

A TIMELY WORD CONCERNING THE WORLD SITUATION AND THE LORD'S RECOVERY

#2 Seeing a Vision of the Throne of God, the Spiritual Scene behind the World Situation, and Christ as the Center of God's Administration (7/27-8/2)

OL Summary: (please use "The Holy Word for Morning Revival" for the Word)

I. We need to see a spiritual vision of the throne of God as the center of God's administration throughout the universe: **A.** As the sovereign One, God has the full capacity to carry out what He wants according to the desire of His heart and according to His eternal economy. **B.** God on the throne is behind the scene ruling over everyone and everything: Everything concerning the world situation is decided on the throne. /Nothing can happen outside the rule God's throne. **C.** The book of Revelation is a book of God's administration, unveiling the throne of God for the divine administration: The throne in Revelation 4 and 5 is the throne of divine authority. /Apparently, the throne is invisible and is not realized by man; actually, the throne is behind the scene ruling over everyone and everything. **D.** The book of Daniel shows that all the kings and kingdoms of the world are under God's administration: All human government from Nimrod to Antichrist has been and will continue to be under the ruling of the heavens by the God of the heavens. /God caused Nebuchadnezzar to know that he was nothing and that the mighty God, the Ruler over the kingdom of men, the One who gives the kingdom to whomever He wills, is everything. /The entire world situation is under the rule of the heavens by the God of the heavens. **E.** The ruling of the heavens by the God of the heavens over all human government on earth matches the eternal economy of God for Christ to terminate the old creation for the germination of the new creation and to smash and crush the aggregate of human government and establish the eternal kingdom of God.

II. Chapter 10 of the book of Daniel presents a vision of the spiritual scene behind the world situation: **A.** In the spiritual world Christ is the preeminent One; therefore, in chapter 10 He is mentioned first: The excellent Christ, the centrality and universality of God's move, appeared to Daniel as a man for his appreciation, consolation, encouragement, expectation, and stabilization. /The Christ whom Daniel saw is precious, valuable, complete, and perfect: As Jehovah becoming a man, He is the centrality and universality of God's move to carry out His economy. /As a priest, He is taking care of us, and as the King, He is ruling over us. /Christ appeared to Daniel in His preciousness and dignity, in His brightness for shining over the people, and in His enlightening sight for searching and judging. /Christ appeared in the gleam of His work and move and in His strong speaking for judging people. **B.** The spiritual scene in Daniel 10 includes both good and evil spirits that are engaged in an invisible spiritual war: While Daniel was praying, a spiritual struggle was taking place in the air between two spirits, one belonging to Satan and the other belonging to God. /It is crucial for us to see that behind the scene a spiritual struggle is taking place, a struggle not seen with human eyes. **C.** As the struggles are taking place between the human government, God is behind the scene managing the world situation.

III. Christ is the center of God's administration according to God's eternal economy: **A.** Christ in His ascension has been enthroned to execute God's administration, His

governmental operation: The One sitting on the throne is not only God but also man; He is the God-man, the man-God, the mingling of God and man. /After the Lord Jesus was crucified and buried, God resurrected Him and set Him at His right hand, making Him the Lord of all the universe. **B.** The enthroned Christ, the heavenly Administration in God's universal government, is the worthy Lion-Lamb, the overcoming Redeemer: As the Lion, He is the Fighter against the enemy, Satan; as the Lamb, He is the Redeemer. /Because Christ has solved the problems of the rebellion of Satan and the fall of man, He is worthy to open the scroll of God's economy. /The Lamb, the Redeemer, the One slain on the cross for our sins, is now on the throne, carrying out God's administration over the entire universe. /We need to realize that the Lord of the universe is a man, the God-man, the man-God. **C.** In His ascension and enthronement Christ is the Ruler of the kings of the earth: For Christ to be the Ruler of the kings means that He is far above the earthly rulers. /The earthly rulers are not the real rulers; Christ, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, is the real Ruler. /Christ carries out God's administration as the Ruler of the kings of the earth by the seven Spirits of God burning before the throne of God: All the world rulers are under the flaming of the seven Spirits. /The world situation and international affairs are under the flame of the burning of the seven lamps of fire, the seven Spirits of God. /We need to realize that the seven Spirits of God are burning before the throne not only concerning the churches but also concerning the world situation for the churches.

Church announcement and fellowship:

Against the second wave of COVID-19, the church in Kobe has taken the following measures.

