

## Crystallization-Study of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes

### #7: The Intrinsic Divine Revelation concerning the Move of God with and among Men in the Old Testament and concerning the Move of God in Man in the New Testament to Accomplish God's Heart's Desire and to Meet Man's Need before God 3/15-21 **OL Summary:**

**I.** The move of God with men and among men is in the Old Testament; God's move with men and among men was not the direct move to carry out His eternal economy for Christ and the church but the indirect move in His old creation for the preparation of His direct move in His new creation for His eternal economy: **A.** As the man created by God in His image, man needed to take God (symbolized by the tree of life) as his life that he might live, express, and represent God; and as such a one, he needed to be transformed into precious materials and to be built up as a counterpart to God. **B.** As a fallen man, man needed to receive Christ for his redemption (typified by the sacrifice with its shed blood) that he might be justified by God in Christ (typified by the coats of the sacrifice's skins); fallen man also needed to receive Christ as the seed of the woman that he might be delivered from Satan the "serpent's" death-power. **C.** God regarded man and was pleased with man in the burnt offering; as the reality of the burnt offering, Christ lived a life that was absolutely for God and for God's satisfaction as a satisfying fragrance to God for His delight and pleasure. **D.** God promised Abraham that in his seed (Christ) all the nations of the earth would be blessed. **E.** As a person chosen by God, man needed to receive and answer God's call, to live before God through Christ as his burnt offering, to be exposed by the law that he might know that he was sinful and did not have the capacity to keep the law, and to live with God by taking Christ as the tabernacle, the Priest, and the offerings so that he might enter into God and enjoy all that God is with Christ and in Christ. **F.** According to the way of Job's nomadic living and the way he offered the burnt offering for his children, it seems that Job and his friends probably lived in the age of Abraham; at that time the Pentateuch of Moses with the law was not yet written. Surely, Job and his friends had received some revelation from their forefathers verbally; however, what they had received of their forefathers could reach, at most, only the level of the revelation in the age of Abraham. /Hence, in their debates concerning God's relationship with man, there is no hint that indicates that they had received divine revelation beyond God's judgment and God's regard for man in his burnt offering. /In His appearing to Job, God seemed to be saying, "Job, you actually do not know who I am; you do not realize that I am unlimited; also, you cannot imagine what I intend to give you; Job, I intend to give you Myself, making Myself your enjoyment so that you can become a part of Me; I am not satisfied that you have your own integrity, perfection, and uprightness; I want you to have Me; My intention is to impart Myself into you and to give

you nothing other than Myself." /Thus, God's chosen and redeemed people do not need to build up themselves in human virtues, such as perfection, uprightness, and integrity, as Job did, but they need to seek after God as a panting hart and to enjoy God with God's people in God's feasts so that God can be everything to them to replace all that they have attained and obtained; this should be the answer to Job's three friends and even to Elihu and Job.

**II.** The move of God in man is in the New Testament to meet man's need before God; the move of God in man is from the first coming of Christ to the manifestation of the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and new earth; this move is unprecedented in human history: **A.** As a person who has been chosen and called by God, man needs to believe into Jesus Christ, who is the incarnated God, who lived a human life, died, resurrected, and ascended for them and with them, and who became the life-giving Spirit as the pneumatic Christ to them, that He may be their salvation, life, and everything./ **B.** In His death, resurrection, and ascension He made all His believers one with Him; thus, His death, resurrection, and ascension all became theirs, and His experience became their history. **B.** As a believer in Christ, man needs to grow in the divine life of Christ that he may be transformed into what Christ is through the life-giving dispensing Spirit, that he may be built up with the saints to be the Body of Christ, the organism to express the Triune God in Christ, and to be the new man as God's new creation to carry out God's eternal economy in the consummation of the New Jerusalem as a mingling of the processed Triune God with the glorified tripartite man, to be the corporate God-man's manifestation in eternity. /God redeemed us in Christ, forgave our sins, washed us, justified us, and reconciled us to Him; God has put us into Christ and made Him our righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. /God has regenerated us through the resurrection of Christ, and now He renews us, transforms us, and conforms us to His image of glory. /In His renewing and transforming, He consumes us, putting us into His death for our fellowship of His sufferings, which work out for us an eternal weight of glory, that we may experience Him in His resurrection and gain Him in His unsearchable riches. /God the Father is embodied in God the Son, God the Son is realized as God the Spirit, and God the Spirit comes to indwell us to be the reality of the Triune God; the Father, the Lord, and the Spirit as the Triune God have become the source, the element, and the essence of the church as the Body of Christ. /God in Christ will carry out His transforming work in us until His transformation consummates in the New Jerusalem, first with the overcomers in the millennial kingdom and consummately with all the saints in the new heaven and new earth, making all His chosen and redeemed people His corporate expression, manifesting Himself, not any kind of merely human virtues (as Job did), to the fullest extent in eternity.

