

## Message Three

### **Experiencing the Seven Spirits of God as the Seven Lamps of Fire Burning before the Throne of the Divine Administration to Carry Out God's Ultimate Move in Raising Up the Golden Lampstands**

Scripture Reading: Rev. 1:4-5, 12; 4:1-2, 5, 11; 5:6

- I. In Revelation 1:4-5 we see the administration, the government, the activity, the motion, the move, the act, and the work of the Trinity, with an emphasis on “the seven Spirits who are before His throne”:**
  - A. The Trinity in 1:4-5 is the economical Trinity—the Trinity in God's plan for His move.
  - B. In God's essence the Trinity is simply the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, but in God's economy the Trinity is complicated—Matt. 28:19; Rev. 1:4-5.
  - C. In essence and existence the Spirit is one, but in function and work the Spirit is seven—3:1; 4:5; 5:6:
    1. The number seven signifies intensification—Dan. 3:19; Isa. 30:26.
    2. The seven Spirits of God, the sevenfold intensified Spirit of God, are desperately needed for God's move to be completed on earth—2 Chron. 16:9; Zech. 4:10.
    3. Our cooperation with God to complete His ultimate move depends upon our being intensified for His move:
      - a. Today the Spirit who is filling us and saturating us to save us organically is the sevenfold intensified life-giving Spirit—Rom. 5:10; 1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:6.
      - b. All the elements of the life-giving Spirit have been intensified sevenfold—Rom. 8:2; Heb. 10:29.
- II. The book of Revelation unveils the throne of God for the divine administration throughout the universe—4:1-2; 5:1; 6:16; 7:9; 8:3; 21:5:**
  - A. In the universe God has a center of administration, which is His throne; the throne in Revelation 4 and 5 is the throne of authority.
  - B. God is administering and moving from His throne to execute His eternal policy.
  - C. God on the throne is behind the scene, ruling over everyone and everything—Isa. 6:1; 1 Kings 22:19:
    1. The throne of God in the heavens is the deciding factor of the world situation; everything concerning the world situation is decided on the throne.
    2. All the kings and kingdoms of the world are under God's administration—Dan. 4:26, 32b; 7:9-12; 2:34-35.
  - D. We need to see a spiritual vision of the throne of God as the center of God's administration throughout the universe—Rev. 4:2; 5:1; Ezek. 1:26.
  - E. The highest point in our spiritual experience is having a clear sky with the throne above it—vv. 26-28:
    1. The only authority in the church is the throne above the clear sky—Matt. 28:18-19; 20:20-28.
    2. If we are under a clear sky with the throne above it, genuine authority will be with us—2 Cor. 10:8; 13:10.
    3. Our weight before God depends on the degree of our subjection to God's authority; the more we submit to the throne, the weightier we will be.

4. If we have a clear sky, the throne will be present, and we will spontaneously be under the ruling and reigning of the throne:
  - a. For God to have the throne in us means that He has the position to reign in us.
  - b. To have the throne above a clear sky is to allow God to have the highest and most prominent position in our Christian life.
  - c. In our spiritual experience, to reach the point of having the throne above a clear sky means that in everything we are submissive to God's authority.
- F. 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:
  1. In His economy God administrates the universe to fulfill His purpose—2 Tim. 1:9.
  2. As a God of purpose, God has a will according to His good pleasure, and He created all things for His will that He might accomplish and fulfill His purpose—Eph. 1:5, 9; Rev. 4:11.
  3. If we want God's purpose to be carried out in us and with us, we must submit to the throne.
  4. If we have a throne in our spiritual life, God will not only rule over us but will also fulfill His purpose in us, with us, and through us.

**III. There are seven lamps of fire—the seven Spirits of God—burning before God's throne—1:4; 4:5:**

- A. The fact that seven lamps of fire are burning before God's throne indicates that the seven lamps are absolutely related to God's administration, economy, and move.
- B. The world situation is under the flame of the burning of the seven Spirits; all the world leaders are under the flaming of the seven lamps of fire—1:4b; 4:5.
- C. According to Revelation 4 the emphasis with the seven burning lamps of fire is on the move of God's administration:
  1. Christ carries out His mission as the Ruler of the kings of the earth by the seven burning Spirits before the throne to sovereignly control the world situation so that the environment might be fit for God's chosen people to receive His salvation—Acts 5:31; cf. 17:26-27; John 17:2; 2 Chron. 16:9.
  2. The flame of the seven burning Spirits judges, purifies, and refines the church to produce the golden lampstands.
  3. The burning of the seven lamps of fire is to bring forth the golden lampstands, the churches, for the fulfillment of God's economy—Rev. 1:12.

**IV. The burning of the seven lamps of fire motivates us to rise up and take action for the carrying out of God's economy—Dan. 11:32:**

- A. In both the Far East and the United States, the Lord's recovery has taken root and is growing, but there is a void in Europe.
- B. The recovery in Europe is still in the stage of initiation; for this reason, the Lord's direction of His present recovery must be toward Europe.
- C. For the Lord's ultimate move, we all need to pray, "Dear divine Flame, Come! Come and burn, purify, and refine that You may produce golden lampstands."