

Crystallization-Study of Jeremiah and Lamentations

#12: Experiencing and Enjoying the Contents of the New Covenant according to Our Spiritual Experience for the Accomplishment of God's Economy (11/23-29)

OL Summary:

I. Based on the fact that Jeremiah prophesies concerning the new covenant, the book of Jeremiah may be considered an Old Testament book that is also a New Testament book; we need to see and appropriate the contents of the new covenant as God's bequests to us: **A.**

In the new covenant four blessings are promised: The forgetting (forgiveness) of our sins. /The imparting of the law of life into us. /The privilege of being God's people. /Enable us to know God in the inward way of life. **B.** Since forgiveness of sins is only a procedure by which to achieve God's purpose, this Scripture puts forgiveness of sins at the very end; however, according to our spiritual experience, we first obtain the cleansing that comes from forgiveness; then we enjoy God as the law of life, become God's people in the law of life, and possess a deeper knowledge of God in an inward way.

II. "I will be propitious to their unrighteousnesses, and their sins I shall by no means remember anymore" (Heb. 8:12; Jer. 31:34b): **A.** Christ made propitiation for our sins to appease God's righteousness, to reconcile us by satisfying the demands of God's righteousness. **B.** The precious and all-efficacious blood of Christ resolves all our problems so that we can remain constantly in fellowship with God to continually enjoy His organic salvation. **C.** The precious blood of Christ satisfies God, it is the believers' access to God, and it overcomes all the accusations of the enemy; the Lord's precious blood is also the blood of the eternal covenant, typified by the blood through which the high priest entered into the Holy of Holies in Leviticus 16: The blood of the covenant enables us to enter into the practical Holy of Holies, our spirit, to enjoy God and to be infused by Him.

III. "I will impart My laws into their mind, and on their hearts I will inscribe them" (Heb. 8:10; Jer. 31:33a): **A.** The center, the centrality, of the new covenant is the inner law of life; the law of the divine life, the law of the Spirit of life, is the automatic principle and the spontaneous power of the divine life. **B.** The Triune God has been processed through incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension to become the law of the Spirit of life installed in our spirit as a "scientific" law, and automatic principle. **C.** God's relationship with us today is based fully on the law of life; every life has a law and even is a law; God's life is the highest life, and the law of this life is the highest law. **D.** Romans 8, the subject of which is the law of the Spirit of life, may be considered the focus of the entire Bible and the center of the universe; thus, if we are experiencing Romans 8, we are in the center of the universe. **E.** By imparting His divine life into us, God puts the highest law of this highest life into our spirit, whence it spreads into our inward parts, such as our mind, emotion, and will, and becomes several laws. **F.**

While we remain in touch with the Lord, staying in contact with Him, the law of life, the law of the Spirit of life, works automatically, spontaneously, and effortlessly. **G.** The function of the law of life requires the growth in life, for the law of life functions only as it grows. /The firstborn Son is interceding for us so that the life He has sown into our spirit may be motivated to grow, develop, and saturate all our inward parts, until we are completely permeated with His glorified and uplifted being. /While the divine life grows in us, the law of life functions to shape us, to conform us, to the image of Christ as the firstborn Son of God so that we may become His corporate expression; the law of life does not regulate us from doing wrong; it regulates the shape of life. /The indwelling prototype, the firstborn Son of God, automatically works in us as the law of life to conform us to His image, to "sonize" us; the Lord is working desperately to make every one of us the same as the firstborn Son. /If we cooperate with and open up to this wonderful prototype, He will spread outward from our spirit in to our soul. /The firstborn Son is the prototype, the standard model, for the mass reproduction of the many sons of God, who are His many brothers to constitute His Body as the new man for the corporate reproduction and expression of the standard model, the firstborn Son of God. /The law of life does not primarily function in the negative sense of telling us what not to do; rather, while life grows, the law of life functions in the positive sense of shaping us, that is, conforming us to the image of Christ; through the function of the law of life, we all will become the mature sons of God, and God will have His universal, corporate expression.

