

## #10 The Lord's Recovery—to Build Up Zion

Bird's-eye view 11/21-27

**I** Zion was the city of King David, the center of the city of Jerusalem, where the temple as God's dwelling place on earth was built: [Psa. 125:1](#) Those who trust in Jehovah are like Mount Zion, / Which cannot be moved but abides forever. **A** Jerusalem typifies the church, and Zion typifies the overcomers in the church: **1** Zion is the highlight of Jerusalem, the beauty of the holy city. [Psa. 48:2](#) Beautiful in elevation, / The joy of the whole earth, / Is Mount Zion, the sides of the north, / The city of the great King. **2** As the highlight and beauty of the holy city Jerusalem, Zion typifies the overcomers as the high peak, the center, the uplifting, the strengthening, the enriching, the beauty, and the reality of the church. **3** The hill of Zion is absolutely open to the Lord and is absolutely possessed by Him. **B** The overcomers as Zion are the reality of the Body of Christ and consummate the building up of the Body in the local churches to bring in the consummated holy city, New Jerusalem, the ultimate Holy of Holies as God's dwelling place, in eternity. **C** The church life is today's Jerusalem, and within the church life there must be a group of overcomers as today's Zion.

**II** We have to realize what the Lord's recovery is; the Lord's recovery is to build up Zion: [Rev. 14:1](#) And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him a hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads. **A** The characteristics, the life, the blessing, and the establishment of Jerusalem come from Zion. **1** [Kings 8:1](#) Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers' houses of the children of Israel, before King Solomon in Jerusalem in order to bring up the Ark of the Covenant of Jehovah from the city of David, which is Zion. **B** In the book of Revelation what the Lord wants and what the Lord will build up is Zion, the overcomers; this is the intrinsic reality of the spiritual revelation in the holy Word of God; we surely need to be desperate to pray at any cost and to pay the cost just as the apostle Paul did. [Rev. 3:20](#) Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, then I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me. **C** Our response to the Lord's calling of the overcomers in this age is for us to be vitalized; to be vital is to be living and active in oneness with our living and acting God; God's move on the earth for the accomplishment of His eternal economy

is ultimately through the overcomers. **D** The overcomers, who are typified by Zion, are the beachhead through which the Lord as the King of glory will return to possess the whole earth as His kingdom. [Psa. 24:7](#) Lift up your heads, O gates; / And be lifted up, O long enduring doors; / And the King of glory will come in. **E** There is no other way to reach the high peak of God's eternal economy, the reality of the Body of Christ, except by praying; our becoming the overcomers as the Body of Christ to be the bride of Christ will close this age, the age of the church, and will bring Christ as the King of glory back to take, possess, and rule over this earth with His overcomers in the kingdom age. **F** Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians reveals the living of the overcomers, who live in the reality of the Body of Christ by living in the mingled spirit: [Eph. 4:23](#) And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind. [Eph. 5:26-27](#) That He might sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing of the water in the word, / That He might present the church to Himself glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be holy and without blemish.

**III** The overcomers enjoy Christ as the incarnated Triune God, the God-man, and are those in whose heart are the highways to Zion—"Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, / In whose heart are the highways to Zion. / Passing through the valley of Baca, / They make it a spring; / Indeed the early rain covers it with blessings. / They go from strength to strength; / Each appears before God in Zion" (Psa. 84:5-7): **A** The strippings and weepings result in the enjoyment of the loveliness and sweetness of God's house. **B** While we are weeping, we are being filled with the Spirit, and the Spirit becomes a spring and the early rain to us; the highways to Zion signify our intention to enter into the church as the house of God with the two altars, which signify the leading consummations of the work of the incarnated Triune God, who is Christ as the embodiment of God for His increase. **C** Psalm 84:11 reveals that the blessings of our dwelling in house of God are our enjoyment of the incarnated and consummated Triune God as our sun to supply us with life, as our shield to protect us from God's enemy, as grace for our enjoyment, and as glory for the manifestation of God in splendor.

