

Message Five

Being Constituted with the Truth of the Living Word of God by Being Loving Seekers of God and True Worshipers of God for the Radiant Expression of God

Scripture Reading: Psa. 119:1-2, 11, 14-16, 47-49, 54, 58, 97-99, 103, 114, 130, 132-133, 140

I. We need to follow the pattern of the God-seeking psalmists to be constituted with the truth of the living word of God by being loving seekers of God and true worshippers of God for the radiant expression of God—Psa. 119:1-2, 130, 132-133; John 4:24; 2 Cor. 3:15-18; Phil. 2:15-16:

- A. Because we love God, we also love His living word, which infuses His substance into us to cause us to glow with Him:
 - 1. When Moses was on the top of Mount Horeb (Mount Sinai), he was not striving or working to fulfill the requirements of the law; rather, he was being infused with God by God's speaking with him, and his glowing face was simply a reflection of what God is—Exo. 34:28-29; cf. 2 Cor. 3:18—4:1.
 - 2. God does not want a people who strive to keep the law; He wants a glowing people to express Him for His glory—Judg. 5:31; Matt. 5:14-16; 13:43.
 - 3. Those who love God and His word in order to become one with Him have the living of a God-man to bear the image of God, being a portrait of God and a duplication of God—Psa. 116:1-2; 119:47-48, 97-99, 113, 119, 127, 132, 140, 159, 163, 165, 167; Rom. 8:4; Phil. 2:15-16.
- B. By being infused with God's substance through His living word, we become the true worshippers of God, those who are according to what God is, who correspond to what God is, and who reflect what God is for His glory—John 4:24; 5:39-40; 2 Cor. 3:15-18.

II. Psalm 119 expresses the attitude of the God-seekers toward God's law as God's testimony and God's word:

- A. They believe God's word—v. 66.
- B. They choose God's word—vv. 30, 173.
- C. They lift up their hands to God's word—v. 48a.
- D. They love God's word—vv. 47-48, 97, 113, 119, 127, 140, 159, 163, 165, 167.
- E. They delight in God's word—vv. 16, 24, 35, 47, 70, 77, 92, 174.
- F. They taste God's word—v. 103.
- G. They rejoice in God's word—vv. 14, 111, 162.
- H. They sing God's word—v. 54.
 - I. They regard God's word—v. 6.
 - J. They have a sound heart in God's word—v. 80.
 - K. They incline their heart to God's word—v. 36.
 - L. They seek God's word (vv. 45, 94), long for it (vv. 20, 40, 131), hope in it with prayer (vv. 43, 74, 114, 147), and trust in it (v. 42).
 - M. They muse on God's word—vv. 15, 23, 48, 78, 99, 148.
 - N. They consider God's word—v. 95b.
 - O. They esteem God's word to be right in all things—v. 128a.
 - P. They enter into God's word—v. 130.
 - Q. They learn God's word—vv. 71, 73.
 - R. They treasure God's word—vv. 14, 162, 72, 127, 111.

- S. They treasure up God's word in their heart—v. 11.
- T. They remember God's word and do not forget it—vv. 49, 52, 93.
- U. They stand in awe of God's word—vv. 161b, 120.
- V. They cling to God's word—v. 31.
- W. They do not forsake God's word, do not swerve from it, do not turn aside from it, and do not go astray from it—vv. 87, 51, 157, 102, 110.
- X. They turn their feet toward God's word—v. 59.
- Y. They keep, observe, and do God's word—vv. 33, 69.
- Z. They walk in God's word and run the way of God's word—vv. 1, 32a.

III. In order to be constituted with the truth of the living word of God, we must cooperate with God to realize the following organic principles:

- A. God's word requires man's Amen; to lift up our hand unto the word of God is to indicate that we receive it warmly and gladly and that we say Amen to it—1 Cor. 14:16; 2 Cor. 1:20; Rev. 3:14; 19:4; Psa. 119:48; Neh. 8:5-6.
- B. When we come to the Word of God, we must deal with our heart so that there is nothing between us and the Lord—Matt. 5:8; Acts 24:16; cf. Ezek. 1:22.
- C. When we come to the Word of God, we must humble ourselves and put aside our self-confidence and self-assurance, praying that the Lord will have mercy on us—Matt. 5:3; Psa. 51:1; 1 Pet. 5:5-6.
- D. When we come to the Word of God, we must exercise our whole being—Psa. 119:2, 10, 58; Deut. 10:12; Mark 12:28-30.

IV. In order to be constituted with the truth of the living word of God, we must cooperate with God to maintain the following life practices:

- A. We must set aside a fixed time and a fixed place to fellowship with God day by day in His Word—Psa. 119:147-148; *Hymns*, #784 and #811:
 - 1. When we touch the Lord's word with our spirit and remain in continual fellowship with Him, we should have a feeling of being bathed, warmed, refreshed, moistened, and supplied by the word in the Bible—Eph. 5:26.
 - 2. As we read verse by verse with, in, by, and through prayer, we will be full of the inward sweetness of God's presence—Psa. 43:4a; 119:57-58, 114.
- B. We must read the Bible legally day by day; reading the Bible is a life necessity—Matt. 4:4; 1 Pet. 2:2; Psa. 119:103, 105; 2 Tim. 3:15-17.
- C. We must read the ministry day by day—"If a saint in your locality is not that 'proper' and he would begin from tomorrow morning to read the Life-study messages until he reaches five hundred, he will become another person. Medicine, nourishment, and all kinds of vitamins are included in these messages"—*Elders' Training, Book 3: The Way to Carry Out the Vision*, p. 104.
- D. We must live a prophesying life for the building up of the Body of Christ; we have to practice pray-reading, studying, reciting, and prophesying—we should prophesy with what we can recite; what we can recite is what we have studied; and what we have studied is what we have pray-read—1 Cor. 14:4b, 31.
- E. By spending time to prayerfully read, study, and fellowship with the Lord in His Word day by day, we gradually "treasure up" His word in our heart so that He can be the "good treasure" of our heart; then out of the abundance of our heart will proceed words of grace for the building up of the church, and our tongue will be the pen of a ready writer to minister Christ into others so that they can become a living letter of Christ for His expression and glory—Psa. 119:9-11; Matt. 12:34-35; Luke 4:22; Eph. 4:29-30; Psa. 45:1-2; 2 Cor. 3:3.