1. Make certain that there are no more 15 people in each group (not including the online partakers).
2. It is a general rule that we do not have lunch together on the Lord's Day. But for exceptional cases, under 10 people and keep the physical distance of 1-2 meters.
3. Always avoid jam-packed public transportation. Whenever possible, avoid using public transportation, drive instead.
4. Partakers of other prefectures, join online as much as possible.
5. Those who are not well, please join online.
6. Early to bed and early to rise, take in nourishment and boost up your immunity. Also, take in water regularly to avoid heatstroke.
7. Do not go to places susceptible to infection such as pools and hot springs.
8. Must avoid the 3 Cs (Confined spaces, Crowded places, Close contacts), continue with hand-washing, disinfecting, wearing mask at all times.
9. Report without hiding any infected cases around you to the district responsible person. Anyone with a high level contact or possibly having a high level contact, shall carry out the fellowship with other saints through internet for 10 days.
10. The acceptance of gospel tracts is well. People are feeling helpless due to the spread of COVID-19 infection. The pale horse of corona virus is accelerating the white horse of gospel.
11. Brothers and sisters, let us resume the station front/street gospel! Let us preach the gospel of kingdom to the citizens of Kobe/Nishinomiya.

Crucial Point (1): See the vision of the throne of God in the spirit

Rev. 4:2 Immediately I was in spirit; and behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and upon the throne there was One sitting. **OL1:** We need to see a spiritual vision of the throne of God as the center of God's administration throughout the universe. **OL2:** God on the throne is behind the scene ruling over everyone and everything. Everything concerning the world situation is decided on the throne. Nothing can happen outside the rule of God's throne. **OL3:** The ruling of the heavens by the God of the heavens over all human government on earth matches the eternal economy of God for Christ to terminate the old creation for the germination of the new creation and to smash and crush the aggregate of human government and establish the eternal kingdom of God.

The book of Daniel shows us that all the kings and kingdoms of the world are under God's administration. Consider the situation of the Babylonian Empire under Nebuchadnezzar. First, he became a co-regent with his father and reigned with him. As such a co-regent, he destroyed the city of Jerusalem in 606 B.C. Then about 604 B.C. he became king and reigned until 561 B.C. Eventually he was replaced by his son and then by his grandson, Belshazzar, whose debauchery in Daniel 5 was an insult to God and who was slain in 538 B.C. At that time the Babylonian Empire came to an end, and Darius the Mede received the kingdom at the age of sixty-two. Darius was a subordinate king to Cyrus. In 536 B.C. Cyrus issued the decree that released the captives of Israel to return to Judah, thus ending the seventy years which God had apportioned for the Israelites to remain in Babylon. Therefore, God used the Babylonian Empire for the purpose of carrying His corrupted and defeated elect into captivity. After the seventy years of their captivity, God caused the Medes and the Persians to become one for the purpose of ending the Babylonian Empire and of releasing His people from their captivity in Babylon. This is an illustration of how all kings and kingdoms are under God's administration.

Under God's heavenly rule, everything is working together for our good. This is especially true of the things in our personal universe. Our universe includes ourselves, our families, and the church. In our universe many things happen day by day for the purpose of making Christ preeminent. We need to realize this and be submissive to God's heavenly rule. In **Daniel 4:26** Daniel said to Nebuchadnezzar, "Your kingdom will be assured to you after you have come to know that the heavens do rule." It is the heavens that rule, not Nebuchadnezzar or Cyrus or Alexander the Great or illness or turmoil or rebellion. The earth is under the rule of a heavenly administration. The heavens rule for us, and Christ is for us. Furthermore, we are under God's heavenly rule for Christ. The purpose of the heavenly ruling is to complete God's elect so that Christ may be preeminent, that He may be the first—the centrality—and everything—the universality.

Application: to new ones, Youth/College students

To understand the world situation, first, please see the vision of God's throne in your spirit. Your spirit is the unique organ to realize and respond to God's move. So when you praise in the meetings, pray-read the Word, pray and speak God's word, please call on the name of the Lord and exercise your spirit.

1)The exercise of the spirit is profitable for spirit, soul and body: July 11th, Sat. sister Mieko Yoriki, age 87, has moved to Kobe from Matsuyama city, Ehime prefecture. She had a big surgery on June 12th and stayed in the hospital for 2 weeks and about another two weeks she had been suffering constipation and sleeplessness. However, to my surprise, as soon as she arrived at the Yoriki family in Motoyama, Kobe, her constipation was cured and was able to sleep every day from that night onwards. Because there was no rest in the soul, it caused physical discomfort, and the discomfort was in a negative spiral that caused more anxiety in the soul. After coming to Kobe, sister Mieko began to call on the name of the Lord often, pray read the Bible, and have meeting with brothers and sisters. The spirit that is strengthened gives rest to the soul, and the soul that is rested has a good effect on the body. And now in a good cycle.

New ones and young people, be encouraged to exercise your spirit daily to call on the name of the Lord and to pray read His word. If you exercise the spirit, your spirit, soul, and body will be protected. Then it will surely have a positive effect on your studies and profession.