IV. "I will be God to them, and they will be a people to Me" (Heb. 8:10; Jer. 31:33b): **A.** For God to be our God means that He is our inheritance: God created man as a vessel to contain Him; therefore, God is man's possession, just as the content of a vessel is its possession. **B.** For us to be God's people means that we are His inheritance.

V. "They shall by no means each teach his fellow citizen and each his brother, saying, know the Lord; for all will know Me from the little one to the great one among them" (Heb. 8:11; Jer. 31:34a): **A.** The function of life enables us to know God in the inward way of life; we can know God subjectively from within by the sense of life, which is the feeling, the consciousness, of the divine life within us. **B.** "In order to serve God and work for Him, a Christian must learn to stay away from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil...Only those who touch the tree of life will see their life and work remaining in the New Jerusalem".

VI. Ultimately, our enjoyment of the indwelling Spirit as the automatic law of the divine life, the law of the Spirit of life, is in the Body of Christ and for the Body of Christ with the goal of making us God in life, nature, and expression but not in the Godhead to accomplish the goal of His eternal economy—the New Jerusalem. (Due to the lengthiness of OL, the larger part that is not listed here can be found within CP1-3.)

CP1: The content of the new Covenant is ① to forgive our sins, ② to install the law of the Spirit of Life and its operation, ③ the privilege of being God's people, ④ knowing God in the inward way of life

Jer. 31:33 But this is the covenant which I will make...after those days, declares Jehovah: I will put My law in their inward parts and write it upon their hearts...34 And they will no longer teach, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah; for all of them will know Me..., for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more. Heb. 8:12 For I will be propitious to their unrighteousnesses, and their sins I shall by no means remember anymore. Psa. 130:4 But with You there is forgiveness, that You would be feared. 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. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

OL1: In the new covenant **four blessings** are promised: ① propitiation for our unrighteousnesses and the forgetting (forgiveness) of our sins, ② the imparting of the law of life by the imparting of the divine life into us, ③ the privilege of having God as our God and of being His people, and ④ the function of life that enables us to know Him in the inward way of life. OL2: Since forgiveness of sins is only a procedure by which to achieve God's purpose, this Scripture puts forgiveness of sins at the very end; however, according to our spiritual experience, we first obtain the cleansing that comes from forgiveness; then we enjoy God as the law of life, become God's people in the law of life, and possess a deeper knowledge of God in an inward way. OL3: Christ made propitiation for our sins to appease God's righteousness, to reconcile us by satisfying the demands of God's righteousness. OL4: The precious and all-efficacious blood of Christ resolves all our problems so that we can remain constantly in fellowship with God to continually enjoy His organic salvation. Before God, the redeeming blood of the Lord has cleansed us once for all eternally, and the efficacy of that cleansing need not be repeated. However, in our conscience we need the instant application of the constant cleansing of the Lord's precious blood again and again whenever our conscience is enlightened by the divine light in our fellowship with God. Once God forgives us, He erases our sins from His memory and remembers them no longer; forgiveness of sins means the removal of the charges of sin against us before God that we may be delivered from the penalty of God's righteousness. When God forgives us of our sins, He causes the sins that we have committed to depart from us. OL5: God's forgiveness of our sins results in our fearing Him and loving Him in our restored fellowship with Him.

Application to New ones and Youth/College students

All new ones and young people, there is a new covenant between God and you! The content of the new Covenant is ① the forgetting (forgiveness) of our sins, ② installing the law of the Spirit of Life and its operation, ③ the privilege of being God's people, ④ knowing God in the inward way of life.

The more you read, the more you chew on this covenant, the more you will be filled with joy.

For example, when you get a job in a company, you sign a contract with the company. It includes the contents of your monthly salary and bonus, as well as the benefits you are entitled, such as vacation plans and membership privileges. If the contract is good, it shows that the company you are working for is in good shape and that they have high regard for you. If you are able to sign a good contract with the company, you will be happy. Then, when you actually start working, you can enjoy the contract. Likewise, you should first read and understand the contents of the new contract carefully. The company with which you have a contract is the company of God's eternal economy, and its covenant is eternal and excellent!

