says, Your face, O Jehovah, will I seek.*

Psa. 73:25—Whom do I have in heaven *but You?* And besides You there is nothing I desire on earth.

Luke 11:33-36—No one, after lighting a lamp, puts *it* in the cellar or under the bushel, but on the lampstand, in order that those who enter in may see the light. ³⁴The lamp of the body is your eye. When your eye is single, your whole body also is full of light; but when it is evil, your body also is dark. ³⁵Watch out therefore that the light which is in you is not darkness. ³⁶If therefore your whole body is full of light and does not have any dark part, the whole will be full of light as when the lamp with its rays illuminates you.

- B. In order to be enlightened, we must open ourselves to the Lord, turn our hearts to Him, and place ourselves before Him without any reservation or holding back; those who close themselves to the Lord are experts in judging and criticizing others—2 Cor. 3:16; Prov. 20:27; Matt. 7:1-5; Luke 6:36-37, 41-42.

2 Cor. 3:16—But whenever *their heart* turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

Prov. 20:27—The spirit of man is the lamp of Jehovah, Searching all the innermost parts of the inner being.

Matt. 7:1-5—Do not judge, that you be not judged. ²For with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged; and with what measure you measure, it shall be measured to you. ³And why do you look at the splinter which is in your brother's eye, but the beam in your eye you do not consider? ⁴Or how can you say to your brother, Let me remove the splinter from your eye, and behold, the beam is in your eye? ⁵Hypocrite, first remove the beam from your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye.

Luke 6:36-37—Be full of compassion, even as your Father also is full of compassion. ³⁷And do not judge, and you shall by no means be judged; and do not condemn, and you shall by no means be condemned; release, and you will be released;

Luke 6:41-42—And why do you look at the splinter which is in your brother's eye, but the beam which is in your own eye you do not consider? ⁴²How can you say to your brother, Brother, let me remove the splinter which is in your eye, you yourself not seeing the beam which is in your eye? Hypocrite, first remove the beam from your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the splinter which is in your brother's eye.

- C. In order to be enlightened, we must put a stop to ourselves; this means to put a stop to our views, our ways of looking at things, our feelings, our ideas, and our opinions; when a person who is completely stopped comes before the Lord, he can be exceedingly single and simple in receiving the word of the Lord—10:38-42; John 11:21-28; Isa. 40:31; Matt. 5:3; Luke 18:15-17; Isa. 66:1-2.

Luke 10:38-42—Now as they went, He entered into a certain village, and a certain woman named Martha received Him into her home. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at the Lord's feet and was listening to His word. ⁴⁰But Martha was being drawn about with much serving, and she came up to *Him* and said, Lord, does it not matter to You that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to do her part with me. ⁴¹But the Lord answered and said to her, Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; ⁴²But there is need of one thing, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

John 11:21-28—Then Martha said to Jesus, Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You. ²³Jesus said to her, Your brother will rise again. ²⁴Martha said to Him, I know that he will rise again in the resurrection in the last day. ²⁵Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live; ²⁶And everyone who lives and believes into Me shall by no means die forever. Do you believe this? ²⁷She said to Him, Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, He who comes into the world. ²⁸And when she had said this, she went away and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Teacher is here and is calling you.

Isa. 40:31—Yet those who wait on Jehovah will renew *their* strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles; They will run and will not become weary; They will walk and will not faint.

Matt. 5:3—Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens.

Luke 18:15-17—And they were bringing to Him also their babies that He might touch them. But when the disciples saw *this* they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to *Him*, saying, Allow the little children to come to Me, and do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly I say to you, Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child shall by no means enter into it.

Isa. 66:1-2—Thus says Jehovah, Heaven is My throne, And the earth the footstool for My feet. Where then is the house that you will build for Me, And where is the place of My rest? ²For all these things My hand has made, And *so* all these things have come into being, declares Jehovah. But to this kind of man will I look, to *him who is* poor And of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.