**IV** "His foundation is in the holy mountains. / Jehovah loves the gates of Zion" (Psa. 87:1-2a): **A** Zion, as a type of the overcomers in the church, is built on the highest peak of the "holy mountains," which typify the local

churches, whose foundation is Christ; the heavenly Zion, of which glorious things are spoken, will be the final place of rest for the overcomers. **B** The gates of Zion are for coming in and going out, signifying fellowship; the fact that the New Jerusalem will have twelve gates indicates that God's holy city will be full of fellowship. **C** "Of Zion it will be said, / This one and that one were born in her, / And the Most High Himself will establish her. / Jehovah will count / When He records the peoples: / This One was born there" (Psa. 87:5-6); the unique One, Christ, who is the totality of all the saints ("this one" and "that one"), is the One who is all the saints and in all the saints. **D** "All my springs are in you" (Psa. 87:7); let Egypt boast of the Nile, and let Babylon boast of the Euphrates; they do not have the springs, but we in Zion have them.

**V** The Songs of Ascents (Psa. 120-134) speaks of the preciousness of Zion and Jerusalem in the experiences and praises of the saints: **A** Psalm 132 mentions seven precious items related to the overcomers in their going up to Zion; these items are at the top of the church life, and they portray the situation of the overcomers in Zion, the highest peak of God's mountain: Psa. 132:14-16 This is My resting place forever; / Here will I dwell, for I have desired it. / I will abundantly bless its provision; / I will satisfy its poor with bread. / And its priests I will clothe with salvation, / And its faithful ones will shout with a ringing shout. **1** Resting with God—"This is My resting place forever" (14a). **2** Dwelling with God—"Here will I dwell, for I have desired it" (14b). **3** Food for satisfaction—"I will abundantly bless its provision; / I will satisfy its poor with bread" (15). **4** Glorious clothing—"Its priests I will clothe with salvation, / And its faithful ones will shout with a ringing shout" (16). **5** The horn of victory—"There I will cause a horn of David to shoot forth" (17a). **6** The enlightening lamp—"I have prepared a lamp for My anointed one" (17b). **7** The shining crown—"I will clothe his enemies with shame, / But on him his crown will shine" (18). **B** When Zion is built up as depicted in Psalm 132, we have a place where we can gather and where we can dwell together in oneness; how good and how pleasant this is! **C** "My Jehovah, who made heaven and earth, / Bless you from Zion" (Psa. 134:3); wherever there are some overcomers, there will be God's blessing; God always blesses His people from Zion, from the highest peak, from the ones who have attained to the top, to the position of the overcomers; from this position God blesses all His people.

**V** Today in the church age, the God-men who are perfected and matured are Zion, the overcomers, the vital groups within the churches, but in the new heaven and new earth, the entire New Jerusalem will become Zion, with all the believers as overcomers.

### 神戸に在る召会 交わりと報告事項

#### 1. リジョイスガーデンBLDの今後の予定:

- ① 11/23(水・祝)に召会全体で行います。
- ② 12/3(土)-12/4(主)にYP地区がBLDを行います。

#### 2. 三宮集会所への移住:

- ① 楊華兵Bが12/3(土)に本山BHから移住します。
- ② 末廣家は12/6(火)に移住します。この移住が主の中で祝福され、末廣家の献身、団体生活が祝福されるように祈ってください。

#### 3. サンクスギビング国際特別集会:

12/2(金) 19:00~M1  
12/3(土) 10:00~M2, 13:00~M3  
19:00~M4  
12/4(主) 10:30~M5  
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#### 4. YouTube 福音主日集会:

※YP と六甲地区は月1回、それ以外の地区は2か月に1回福音主日集会を行います。

【今後のスケジュール】

11/27 YP/本山  
12/4 三宮・神戸  
12/11 魚崎・六アイ  
12/18 六甲  
12/25 YP  
1/1 全召会@魚崎  
1/8 本山  
1/15 六甲  
1/22 YP  
1/29 夙川  
2/5 三宮・神戸