Psychiatrists say that quite a bit of mental illnesses can be resolved when the appeal of conscience against sin is dealt with. Having your sins forgiven before God, freed from the burden of sin, and having a clean conscience are very good things for your mental health. Then you will be mentally stable and strong.

But it is not for its own sake that your sins are forgiven. It is for you to move forward and have experience of the law of the spirit of life after your sins are forgiven.

1John 1:9FN unrighteousness: Unrighteousness and sins are synonyms. All unrighteousness is sin. Both refer to our wrongdoings. Sins indicates the offense of our wrongdoings against God and men; unrighteousness indicates the stain of our wrongdoings, which causes us not to be right with either God or men. The offense needs God's forgiveness, and the stain requires His cleansing. Both God's forgiveness and God's cleansing are needed for the restoration of our broken fellowship with God, that we may enjoy Him in uninterrupted fellowship with a good conscience, a conscience void of offense.

For example, you have committed a sin against your friend or parents. If you ignore it, your conscience will still appeal to you. At this time, you should confess your sin to have a clean conscience. But it's not enough to be cleansed. Being cleansed and having no more blame of conscience are for you to enter into the life fellowship with the Lord. You should fellowship with the Lord, apologize to them, and recover proper communication with them in the Lord. Those whose sins have been forgiven should go forward and call upon the name of the Lord Jesus and experience the law of the Spirit of Life. Then they grow in life with the saints, built up together, become people of one God and one new man, to express God corporately and to represent Him. Only when you reach this goal can you satisfy God.

Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus, I thank You that You have promised four blessings of God to me who believed and received You. If I confess my sins, God will forgive my sins and cleanse my conscience to the extent He gets rid of them from His memory. But forgiveness of sins is not for forgiveness itself. With a cleansed conscience, I recover fellowship with God, open to the dispensing of life, and gain more God. I develop the function of the law of the Spirit of Life and am coordinated with the saints to become a people of one God."

CP2: The law of the Spirit of life is the center of the new testament. Renew consecration and pray short prayers and let the law of the Spirit of life operate

Rom. 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.

OL1: The precious blood of Christ satisfies God, it is the believers' access to God, and it overcomes all the accusations of the enemy. The Lord's precious blood is also the blood of the eternal covenant. The blood of the covenant enables us to enter into the practical Holy of Holies, our spirit, to enjoy God and to be infused by Him. According to the revelation in the New Testament, we are not only brought into God's presence by the blood of the covenant—we are also brought into God Himself; the redeeming and cleansing blood brings us into God! The blood of the covenant is primarily for God to be our portion for our enjoyment. **OL2:** Eventually, the blood of Christ as the blood of the new covenant ushers God's people into the better things of the new covenant, in which God gives His people a new heart, a new spirit, His Spirit, the inner law of life (denoting God Himself with His nature, life, attributes, and virtues), and the ability of life to know God. Ultimately, the blood of the new covenant, the eternal covenant, enables God's people to serve Him and leads God's people into the full enjoyment of God as their portion (the tree of life and the water of life) both now and for eternity.

OL3 The center, the centrality, of the new covenant is the inner law of life; the law of the divine life, the law of the Spirit of life, is the automatic principle and the spontaneous power of the divine life. The Triune God has been processed through incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension to become the law of the Spirit of life installed in our spirit as a "scientific" law, an automatic principle. God's relationship with us today is based fully on the law of life; every life has a law and even is a law. **OL4:** Romans 8, the subject of which is the law of the Spirit of life, may be considered the focus of the entire Bible and the center of the universe; thus, if we are experiencing Romans 8, we are in the center of the universe. God is in us now as a law that operates automatically, spontaneously, and unconsciously to free us from the law of sin and of death; this is one of the biggest discoveries, even recoveries, in God's economy. The enjoyment of the law of the Spirit of life in Romans 8 ushers us into the reality of the Body of Christ in Romans 12; this law operates within us as we live in the Body and for the Body. **OL5:** By imparting His divine life into us, God puts the highest law of this highest life into our spirit, whence it spreads into our inward parts, such as our mind, emotion, and will, and becomes several laws: The spreading of this law in us is the imparting.

