

Bird's-Eye View

I God's ultimate intention is to gain a corporate God-man for His corporate manifestation; God does not desire a good man but a God-man, a man of God with the breath of God: A "Jehovah God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul" (Gen. 2:7): 1 The breath of life breathed into man's body became the spirit of man, the human spirit. 2 The breath of life breathed into man's body was not the eternal life of God nor the Spirit of God, but because the human spirit came out of God's breath of life, it is very close to the Spirit of God. 3 Thus, there can be a transmission between God the Spirit and man's spirit, and the human spirit is able to contact God and be one with God. B "He breathed into them and said to them, Receive the Holy Pneuma" (John 20:22): 1 The Holy Pneuma is the Holy Spirit, or Holy Breath. 2 In the Gospel of John there are three wonderful words: Word, flesh, and breath; the Word is God, the flesh is man, and the breath is the Spirit. 3 The Word became flesh to accomplish judicial redemption and then resurrected to become the Holy Breath indwelling us and supplying us for our organic salvation. C "All Scripture is God-breathed" (2 Tim. 3:16a): 1 The Scripture, the word of God, is the breathing out of God. 2 God's speaking is God's breathing out; hence, His word is spirit, or breath. D This all reveals that being a fully equipped man of God with the breath of God requires the exercise of our spirit, the continual receiving of the Spirit, and the breathing in of God's word. II The God-breathed Scripture is profitable for teaching, conviction, correction, and instruction in righteousness, that the man of God maybe complete, fully equipped for every good work: 2 Tim. 3:14 But you, continue in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from which ones you have learned them 15 And that from a babe you have known the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through the faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, A The Bible is God's breath, this breath is the Spirit, and the Spirit gives life: 1 Our reading of the Bible should be our inhaling of God to receive life, and our teaching of the Bible should be our exhaling of God to impart life. 2 A fully equipped man of God reads the Bible by means of all prayer and petition in the spirit to inhale God and ministers the word as the Spirit to exhale God into others. B On God's side, the Bible is God's breathing;

on our side, the Bible is for us to receive the breath of God as our profit in four matters: teaching, conviction, correction, and instruction in righteousness: 1 Teaching equals revelation; to teach is to roll away the veil so that others may see something of the Triune God and His economy. Eph. 3:9 And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things, 2 Conviction comes from the revelation that we have seen; whenever we see something of God, we realize our mistakes, wrongdoings, shortcomings, and sins, and the result is that we are convicted and reprovved; the more we see God, know God, and love God, the more we abhor ourselves and deny ourselves. 3 Correction follows conviction and is a matter of setting right what is wrong, turning someone to the right way, and restoring a person to an upright state. 4 Instruction in righteousness is to be divinely instructed to enjoy Christ as our lived-out righteousness and to be divinely disciplined in being right with God and with man. Phil. 3:9 And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness which is out of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is out of God and based on faith, C The issue of God's breathing out of Himself through the Scripture for teaching, conviction, correction, and instruction in righteousness is that the man of God becomes complete, fully equipped for every good work: 2 Tim. 3:17 That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work. 1 A man of God is a God-man, one who partakes of God's life and nature, thus, being one with God in His life and nature and thereby expressing Him. 2 God's breathing produces God-men; we need to continually inhale the Triune God by reading the Scripture with prayer to receive revelation, conviction, correction, and instruction in righteousness. III To receive the word of God as the breath of God in order to be constituted with God is also to receive the word of God as the sword of the Spirit in order to slay God's adversary: 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 and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints, A Satan is not only the enemy outside of us but also the adversary inside of us; to deal with this inward adversary, we need to experience the killing power of the word, praying over the constant word of the Bible so that it becomes the instant word of the Spirit. B The sword, the Spirit, and the word are one; when the constant word in the Bible becomes the instant word (the applied word

spoken at the moment by the Spirit in any situation), that word is the Spirit as the sword that kills the adversary. [Heb. 4:12](#) For the word of God is living and operative and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow, and able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart. **C** The more we take the word of God by means of all prayer in spirit, the more the negative elements in our being are slain; eventually, the self, the worst foe of all, the enemy of the Body, will be put to death. [Rev. 1:16](#) ...of His mouth proceeded a sharp two-edged sword; ... **D** Whenever we are troubled by something negative within us, we should take the word of God by means of all prayer in spirit; when the negative things in us are killed through pray-reading, the Lord is victorious. **E** We are preserved in the church life and in the ministry by receiving the word as the Spirit to be the killing sword, which is a spiritual antibiotic to kill the "germs" within us so that we can live a healthy Body life, a healthy church life. **F** The overcomers keep the Lord's word by always coming to the Lord to contact Him as the living word in the written word so that He can become the applied word as the dispensing Spirit in them. **G** The overcomers are fully constituted with the Spirit as the word of God to be the bride of Christ and the new man, the corporate man of God with the breath of God as the killing sword for the destruction of the enemies of God and the manifestation of the sons of God.