2)The exercise of the spirit enables to see the vision of God on the throne who controls the world situation: God on the throne is in control of every person and every thing behind the scenes. All matters of world situation are decided on the throne. Nothing can happen outside the rule of the throne of God. Nebuchadnezzar, the king of the Babylonian Empire, was used to take the fallen Israelites into Babylon for seventy years as captives and to punish them. However, Babylon was ended by King Darios, who was subservient to King Cross, so that the use of Babylon would end and Israel would return to its next divine purpose. For this purpose, King Cross was raised. This Persian King Cross proclaimed the return of the Israelites and the rebuilding of the house of God. Seen in this way, the purpose of world situation is to carry out God's economy. The main role is Christ and the church, and world situation is a supporting role that helps the main role. The corona situation and the struggles among the nations are taking place under God who is ruling to move you forward. You need to understand this and pray in spirit like Daniel to respond to God.

Due to the coronavirus, the summer vacation becomes two weeks and your school life has been forced to change in many ways. This is an opportunity for you to learn in the Lord how to respond to rapid change from a young age. For example, when you start working in a company in the future, you will be in competition with competitors from all over the world and rapid changes will come from many different places. Therefore, the ability to respond to change is important.

Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus, I should see the throne of God. All things in world situation are subject to the decisions of the throne. I too am learning to submit to the throne. In my personal universe, there are radical changes due to corona as well. Instead of being confused and complaining about the changes in the environment at these times, I learn to rely on the Lord and respond to the changes. The ability to be flexible and adapt to change will save me in the future when I grow up from being formalistic and unable to respond to rapid change. Amen.!"

Crucial Point 2: Pray in the spirit and see the spiritual world behind the world situation. Be empowered by seeing that Christ is the preeminent One. Then fight the spiritual warfare

Dan. 10:2 In those days I, Daniel, had been mourning for three full weeks. 5-6 I lifted up my eyes and I looked, and there was a certain man, clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with the fine gold of Uphaz. His body also was like beryl, His face like the appearance of lightning, His eyes like torches of fire, His arms and His feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of His words like the sound of a multitude. 12-13 And he said to me, Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand this matter..., your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me for twenty-one days.

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Daniel 10:2—11:1 shows us the scene in the universe—the spiritual world behind the physical... Daniel, a man on the earth, set his heart to understand the future, the destiny, of Israel. This he did for twenty-one days. After those twenty-one days, Daniel saw a particular vision in 10:4-9. The excellent Christ, the centrality and universality of God's move on the earth, appeared to Daniel for his appreciation, consolation, encouragement, expectation, and stabilization.

Before the vision concerning the destiny of Israel was unveiled to Daniel, he was given a vision of the spiritual scene that is behind the physical scene. In this spiritual scene Christ is preeminent. This scene also includes both good and evil spirits, spirits that are engaged in an invisible spiritual war.

After this vision of Christ, an angelic messenger came to tell Daniel about the things behind the physical world. He told Daniel that he himself was fighting against the prince of the kingdom of Persia, a rebellious evil spirit. Then Daniel was told that there was another evil spirit, the prince of Greece (Javan). There was also the archangel Michael, who was a prince fighting for Israel. At least four spirits are covered here.

In Daniel 5 we saw how Belshazzar was indulging in debauchery and how in the same night Darius the Mede came to defeat him and kill him. We did not see that there was a spirit fighting for Darius. Daniel 11:1 says, "I, in the first year of Darius the Mede, stood up to support and strengthen him." Darius was strong even as an old man because this heavenly messenger stood up to support him and strengthen him. The angelic messenger strengthened Darius to defeat the Babylonians because the Babylonian Empire's commission from God had been completed. With the death of Belshazzar, the Babylonian Empire became the empire of

Medo-Persia to carry out another commission for God.

Application to the serving ones

Because Daniel was praying, he could see the vision of the spiritual world behind the physical world. The first thing we can see in the spiritual world is that Christ is the preeminent in God's move on earth and is the centrality and universality. In the spiritual world, after the vision of the preeminence of Christ as God man, there is a vision of spiritual war. This means that without your seeing the excellency of Christ, you cannot fight against Satan. You can only fight the spiritual battle after you see the excellency of Christ and be empowered in the Lord.

Dan.10:19 And he said, Do not be afraid, man of preciousness. Peace to you. Be strong, yes, be strong. And when he spoke to me, I received strength and said, Speak, sir, for you have strengthened me. Eph. 6:10 Finally, be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength. 11 Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil, 12 For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

When Paul was writing about the spiritual warfare in Ephesians 6:10-20, he might have thought about Daniel 10. He saw how Belshazzar was indulging in debauchery and how in the same night Darius the Mede came to defeat him and kill him. Behind all these scenes, there was a fierce battle between evil angels and God's angels in the spiritual world.