CP1: Exercise spirit and set your mind on the spirit to turn on the "In Christ" switch to receive the rich supply from Christ

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Beginning from His incarnation, God moved mainly in man. In the New Testament whatever God did was mainly in man. The small preposition in may be considered as the greatest word in the New Testament. If you take this preposition away, the New Testament becomes empty. This is like taking the switch away from an electrical appliance. Without the switch, it will not work, because the electricity cannot flow into it. The phrase in Christ is repeated frequently in the New Testament. If we were not in Christ and Christ were not in us, there would be no Christian life or church life.

OL2: As a fallen man, man needed to receive Christ for his redemption (typified by the sacrifice with its shed blood) that he might be justified by God in Christ (typified by the coats of the sacrifice's skins); fallen man also needed to receive Christ as the seed of the woman that he might be delivered from Satan the "serpent's" death-power. OL3: God regarded man and was pleased with man in the burnt offering; as the reality of the burnt offering, Christ lived a life that was absolutely for God and for God's satisfaction as a satisfying fragrance to God for His delight and pleasure. OL4: God promised Abraham that in his seed (Christ) all the nations of the earth would be blessed. OL5: As a person chosen by God, man needed to receive and answer God's call, to live before God through Christ as his burnt offering, to be exposed by the law that he might know that he was sinful and did not have the capacity to keep the law, and to live with God by taking Christ as the tabernacle, the Priest, and the offerings so that he might enter into God and enjoy all that God is with Christ and in Christ. Gen. 4:4 And Abel also brought an offering, from the firstlings of his flock, that is, from their fat portions. And Jehovah had regard for Abel and for his offering. 22:18 And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.

I would encourage you all, even the young ones, to learn these things and then try to present them to others. For example, a young person may visit a younger relative and speak about the need of fallen man to be justified by God in Christ or about the need for Christ as the seed of woman. First, we should digest all these truths ourselves, and then we should learn how to present them to others.

Application to New ones, Youth and College Students

In the Old Testament, God was among God's elects, but in the New Testament, God is in the brothers and sisters, and they are also in God, God and man are mingling. The New Testament church is a new creation in God's economy.

The phrase "in Christ" appears many times in the New Testament. For example, John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.

You should always turn on the "in Christ" switch. It is like a branch cannot do anything apart from the vine, and if you don't turn on this switch, you cannot do anything. In order to dispense Christ to others at the time of the meeting, or at the time of the morning revival, exercise your spirit, release your spirit, set your mind on the spirit, turn on the "in Christ" switch, sing the hymns and speak the word of God strongly. Furthermore, in your daily life, studies, work, part-time job, and your relationships with friends, teachers and superiors, exercise your spirit, set your mind on the spirit, and turn on the "in Christ" switch. Then you can do all things with abundant supply of water and nutrients from the vine.

When you wake up in the morning or face difficulties, do not say "Oh No!", but call out "Oh Lord!" When you wake up in the morning, you may think you haven't slept enough and want to say, "Oh No, it's already morning!" But stop and go back to your spirit, take a deep breath and say, "Oh Lord! Oh Lord! Oh Lord Jesus!" The same when you encounter difficulties. "Oh No!" is a spiritual switch off and "Oh Lord!" is a spiritual switch on. What you have to learn is to be switched on always, to stay in the flow of the divine flow, and do all things. Starting the day with "Oh Lord!" rather than starting the day with "Oh No! It's already morning." makes a big difference. Rom. 10:12 ...for the same Lord is Lord of all and rich to all who call upon Him.

An elementary student brother's testimony: After I was baptized in the fifth grade and joined the youth group, I began to call on the Lord's name and pray-read His word with the brothers every morning. I also continue to read the Bible every night. Since I started doing the morning revival, my school life has become more enjoyable. Also, as a 6th grader, math became more difficult, and I couldn't understand them right away even when my friends taught me, but now it takes less time to understand them. I feel that my mind has been refreshed and transformed with the morning revival.