Application to Businessperson/Graduate Students

The center of the new testament is the law of the Spirit of life which is installed in you. This law of the Spirit of life is the focus of the whole Bible and the center of the universe.

The mighty God who can create all things in 6 days became a man and passed through the long process of 33 and half years of human living, death, resurrection and ascension. You can ask God "what is the purpose of this long process which

God passed through?". This purpose of God is for Him to become the law of the Spirit of life and be installed in you. Please consider this thing in faith and pray about it. Then you will know its amazing value!

To experience the law of the Spirit of life in your business life or research life, please read the case of Nehemiah. **Neh. 1:3** And they said to me, the remnant who are left from the captivity there in the province are in an exceedingly bad state and reproach, and the wall of Jerusalem is broken down and its gates have been burned with fire. When Nehemiah heard this news, he wept and mourned for some days and fasted and prayed. **2:1** ...Now I had never been sad in his presence. **2** And the king said to me, Why is your face sad, since you are not ill? This is nothing other than sadness of heart. Then I was greatly frightened. **3** And I said to the king, May the king live forever! Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' graves, lies in waste and its gates are consumed with fire? **4** And the king said to me, What do you request? **So I prayed to the God of heaven.** **5** And I said to the king, **If it please the king and if your servant has found favor before you, that you would send me to Judah to the city of my fathers' graves that I may rebuild it.** After this, the king commanded Nehemiah to rebuild the temple and the wall and eventually he completed it! This wonderful result came forth from "the fasting prayer against the fact that is hindering God's will"(1:3-4), and "short prayer"(2:4) and "aggressiveness"(2:5) that was produced by these prayers.

Please renew your consecration and have fasting prayer on the fact that God's will being hindered. Moreover, in your business life, call upon the Lord's name often and train yourself to pray shortly whenever things come up and put your mind on the spirit. Then the law of the Spirit of life will automatically start operating.

For example, when you are asked by your boss some important matter, you can respond after short prayer to Lord Jesus. Nehemiah being your pattern means you can imitate him. The Olympic athletes are not the pattern for your physical ability. When you exercise, don't imitate them. But Nehemiah is the pattern for the believers and you can follow his pattern. And it is not difficult for you to imitate him, it is easy to imitate in the inner operation of the law of the Spirit of life. May the Lord bless you by your following the pattern of Jeremiah, Nehemiah and Paul, and walking the way of life! Eventually the law of the Spirit of life will spread the divine life in your soul and transform it and makes your church life the life of reality of the Body of Christ. The reality of the Body of Christ is the goal of the operation of the law of the Spirit of life.

Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus, thank You that God has processed and now He was installed in me as the law of the Spirit of life. The law of the spirit of life is the center of the new testament, the focus of whole Bible and the center of the universe. In my business life, To let this law of the Spirit of life operate, I call upon the name of the Lord often and have short prayers as Nehemiah whenever things happen. And I consecrate my business life to carry out God's economy as Nehemiah. Amen!"

CP3: We can know God subjectively, from the inside, by the sense of life. The mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

OL1: While we remain in touch with the Lord, staying in contact with Him, the law of life, the law of the Spirit of life, works automatically, spontaneously, and effortlessly. The function of the law of life requires the growth in life. **OL2:** “I will be God to them, and they will be a people to Me.” (Heb. 8:10; Jer. 31:33b) For God to be our God means that He is our inheritance. God gives us the Spirit not only as a guarantee of our inheritance but also as a foretaste of what we will inherit of God; the Spirit’s pledging adds more of God into us little by little until we enter into eternity and have God as our full enjoyment. **OL3:** For us to be God’s people means that we are His inheritance. We not only inherit God as our inheritance for our enjoyment but also become God’s inheritance for His enjoyment. It is by having God wrought into us that we are being constituted into God’s inheritance; this is transformation, and it is also subjective sanctification. God put His Holy Spirit into us as a seal to mark us out, indicating that we belong to God; this seal is living, and it works within us to permeate and transform us with God’s divine element until the redemption of our body.