- D. In order to be enlightened, we must not dispute with the light of the Spirit who speaks within us or of the ministers of the Spirit who speak without—Acts 22:10; S. S. 5:4-6; 2 Cor. 10:3-5; 11:2-3; Num. 16:1-7, 33-39; 17:1-8; cf. Exo. 33:11, 14.

Acts 22:10—And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said to me, Rise up and go into Damascus, and there it will be told to you concerning all the things which have been appointed to you to do.

S. S. 5:4-6—My beloved put his hand into the opening *of the door*; And my inner parts yearned for him. ⁵I rose up to open to my beloved; And my hands dripped with myrrh,

My fingers with liquid myrrh, Upon the handles of the bolt. ⁶I opened to my beloved, But my beloved had withdrawn; he was gone. My soul failed when he spoke; I sought him, but found him not; I called him—he answered me not.

2 Cor. 10:3-5—For though we walk in flesh, we do not war according to flesh; ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly but powerful before God for the overthrowing of strongholds, ⁵As we overthrow reasonings and every high thing rising up against the knowledge of God, and take captive every thought unto the obedience of Christ.

2 Cor. 11:2-3—For I am jealous over you with a jealousy of God; for I betrothed you to one husband to present *you as* a pure virgin to Christ. ³But I fear lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your thoughts would be corrupted from the simplicity and the purity toward Christ.

Num. 16:1-7—Now Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, the sons of Reuben, took *men* ²And rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred fifty leaders of the assembly, who were summoned to the meeting, well-known men. ³And they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said to them, You take too much upon yourselves, for all the assembly are holy, every one of them, and Jehovah is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the congregation of Jehovah? ⁴And when Moses heard *this*, he fell on his face. ⁵And he spoke to Korah and to all his company, saying, In the morning Jehovah will make known who is His and who is holy, and will bring him near to Himself; even the one whom He will choose He will bring near to Himself. ⁶Do this: Take censers for yourselves, Korah and all your company, ⁷And put fire in them, and put incense on them before Jehovah tomorrow; and the man whom Jehovah chooses, he *shall be* holy. It is you who take too much upon yourselves, O sons of Levi!

Num. 16:33-39—So they and all that belonged to them descended alive into Sheol; and the earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the congregation. ³⁴And all Israel who were around them fled at their outcry, for they said, The earth may swallow us up too! ³⁵And fire came forth from Jehovah and consumed the two hundred fifty men who presented the incense. ³⁶Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ³⁷Tell Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest to take the censers up out of the burning and scatter the fire about; for they are holy. ³⁸The censers of those who have sinned against their own lives, let them be made into beaten plates for a covering of the altar, for they presented them before Jehovah and they became holy. So they shall be a sign to the children of Israel. ³⁹And Eleazar the priest took the bronze censers which those who were burned had offered; and they beat them out as a covering of the altar,

Num. 17:1-8—Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, ²Speak to the children of Israel, and take from them rods, one for each father's house, twelve rods from all their leaders according to their fathers' houses; you shall write everyone's name upon his rod. ³And you shall write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi, for there shall be one rod for the head *of each* of their fathers' houses. ⁴And you shall place them in the Tent of Meeting before the Testimony, where I meet with you. ⁵And the rod of the man whom I choose shall bud, and I will put a stop to the murmurings of the children of Israel against Me, which they murmur against you. ⁶So Moses spoke to the children of Israel. And every one of their leaders gave him a rod, one rod for each leader according to their fathers' houses, twelve rods, with the rod of Aaron among their rods. ⁷And Moses placed the rods before Jehovah

in the Tent of the Testimony. ⁸And on the next day Moses went into the Tent of the Testimony, and there was the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi: it had budded; it even put forth buds and produced blossoms and bore ripe almonds.

cf. Exo. 33:11—And Jehovah would speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his companion. And Moses would return to the camp, but his attendant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart out of the tent.

cf. Exo. 33:14—And He said, My presence shall go *with you*, and I will give you rest.

- E. In order to be enlightened, we must continuously live in the light—Isa. 2:5; 1 John 1:7; Heb. 9:14; 10:22; Matt. 5:3, 8, 14; Psalms. 119:105; Rev. 1:20; Psalms. 36:7-9. **Isa. 2:5**—House of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of Jehovah.