Prayer: O Lord Jesus, now in the New Testament, the Lord is in me, and I can be in the Lord by turning on the "In Christ" switch. I shall train to exercise my spirit in the meeting, release my spirit, set my mind on the spirit, sing hymns and speak the word of God strongly by turning the "in Christ" switch on. When I study or work daily, or when I am troubled by the relationships with others, I shall call on the Lord's name and turn the switch on. Every morning I shall start my day by calling on the Lord's name, "Oh Lord!"

**CP2:** When the love as a human virtue is filled with the love as God's attribute, it can function properly and express God

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**OL3:** Thus, God's chosen and redeemed people do not need to build up themselves in human virtues, such as perfection, uprightness, and integrity, as Job did, but they need to seek after God as a panting hart and to enjoy God with God's people in God's feasts so that God can be everything to them to replace all that they have attained and obtained; this should be the answer to Job's three friends and even to Elihu and Job. Psa. 42:1-2 As the hart pants after the streams of water, so my soul pants for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When will I come and appear before God?

**Application to business person/graduate students**

At the beginning of your salvation, your relationship with God may have been that of **a parent and a child**. However, in God's economy, the relationship between God and the church, which is constituted of the believers, is the one of **a husband and a wife**. God in Christ is the husband, and the church which is constituted with the believers is the wife, the spouse. In order for the believers to be a spouse and to be a tach for Christ, they need to be transformed and conformed into the same image as the Lord. A good person cannot be a spouse that matches Christ. Rom. 8:29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers.

We need to love the Lord, seek Him like the hart that pants for the stream of water, and enjoy Him as the banquet of life. Then you need to exercise your spirit, open your heart to the Lord, set your mind to

your spirit, and enjoy the divine dispensing.

As a businessperson or a researcher, in an environment of practical hardship, please say repeatedly **"Lord Jesus, I love You. Lord Jesus, I love You"**. When you pray this way, you may be enlightened that you do not love the Lord very much. But when you continue and cry out **"Lord Jesus, I love You"**, you will be touched by His love and will be able to love Him with the first love, the best love. Loving the Lord is not something you started, but He loved you first. 1 John 4:10 Herein is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son as a propitiation for our sins.

Love, which is your virtue, was created in the form of love, which is the attribute of God. Your love cannot function properly unless it is filled with God's love. When you love the Lord in this way, you express God.

For example, you do not have enough budget or manpower to develop your business properly. You are at a loss as to how to promote your business under such restrictions. At this time you should cry out again and again, **"Lord Jesus, I love You"**. Then you will receive God's dispensing. Then the eyes of your mind will gradually become pure, and you will be able to reject Satan's appeals such as "What if I fail? Then we can behold the glory of the Lord in a pure way with an unveiled face. Never think that you can't see the glory of God because it is your job. The ultimate essence is God, so those who can see God can also see the essence of all things. **Hymn 208:**

1. O Jesus, Jesus, dearest Lord! Forgive me if I say,  
For very love, Thy sacred name A thousand times a day.  
O Jesus, Lord, with me abide; I rest in Thee, whate'er betide;  
Thy gracious smile is my reward; I love, I love Thee, Lord!
2. I love Thee so I know not how My transports to control;  
Thy love is like a burning fire Within my very soul.
3. For Thou to me art all in all; My honor and my wealth; My heart's desire, my body's strength, My soul's eternal health.
4. Burn, burn, O love, within my heart, Burn fiercely night and day,  
Till all the dross of earthly loves Is burned, and burned away.
5. O light in darkness, joy in grief, O heaven's life on earth; Jesus,  
my love, my treasure, who Can tell what Thou art worth?
6. What limit is there to this love? Thy flight, where wilt Thou stay?  
On, on! our Lord is sweeter far Today than yesterday.

**Hymn:** As the hart pants after the stream of water,  
As the sunflower pants for the sun, let me pant for you eternally.

My heart pants for Lord Jesus without ceasing  
My love is deepening daily, I rest in Your breast.