OL4: “They shall by no means each teach his fellow citizen and each his brother, saying, Know the Lord; for all will know Me from the little one to the great one among them.” (Heb. 8:11; Jer. 31:34a) We can know God subjectively from within by the sense of life, which is the feeling, the consciousness, of the divine life within us. The sense of life comes from the divine life, the law of life, and the anointing of the Spirit. The sense of life on the negative side is the feeling of death, and on the positive side it is the feeling of life and peace. We should live according to the sense of life in the principle of life, not according to the principle of right and wrong, the principle of death. This is to live according to the principle of the tree of life, not according to the principle of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The sense of life makes us know whether we are living in the natural life or in the divine life and whether we are living in the flesh or in the spirit. “In order to serve God and work for Him, a Christian must learn to stay away from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil... Only those who touch the tree of life will see their life and work remaining in the New Jerusalem.” **OL5:** Ultimately, our enjoyment of the indwelling Spirit as the automatic law of the divine life, the law of the Spirit of life, is in the Body of Christ and for the Body of Christ with the goal of making us God in life, nature, and expression but not in the Godhead to accomplish the goal of His eternal economy—the New Jerusalem.

Application for the serving ones

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** 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; **19** Who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lasciviousness to work all uncleanness in greediness. The sense of life on the negative side is the feeling of death. It is an inner sense on the negative aspects such as weakness, emptiness, difficulty, anxiety, oppression, thirst, darkness, pain. The sense of life on the positive side is the feeling of power, satisfaction, peace, liberation, aliveness, moisture, brightness, and comfort. These senses of life tell you whether you are living a natural life or a divine life. It also tells you whether you are living in the flesh or in the spirit.

Next, you must open your heart to the Lord, exercise your spirit, and learn to **follow the sense of life**. When you have a negative sense of life, you should repent and turn around. When you have a positive sense of life, you should continue and enhance your current life practices. In this way, the Lord will guide you in life, move you forward, build the New Jerusalem, and keep you in it.

If you can follow the sense of life, the law of the Spirit of life can work further inside, letting you perfect the new ones and develop their functions. The law of the spirit of life is for working in the Body of Christ and building His Body. Ultimately, the enjoyment of the law of the Spirit of Life will make us God in life, nature and expression, not in the Godhead, and accomplish the goal of God's eternal economy, New Jerusalem.

Brother’s testimony: When I lived in Osaka and was considering changing jobs, I received offers from major company in Osaka and small and medium-sized company in Kobe. When I consulted with a co-worker in Taiwan on this matter, I was strongly advised to go to Kobe because Kobe is a big city but there were no local churches. When I heard this, I felt the anointing and peace of the Holy Spirit inside. However, I decided not to go to Kobe because I lived in an apartment in Osaka that my father-in-law bought for us at that time, and because the company in Kobe was a small and medium-sized company. At that time, I lost the inner positive sense of life.

However, after that, because of the Lord's mercy and amazing guidance, I finally changed my job to the company in Kobe according to the sense of life. Praise the Lord! In April 1992, we started the Lord’s day meeting by three people in Kobe.

In this company, I couldn't take paid vacation, so I couldn't go out to visit the church in Taiwan at all. When I prayed for this, I was able to change jobs to a major foreign-affiliated company. When I was praying according to the sense of life, I said in my heart, "Because the Lord has changed my jobs, I must use my paid vacation for blending, not for myself." After that, by paying attention to the sense of life and following it in good faith, the Lord guided me and my family in a wonderful way and kept me in the way of life. **Prayer:** “Oh Lord Jesus, the sense of life is, on the negative side, the sense of death. For example, when I feel weakness, emptiness, difficulty, anxiety, oppression, thirst, darkness, or pain inside, I recognize that I live according to the flesh, not according to the spirit. I repent and exercise the spirit to call the name of the Lord and set my mind on the spirit. When I feel the anointing of the Holy Spirit and peace, power, satisfaction, etc. in the fellowship with the Lord and with leading brothers and sisters, I immediately follow the sense of life. Amen!”