1 John 1:7—But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.

Heb. 9:14—How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Heb. 10:22—Let us come forward to *the Holy of Holies* with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Matt. 5:3—Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens.

Matt. 5:8—Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Matt. 5:14—You are the light of the world. It is impossible for a city situated upon a mountain to be hidden.

Psalms. 119:105—Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

Rev. 1:20—The mystery of the seven stars which you saw upon My right hand and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the messengers of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Psalms. 36:7-9—How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Thus the sons of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. ⁸They are saturated with the fatness of Your house, And You cause them to drink of the river of Your pleasures. ⁹For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.

IV. When God finally revealed Himself to Job and enlightened him, Job said, “I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, / But now my eye has seen You; / Therefore I abhor myself, and I repent / In dust and ashes”—Job 42:5-6:

- A. In God’s appearing to him, Job saw God, gaining God in his personal experience and abhorring himself—38:1-3; 42:1-6.

Job 38:1-3—Then Jehovah answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, ²Who is this who darkens counsel By words without knowledge? ³Gird up now your loins like a mighty man; For I will ask of you, and you shall inform Me.

Job 42:1-6—Then Job answered Jehovah and said, ²I know that You can do all things And that no purpose of Yours can be restrained. ³Who is this who hides counsel without knowledge? Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, Things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. ⁴Hear now, and I will speak; I will ask of You, and You shall inform me. ⁵I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye has seen You; ⁶Therefore I abhor *myself*, and I repent In dust and ashes.

- B. In the New Testament sense, seeing God equals gaining God (2 Cor. 3:16, 18; 4:6-7); the more we see God, know God, and love God, the more we abhor ourselves and deny ourselves (Job 42:5-6; Eph. 5:13; Luke 5:8; Matt. 16:24; Luke 9:23; 14:26).

2 Cor. 3:16—But whenever *their heart* turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

2 Cor. 3:18—But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

2 Cor. 4:6-7—Because the God who said, Out of darkness light shall shine, is the One who shined in our hearts to illuminate the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not out of us.

Job 42:5-6—I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye has seen You; ⁶Therefore I abhor *myself*, and I repent In dust and ashes.

Eph. 5:13—But all things which are reproved are made manifest by the light; for everything that makes manifest is light.

Luke 5:8—And when Simon Peter saw *this*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, Lord.

Matt. 16:24—Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

Luke 9:23—And He said to *them* all, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

Luke 14:26—If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, and moreover, even his own soul-life, he cannot be My disciple.

- C. How much we realize concerning ourselves depends upon how much we see the Lord; for this reason we need a revival every morning; morning revival is the time for us to see the Lord—Matt. 5:8; Psa. 27:4, 8; 2 Cor. 3:18.

Matt. 5:8—Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Psa. 27:4—One thing I have asked from Jehovah; That do I seek: To dwell in the house of Jehovah All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of Jehovah, And to inquire in His temple.

Psa. 27:8—*When You say*, Seek My face, To You my heart says, Your face, O Jehovah, will I seek.

2 Cor. 3:18—But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

- D. The problem with Job was that he was short of God; man's standing before God is based on how much of God he has gained—Psa. 27:8; 105:4; Phil. 3:8; Matt. 25:3-4, 9; Prov. 23:23; Rev. 3:18; 2 Cor. 3:18; 4:17; 1 Pet. 2:7; Dan. 5:27; 9:23; 10:11, 19. **Psa. 27:8**—*When You say, Seek My face, To You my heart says, Your face, O Jehovah, will I seek.*

Psa. 105:4—Seek Jehovah and His strength; Seek His face continually.

Phil. 3:8—But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count *them* as refuse that I may gain Christ

Matt. 25:3-4—For the foolish, when they took their lamps, did not take oil with them; ⁴But the prudent took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

Matt. 25:9—But the prudent answered, saying, Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.

Prov. 23:23—Buy truth, and do not sell *it*; Buy wisdom and instruction and understanding.