#### 5. 李 B・張 S(六甲地区)家族のため:

11/25(金)-12/15(木)まで台湾で経営されている幼稚園引継ぎのため、一時帰国します。この帰国が主の中で守られるようにお祈りください。

#### 6. 10月献金報告:

詳細は、祈りプリントの裏面を参照。

**CP1 Love fellow members, practice my own function in the church life, becoming an overcomer who has the reality of the Body**

Zion was the city of King David, the center of the city of Jerusalem, where the temple as God's dwelling place on earth was built:

The church life is today's Jerusalem, and within the church life there must be a group of overcomers as today's Zion:

**1** This reveals that the local churches are not God's goal but a procedure God takes to reach His goal; the local churches usher us into the reality of the Body of Christ. **2** The highest peak of the Lord's recovery that can carry out God's economy is for God to produce not many local churches in a physical way but an organic Body to be His organism. Rev. 14:1 And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him a hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads.

The good situation in the recovery today is just like Jerusalem. However, there is no Zion. In the New Testament the overcomers are likened to Zion. In Revelation 14:1 the one hundred forty-four thousand overcomers are not just in Jerusalem; they are on the peak of Zion. The overcomers, the vital groups, are today's Zion. My burden today is to help you reach the peak of the vital groups, that is, the overcomers' Zion. Although we may have a good church life, among us there is almost no realization, no practicality, no actuality, and no reality of the Body life. This is the need in the recovery today.

We have to be in many locations, so in a sense, we have to be separated by localities. But we cannot forget that the churches are the Body of Christ. Ephesians 4 says that there is one Body. Paul says that though we are many, we are still one bread and one Body. Therefore, we must pay much more attention to the Body of Christ than to the local churches. This does not mean that I annul the teaching of the local churches. We still need it. As a person, we have a physical frame. That is our body. But a body by itself is a carcass. A physical body needs an inner life. Today the church is the same.

**Application to young people, college students, new ones**

The church life should have the reality of the Body of Christ. You should love every member with each other in love, respect their functions and also you should also function in the Body. None of the believers have all the functions and need other

members. Furthermore, local churches should be blended with neighboring churches as often as possible. 1Cor.12:14 For the body is not one member but many. 15 If the foot should say, Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body, it is not that because of this it is not of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body, it is not that because of this it is not of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were the hearing, where would the smelling be? 18 But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, even as He willed. 19 And if all were one member, where would the body be? 20 But now the members are many, but the body one. 21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of you; nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. 22 But much rather the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. 23 And those members of the body which we consider to be less honorable, these we clothe with more abundant honor; and our uncomely members come to have more abundant comeliness, 24 But our comely members have no need. But God has blended the body together, giving more abundant honor to the member that lacked, 25 That there would be no division in the body, but that the members would have the same care for one another. 26 And whether one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or one member is glorified, all the members rejoice with it. 27 Now you are the Body of Christ, and members individually.

**Testimony** Whenever I served in the church life, I always kept telling myself in my heart that I had to work harder, and after the service I was very tired. However, with the vision of the Body, I began to practice **1** fulfilling my own portion, **2** respecting the function of others, and **3** respecting the oneness in the harmony of the Body. In this way, I can serve in the flow of the Spirit, instead of having to keep working hard and getting exhausted in the natural life. Hallelujah!

**Prayer** Oh Lord Jesus, the highest peak of the Lord's recovery that can carry out God's economy is for God to produce an organic Body to be His organism. Within the church life there must be a group of overcomers as today's Zion. Let me love every member in love, respect their functions, perform my own function, practice with awareness of the life of the Body, and become an overcomer.