6:17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God, 18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints, 19 And for me, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known in boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20 For which I am an ambassador in a chain, that in it I would speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Within verses 18-20, the prayer was mentioned 4 times. The first prayer in verse 18 is pray-reading of the Word and the next prayer is an interceding prayer. Verses 19-20 are the prayers to proclaim the mystery of the gospel. Please practice these 3 kinds of prayers, the pray-reading of the Word, interceding prayer for the saints and the prayer for the preaching of the gospel. As Daniel cooperated for the Israel's return and rebuilding of the temple by prayer, please be today's Daniel and cooperate with God by prayer.

Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus, like Daniel, I see the vision of the spiritual world behind physical world and cooperate with the Lord by prayer. I would redeem time, pray-read the Word, intercede for the saints and pray for the gospel. The Lord's coming back is close, let me turn the age by prayer like Daniel."

Crucial Point(3): Be gaze and explored by the sevenfold Spirits, and confess my hidden sins. Then, be strengthened by the sevenfold Spirit and accelerate the White Horse of the Gospel.

Rev. 5:6 And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing as having just been slain, having...seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

1:4-5 ...Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is coming, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth.

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God's purpose needs someone to carry it out who can solve all the problems of God. The problems which God had were the rebellion of Satan and the fall of man. As the Lion, Christ has defeated rebellious Satan, and as the Lamb He has taken away the sin of fallen man. Because He has solved these problems for God, He is worthy to open the scroll of God's economy and its seven seals.

Christ opens the first four seals in Revelation 6:1-8. These seals comprise four horses with their riders in a four-horse race. These riders are not real persons but personified things. The rider of the second horse, the red horse, is war; the rider of the third horse, the black horse, is famine; and the rider of the fourth horse, the pale horse, is death. According to historical facts, the rider of the first horse, the white horse, is the preaching of the gospel. White signifies clean, pure, just, and approvable. The white horse with its rider is a symbol of the preaching of the gospel, which is clean, pure, just, and approvable both to men and to God. Immediately after Christ's ascension, these four things—the gospel, war, famine, and death—began to run like riders on four horses.

Today the entire world is under the Lord's ruling. Every king, queen, president, and head of state is under His reign. He is truly the Leader, the chief Ruler. The entire world situation is under His rule, not under the control of any nation. Jesus Christ is the Administrator of today's universe. God made Christ the Ruler and exalted Him as the Leader. He is the Ruler of all the kings of the earth to administrate God's plan for man. He administrates the entire universe for the purpose of fulfilling God's eternal plan.

Application to young working saints /graduate students

Young businesspeople and graduate students should look at the vision that Christ is sitting on the throne as a God-man and is the heavenly Administrator. The Administrator is the Lion-Lamb, the overcoming Redeemer, and the Ruler of the kings. He carries out God's administration by the sevenfold Spirits.

Not only be surprised or anxious when you see the world situation in the news, but pray for the white horse of the Gospel to accelerate so that God's economy may be carried out on earth as one with the Lord. The movement of God on earth requires the prayers of the saints. It is just like Daniel's prayer allowed God to turn from the age of captivity to the age of rebuilding the temple. Without the cooperation of the church prayer, God's economy will not be carried out on earth.

Also, you must be careful not to live and fall due to your lust for flesh, love of self, love of money, boasting, arrogant, reviling, being disobedient to parents (including spiritual parents), and being unthankful. Sevenfold spirits have been sent all over the earth, looking into your heart, exploring and revealing hidden sins. For example, some people try to make excuses or try to change the subject to cheat in order to hide the filth and pride in their hearts. At this time, the sevenfold spirit will gaze at you, exploring and exposing you. May the Lord have mercy on you and you can confess your hidden sins. That way, the Sevenfold Spirit can burn your spirit and powerfully accelerate the White Horse of the Gospel.

Rev. 5:6 ... having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

FN "horns": Horns signify strength in fighting. Christ is the redeeming Lamb, yet He has horns for fighting. He is the fighting redeemer.

FN "eyes": Eyes are for observing and searching. Christ as redeeming Lamb has seven observing and searching eyes for executing God's judgment upon the universe to fulfill God's eternal purpose...These seven eyes are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth, and they run to and fro through the whole earth.

2 Tim. 2:19...and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from unrighteousness." 20 But in a great house there are not only gold and silver vessels but also wooden and earthen; and some are unto honor, and some unto dishonor. 21 If therefore anyone cleanses himself from these, he will be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, useful to the master, prepared unto every good work. 22 But flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Prayer: "Oh Lord Jesus, I must be wary of my lust when I am young. The love of self, love of money, boasting, arrogant, reviling, being disobedient to parents (including spiritual parents), and being unthankful will defile me. It is impossible to continue the church life in the Recovery of the Lord with these dirty things. Sevenfold Spirits gaze, explore, and reveal my heart. I confess my exposed sins. Please cleanse me. Make me a precious vessel that is strengthened by the sevenfold Spirit and live for the God's will."