Rev. 3:18—I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined by fire that you may be rich, and white garments that you may be clothed and *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be manifested, and eyesalve to anoint your eyes that you may see.

2 Cor. 3:18—But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

2 Cor. 4:17—For our momentary lightness of affliction works out for us, more and more surpassingly, an eternal weight of glory,

1 Pet. 2:7—To you therefore who believe is the preciousness; but to the unbelieving, “The stone which the builders rejected, this has become the head of the corner,”

Dan. 5:27—TEKEL—You have been weighed in the scales and found to be lacking.

Dan. 9:23—At the beginning of your supplications the command went forth, and I have come to tell *you*, for you are preciousness itself. Therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

Dan. 10:11—And he said to me, Daniel, man of preciousness, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand in your place, for I have now been sent to you. And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

Dan. 10:19—And he said, Do not be afraid, man of preciousness. Peace to you. Be strong, yes, be strong. And when he spoke to me, I received strength and said, Speak, sir, for you have strengthened me.

- E. God's purpose in dealing with His holy people is that they would be emptied of everything and receive only God as their gain; He wants His people to gain Him, to partake of Him, to possess Him, and to enjoy Him more and more, rather than all other things, until their enjoyment reaches the fullest extent for them to become the New Jerusalem—Matt. 5:3; Psa. 43:4; 73:25-26; Phil. 3:8-9; Rev. 21:2. **Matt. 5:3**—Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens.

Psa. 43:4—And I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy; And I will praise You with the harp, O God, my God.

Psa. 73:25-26—Whom do I have in heaven *but You*? And besides You there is nothing I desire on earth. ²⁶My flesh and my heart fail, *But* God is the rock of my heart and my portion forever.

Phil. 3:8-9—But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count *them* as refuse that I may gain Christ ⁹And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness which is out of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is out of God *and* based on faith,

Rev. 21:2—And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

- F. This is the intrinsic significance of the entire New Testament as the great answer to the great question in the book of Job concerning God's purpose in His creation of man and in His dealing with His chosen people—Job 10:13; Eph. 3:9. **Job 10:13**—But You have hidden these things in Your heart; I know that this is with You:

Eph. 3:9—And to enlighten all *that they may see* what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,

V. The vision of Christ in glory was seen by Isaiah in his depression; as a result of seeing this vision, Isaiah was terminated, finished, realizing that he was a man of unclean lips, dwelling in the midst of a people of unclean lips—Isa. 6:1-8; cf. Rev. 22:1; 2 Chron. 26:4-5, 16-22:

Isa. 6:1-8—In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting on a high and lofty throne, and the train of His robe filled the temple. ²Seraphim hovered over Him, each having six wings: With two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to the other, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Jehovah of hosts; The whole earth is filled with His glory. ⁴And the foundations of the threshold shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵Then I said, Woe is me, for I am finished! For I am a man of unclean lips, And in the midst of a people of unclean lips I dwell; Yet my eyes have seen the King, Jehovah of hosts. ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with an ember in his hand, *which* he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷And he touched my mouth *with it* and said, Now that this has touched your lips, Your iniquity is taken away, and your sin is purged. ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us? And I said, Here am I; send me.

cf. Rev. 22:1—And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

cf. 2 Chron. 26:4-5—And he did what was right in the sight of Jehovah, according to all that Amaziah his father had done. ⁵And he set himself to seek after God during the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the vision of God; and as long as he sought after Jehovah, God caused him to prosper.

cf. 2 Chron. 26:16-22—But when he had become strong, his heart became uplifted, to *his own* destruction. And he trespassed against Jehovah his God and went into the temple of Jehovah to burn incense upon the incense altar. ¹⁷And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with Azariah were eighty priests of Jehovah who were valiant men. ¹⁸And they withstood Uzziah the king and said to him, It does not belong to you, Uzziah, to burn incense to Jehovah, but to the priests, the sons of Aaron, who have been consecrated to burn incense. Go out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed and there will be no honor for you from Jehovah God. ¹⁹Then Uzziah became angry, and in his hand was a censer for burning incense. And when he became angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead before the priests in the house of Jehovah beside the incense altar. ²⁰And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and there he was, leprous on his forehead; and they rushed him out of there, and he himself also hurried out to go out, for Jehovah had stricken him. ²¹So Uzziah the king was a leper until the day of his death; and he dwelt in a separate house as a leper, for he was cut off from the house of Jehovah. And Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land. ²²And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, wrote down the rest of the acts of Uzziah, the first and the last.