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, God is dispensing Himself to me to prepare a bride for Christ and make me worthy of Himself. A "good man" cannot be a spouse that matches Christ because he does not have the life of God. The bride of Christ is the one who longs for the Lord and loves Him like a hart pants for the stream of water. I love You, Lord. Let me touch Your love. Rekindle the fire of love inside of me. Fill me with God's love, and I will love the Lord with the best love.

CP3: God went through the process of incarnation, human living, death, resurrection, ascension for the believers to receive dispensing and build up the Body

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(Incarnation): God came to be conceived in a human virgin and to be born of her to be a man, thus bringing divinity into humanity and causing God and man to be mingled as one entity but not as a third substance. OL3(Human living):

Jesus lived a life in which He did everything in God, with God, and for God; God was in His living, and He was one with God; in His human living He has set His suffering life before us as a model so that we can copy it by tracing and following His steps; this does not refer to a mere imitation of Him and His life but to a reproduction of Him that comes from enjoying Him as grace in our sufferings, so that He Himself as the indwelling Spirit, with all the riches of His life, reproduces Himself in us. OL4(Cross): Jesus Christ, as the incarnated Triune God and as the embodiment of the Triune God (Col. 2:9), died in His humanity a vicarious and all-inclusive death to terminate all the negative things and to release the divine life from within Him for us.

OL5(Resurrection): He overcame death, entered into the all-producing resurrection, was begotten to be God's firstborn Son (bringing humanity into divinity), and became the life-giving Spirit for the producing and constituting of the Body of Christ. OL6(Ascension): He accomplished the all-transcending ascension to the heavens and was made Lord, Christ, Leader, and Savior for His propagation and for the building up of the church as His kingdom. Acts 13:33 That God has fully fulfilled this promise to us their children in raising up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, "You are My Son; this day have I begotten You."

OL7(Experience): In His death, resurrection, and ascension He made all His believers one with Him; thus, His death, resurrection, and ascension all became theirs, and His experience became their history. 5:31 This One God has exalted to His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

OL8(Body): Christ, as the divine portion allotted to the saints by God and as life in the believers, has become all the members of the new man and is in all the members of the new man, which is His organic Body; God wants to make Christ, the embodiment of God, everything to us, the believers of Christ. Eph. 4:4-6 One Body and one Spirit, even as also you were called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism; One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Application to the serving ones

The direct work of God's eternal economy began with the incarnation of the Lord Jesus, and through the processes of His human living, death, resurrection, and ascension, He was able to dispense Himself into men. As a result of this divine

dispensing, the Body of Christ is being produced and built. The believers enjoy this divine dispensing in the church life, and are gradually transformed from glory to glory. This is the direct work of God's eternal economy in the new creation.

Brother Lee suggested that we pray read Eph. 3:16-19 for a month. Under the divine dispensation, these verses pray:

① That the regenerated spirit, the inner man would be strengthened with power ② That Christ may make His home spreading from the spirit to the heart ③ May experience with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are ④ And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ ⑤ may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

The more you read these verses and the more you pray, the more you will forget yourself and enjoy and be strengthened by the divine dispensing. You will feel, "I can't be weak and retreat in service." Eph. 3:16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man, 17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are 19 And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

God's process in His economy is to dispense Himself into you, to build the Body of Christ, to express God corporately, and to rule over Satan and his armies on His behalf. This is for you to exercise your spirit, pray read Ephesians 3:16-19, and under the divine dispensing, be strengthened, refuse to retreat, and move forward. If you do not exercise your spirit, do not open your heart to the Lord, do not pray read the Word, and do not understand God's economy and divine dispensing, then God's processes, incarnation, human living, death, resurrection, ascension, divine dispensing and divine transmission will be in vain to you. If so, you are very sorry to God. The Lord loved you and was crucified for your sake, not for the purpose that you would not go to the lake of fire, but for you could receive your divine dispensing and Christ could live in you. Gal. 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. The move of God in man, the God-man living in Galatians 2:20, has never been seen before the incarnation of Christ in human history. You are in the age of the direct move of God's new creation, the age of God-Man, and the age of Body of Christ. Prayer: Lord Jesus, You loved me and were crucified for me, not to save me from the lake of fire, but to dispense Yourself into me, that Christ might live in me and build His Body. If I do not exercise my spirit, do not open my heart to the Lord, do not pray read the Word, and do not understand God's economy, then the divine dispensing and God's processes and divine transmission will be in vain to me. I don't want to remain weak. Under the divine dispensing, I will be strengthened and move forward!