## CP2 Living in the mingled spirit is the secret of living the reality of the Body of Christ and becoming an overcomer

II We have to realize what the Lord's recovery is; the Lord's recovery is to build up Zion. **I** Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians reveals the living of the overcomers, who live in the reality of the Body of Christ by living in the mingled spirit: **1** The reality of the Body of Christ is the highest peak in God's economy and the top revelation of the Bible, revealed through a spirit of wisdom and revelation. **2** The reality of the Body of Christ is a living in the mingled spirit, which is the dwelling place of God, the house of God, today's Bethel, the gate of heaven, and the Holy of Holies, the dwelling place of the pneumatic Christ as the embodiment of the Triune God, who is typified by the Ark. **3** The reality of the Body of Christ is "the reality in Jesus", the actual condition of the life of Jesus as recorded in the four Gospels, duplicated in His many members as the corporate living of the perfected God-men through the renewing of the mind by the renewing Spirit mingled with their regenerated spirit. Eph. 4:23 And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind. **4** The church is filled with the beautifying, bride-preparing Spirit, who is mingled with our spirit, so that we may become Christ's holy, beautiful, God-expressing bride, a bride without blemish or imperfection. **5** For Christ to be victorious in our entire being, we must experience the slaying Spirit mingled with our spirit so that everything of God's adversary can be killed within us, enabling us to rule in the divine life of the Spirit over Satan, sin, and death for God's dominion and to live a healthy Body life, a healthy church life.

Perhaps you are troubled by doubts, hatred, jealousy, pride, or selfishness... The more we take in the word with its killing power, the more our pride and all the negative elements within us are put to death. By pray-reading, the inward adversary is slain... by the word we have taken into us. The battlefield for the spiritual warfare... is within us; in particular it is in our mind... The way to slay [the adversary in our mind] is to pray-read the word. As we pray-read God's word, the elements of the adversary within our mind will be killed one by one. In this way we shall gain the victory... When the negative things in us are killed through pray-reading, the Lord is victorious. Because He is victorious, we are victorious also.

Application to business persons, graduate students

An overcomer is one who lives the reality of the Body of Christ, and the secret is to live in the mingled spirit. Therefore, Brother Daniel Tao, a co-worker from Taiwan, often encouraged us to strongly exercise and energize the spirit. **Testimony** In the church life, when there is a sense of confusion, doubt, dissatisfaction, or other negative feelings in my mind, I testify that I have been saved from chaos by turning to the spirit, exercising the spirit and faith. While serving in the coordination, negative thoughts about the brothers and sisters in the service group sometimes came to mind. And I was very troubled and weakened by the thought. There were also times when I didn't want to be enlightened anymore, so I didn't fellowship with the Lord that much. But because of the Lord's mercy, I remembered the Word that I had prayed and read in the morning and prayed with the Word by faith. "I am troubled by doubt, hatred, envy, pride, and individualism in my soul. I cannot kill these by myself. But I come to You and exercise the spirit and simply pray-read the Word. Let the Spirit that kills work in me and kill these negative sins!" In this way, when I prayed with the Word according to the Bible, doubts, hatred, envy, and individualism toward the brothers and sisters were killed by the killing power of the Spirit. In this way I was able to recover the service of a healthy church life. Hallelujah!

Eph.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...

**FN1 which Spirit is the word of God** Christ as the Spirit and the word furnishes us with a sword as an offensive weapon to defeat and slay the enemy. **FN2 receive** This indicates that we need to receive the word of God by means of all prayer and petition. We need to pray to receive the word of God. **FN3 praying in spirit** This is our regenerated spirit, indwelt by the Spirit of God. It may be considered the mingled spirit—the spirit that is our spirit mingled with God's Spirit. In Praying, the main faculty that we should use is this spirit.

**Prayer** Oh Lord Jesus, an overcomer is the one who lives the reality of the Body of Christ, and the secret is to live in the mingled spirit. When there is a sense of confusion, doubt, dissatisfaction, or other negative feelings in my mind, I exercise the mingled spirit and pray-read the Word of God. If the elements of the adversary within my mind are killed one by one, the Lord will be victorious in me so that I can be victorious, too.