- A. In spite of the rebellion, iniquities, and corruptions of God's chosen and beloved people, Christ is still sitting on a high and lofty throne in glory—Isa. 5:20; 6:1-4; Rev. 22:1.

Isa. 5:20—Woe to those who call evil good, And good evil; Who put darkness for light, And light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, And sweet for bitter!

Isa. 6:1-4—In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting on a high and lofty throne, and the train of His robe filled the temple. ²Seraphim hovered over Him, each having six wings: With two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to the other, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Jehovah of hosts; The whole earth is filled with His glory. ⁴And the foundations of the threshold shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

Rev. 22:1—And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street.

- B. Christ is the unique good thing in the universe; we must look at Him with undivided attention by turning away from every other object; we should not look at anything or anyone other than Christ—Heb. 12:1-2a.

Heb. 12:1-2—Therefore let us also, having so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, put away every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles *us* and run with endurance the race which is set before us, ²Looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down on the right hand of the throne of God.

- C. Isaiah was purged with an ember from the altar; the application of this ember by the seraphim signifies the effectiveness of Christ's redemption accomplished

on the cross and applied by the burning Spirit in His burning and sanctifying power—Isa. 6:6b-7a; 4:4; cf. Luke 12:49; Rev. 4:5.

Isa. 4:4—When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and has cleansed away the bloodstains of Jerusalem from her midst, by the judging Spirit and the burning Spirit.

cf. Luke 12:49—I have come to cast fire on the earth, and how I wish that it were already kindled!

cf. Rev. 4:5—And out of the throne come forth lightnings and voices and thunders. And *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;

- D. Seeing God issues in being purged and cleansed by God, and being cleansed by God issues in being sent by God—Isa. 6:6-8; 1 John 1:7-9.

Isa. 6:6-8—Then one of the seraphim flew to me with an ember in his hand, *which* he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷And he touched my mouth *with it* and said, Now that this has touched your lips, Your iniquity is taken away, and your sin is purged. ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us? And I said, Here am I; send me.

1 John 1:7-9—But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin. ⁸If we say that we do not have sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- E. After Isaiah was purged, he received a commission from the Triune God:

1. “Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us?”—the words *I* and *Us* indicate that the One speaking here is the Triune God—Isa. 6:8a; Col. 2:9.

Col. 2:9—For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

2. “And I said, Here am I; send me”—the Triune God sends us to bring God’s chosen people into a state of living Christ that they might express Him in His glory, be saturated with His holiness, and live in His righteousness—Isa. 6:8b; Acts 13:47; Isa. 49:6; Phil. 1:21a; cf. Gen. 3:24; 1 Cor. 1:30.

Isa. 6:8—Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us? And I said, Here am I; send me.

Acts 13:47—For so the Lord has commanded us, “I have set you as a light of the Gentiles, that you would be for salvation unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

Isa. 49:6—He says, It is too small a thing that You would be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob And bring back the preserved of Israel; I will also set You as a light of the nations That You may be My salvation unto the ends of the earth.

Phil. 1:21—For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

cf. Gen. 3:24—So He drove the man out, and at the east of the garden of Eden He placed the cherubim and a flaming sword which turned in every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

cf. 1 Cor. 1:30—But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

VI. We need to pray in the same way as David did—“Search me, O God, and know my heart; / Try me, and know my anxious thoughts; / And see if there is some harmful way in me, / And lead me on the eternal way”—Psa. 139:23-24:

- A. When we pass through this kind of searching and trying by God, we will be able to see if there is any harmful way in us—any idolatrous way or any way of pain.
- B. Without the light of God, who can know himself? Therefore, is it not the time for us now to pray the same way as David prayed?