

## Message Two

### **The Triune God and His Divine Dispensing for Our Fruit-bearing**

Scripture Reading: Acts 26:18a; 1 Tim. 1:4; 3:15; John 1:14; 1 Cor. 15:45b; John 15:4-5, 16; 21:15-16

#### **I. We in the Lord's recovery must have a vision of God's economy—Acts 26:18a; Prov. 29:18a:**

- A. We need to be brought into another realm, not the so-called spiritual realm but the realm of God's economy—Rev. 21:9-10.
- B. We need to be governed, controlled, and directed by this vision—Prov. 29:18a.
- C. We must be strong and unshakable in the vision of God's economy, God's eternal will—Rev. 4:11; 1 Cor. 15:58.
- D. If we love the Lord and His recovery and if we mean business to practice the church life in the recovery, we need to endeavor to see all the visions concerning God's economy—Jer. 29:13; 33:3; Deut. 29:29.
- E. We must walk in the truth of the heavenly vision of God's economy, of the mark of God's economy, and of the goal of God's economy; this vision must be renewed in us day by day to be the controlling vision of all our life, work, and activity—Prov. 29:18a; Acts 26:16-19; 1 John 1:7; 3 John 3-4.

#### **II. God's economy is God's household administration, which is to dispense Himself in Christ into His chosen and redeemed people that He may have a house to express Himself, which house is the church, the Body of Christ—1 Tim. 1:4; 3:15:**

- A. God's economy, as His household administration, is to produce and constitute a Body for His Son—Eph. 1:22-23; 2:16; 3:6; 4:4, 16; 5:30.
- B. The central subject of the Bible is the economy of God, and the entire Bible is concerned with the economy of God—1 Tim. 1:4; Eph. 1:10.
- C. Christ is the element, sphere, means, goal, and aim of God's eternal economy; He is everything in God's economy—Matt. 17:5; Luke 24:44.
- D. God's economy is to dispense Himself into our being that our being may be constituted with His being; this can be accomplished only by God dispensing Himself into us as the divine life—Eph. 3:16-17a; Rom. 8:2, 6, 10-11.
- E. The economy of God is that God became flesh, passed through human living, died, resurrected, and became the life-giving Spirit to enter into us as life and to dispense God into us so that we may be transformed for the producing of the church, which is the Body of Christ, the house of God, the kingdom of God, and the counterpart of Christ, the ultimate aggregate of which is the New Jerusalem—John 1:14, 29; 12:24; 20:22; 14:2; 3:3, 5, 29-30; Rev. 21:2.
- F. God's economy is God becoming man that man may become God in life and nature but not in the Godhead to produce the organic Body of Christ, which will consummate in the New Jerusalem—Rom. 8:3; 1:3-4; 12:4-5; Rev. 21:10.
- G. According to the desire of His heart, God's eternal economy is to make man the same as He is in life and nature but not in the Godhead and to make Himself one with man and man one with Him, thus to be enlarged and expanded in His expression, that all His divine attributes may be expressed in human virtues—John 1:12-14; 1 John 3:1a, 2; 2 Pet. 1:4.
- H. The mark of God's economy, the strategic and central point of God's economy, is the indwelling, subjective Christ as the Spirit in our spirit, our mingled spirit—2 Cor. 3:17; 2 Tim. 4:22; Rom. 8:16; 1 Cor. 6:17:
  - 1. We must be narrowed down to and even zeroed in on the all-inclusive divine Spirit in our human spirit so that we may be kept from missing the mark of the divine economy—1 Tim. 1:6; Mal. 2:15-16; Rom. 1:9; 8:4,6; Gal. 5:25; Phil. 3:3; 2 Cor. 2:13.

2. In the “blueprint” of God’s original intention, man is the center of the entire universe, and the center of man is his spirit—Gen. 2:7; Prov. 20:27.

### **III. In order to accomplish God’s economy of working Himself into man, God has to pass through the means of dispensing:**

- A. The first step is by God becoming flesh and be a man—John 1:14:
  1. As the Lamb of God—v. 29.
  2. As the brass serpent—3:14.
  3. As a grain of wheat—12:24.
- B. The second step is by the last Adam becoming the life-giving Spirit—1 Cor. 15:45b:
  1. His becoming flesh was for the accomplishing of redemption and the releasing of God’s life.
  2. His becoming the life-giving Spirit was for the dispensing of Himself as the Spirit into man to be man’s life:
    - a. To regenerate our spirit—John 3:5-6.
    - b. To transform our soul—Rom. 12:2.
    - c. To glorify our bodies—8:17, 23; Phil. 3:21.

### **IV. The believers’ experience of God’s dispensing:**

- A. As the supply to the believers in their growth in life:
  1. The believers grow by the increase of the element of God in their beings—Col. 2:19.
  2. Through eating, drinking, and enjoying God— Gen. 2:9; Exo. 12:21-28; 17:6; Josh. 5:12.
  3. By eating the Lord, the believers will have the Lord mingled and digested within them to become their constituent, supply, and nutrients, and they will be able to live by the Lord—John. 6:57.
- B. As the supply to the believers in their living:
  1. It is God’s desire for Christ to be life in us and to be lived out of us; the Christian living is one that lives Christ and magnifies Christ— Gal. 2:20; Phil. 1:20b-21.
  2. In our daily living we need the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ for us to be saved in our living of Christ so that we may not be put to shame and not lose the testimony for Christ—vv. 19-20a.
  3. In order for us to enjoy the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, we need to:
    - a. Love the Lord with all our hearts—2 Cor. 5:14.
    - b. Fellowship with Him all the time and must abide in Him unceasingly by setting our mind on the Spirit—1 John 1:3; John 15:5; Rom. 8:6.
    - c. Pray-read the word of God—Eph. 6:17-18; John 6:63.
    - d. Pray at every time in spirit—Eph. 6:18.
    - e. Not quench the spirit—1 Thes. 5:19.
    - f. Be filled in spirit by the Triune God—Eph. 5:18.
    - g. Walk only according to the spirit—Rom. 8:4.
- C. As the supply to the believers in their gospel and work:
  1. The Christian work is a matter of dispensing.
  2. As the consummated Spirit of the divine life, Christ is the living water (John 4:10, 14) to water the believers with Himself; as the living bread to feed the believers (6:49-51, 63); and as the consummated, all-inclusive, compound Spirit to flow out from the inward parts of the believers (7:38-39).
  3. The divine dispensing makes the believers branches of Christ as the true vine to bear fruit by dispensing the riches of the divine life into others—John 15:4-5, 16.
  4. The divine dispensing becomes the supply to the believers to feed the lambs and shepherd the sheep— 21:15-16.