CP1 Receiving revelation through the Word of God about pride and anxiety, and knowing that they are unreasonable and unrighteous, then we are rebuked, corrected, and instructed in righteousness and equipped for good works

II The God-breathed Scripture is profitable for teaching, conviction, correction, and instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work: [2 Tim. 3:14](#) But you, continue in the

things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from which ones you have learned *them* [15](#) And that from a babe you have known the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through the faith which is in Christ Jesus. [16](#) All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

Please read **A** and **B** and outlines below them.

For the Bible to be profitable for teaching means that it is profitable for unveiling, for rolling away the veil...Time after time and in session after session, you need to gradually roll away the veil. If you do this, your way of teaching will be an unveiling. This kind of

teaching always presents a revelation to others. Whenever we see something of God, we realize our mistakes, wrongdoings, shortcomings, and sins. The result is that we are convicted; we are rebuked. This conviction comes from the revelation we receive...When in our reading of the Scriptures we receive a revelation, the revelation will convict us and rebuke us. ...We may be wrong with the church, with the brothers and sisters, with our husband or wife, with our parents, with our children, with our neighbors, and even with ourselves. We may be wrong in the way we spend our money, in the way we spend our time, in the way we dress, or in the way we style our hair. Because we may be wrong in so many different things, we are rebuked by the revelation we receive when we read the Scriptures.

[Application to business persons, college students](#)

Testimony I testify that by pray-reading the Bible, there is teaching (revelation) and then, based on the revelation, admonition, correction, and instruction in righteousness. I have been taught, admonished, rebuked, and instructed in righteousness concerning my pride and anxiety by pray-reading the following verses. [1Pet.5:5](#) In like manner, younger men, be subject to elders; and all of you gird yourselves with humility toward one another, because God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. [6](#) Therefore be humbled under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you in due time,

FN In Greek the word is in the passive voice, indicating being made humble by God, mainly through sufferings in persecution. This, however, requires that we cooperate with God's operation; we must be willing to be made humble, lowly, under the mighty hand of God. Hence, be humbled. *Humbled* is passive, but *be* is active. While God is acting to operate on us, we need to take the initiative to be operated on by Him. To take the initiative is active; to be operated on is passive. This is our willingness to be under the hand of God, which is mighty to do everything for us

Near the end of my senior year of college, I was tempted by Satan and became proud, thinking how many people had been saved over the past four years. Satan said, "You are wonderful. You are the only one who has brought so many people to the meeting and brought them to salvation. Can't you be proud of yourself?" He tempted me. I agreed to Satan's proposal. Then sin, which is Satan's nature, filled me with pride and plunged me into darkness.

Later, when I repented, the Holy Spirit used the words of 1 Peter 5:5-6, which I had read earlier, and enlightened me. "You need to be humbled under the hand of God. The church is to preach the gospel, not the individual. The individual believer is only a member of the Body of Christ, and apart from the Body of Christ and the work of the Triune God, no one can be saved." I repented again and confessed my sin of being proud. Even when I was working, the Lord blessed me by applying often this experience of dealing with pride. "Because God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. (1Pet. 5:5).

Please read the rest of the portion. 7 Casting all your anxiety on Him because it matters to Him concerning you. 8 Be sober; watch. Your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking someone to devour. It was not only my pride that plagued me, but also worry. Many times I was so filled with worry that I became dark and could not move forward. Satan has suggested that I should think and worry more about many things: about my job at the company, about my boss and subordinates, about my children, about my church services, and so on. I had accepted Satan's suggestions and was in darkness and became negative. But the above verses and [Philippians 4:6-7](#) taught me, admonished me, corrected me, and instructed me in righteousness. 6 In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses every man's understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus. I have always been very nervous and filled with worry and unable to move forward. However, through pray-reading and applying the Word of God, which is His breath, I was able to focus on the Lord and moving forward in my work, instead of paying attention to the people, things, and concerns around me. I was able to move forward boldly and successfully without worrying about the oppositions of many around me.

Prayer Oh Lord Jesus, the words of the Bible are profitable for unveiling. Please teach me by revelation that the pride in me is not reasonable and it is unrighteous. By them I can be admonished, corrected and instructed in righteousness. God then is not against me, but gives me more grace. Whether I am proud or humble determines whether God is against me

or I receive grace from Him. I must surely deal with my pride and learn to humble myself under God's hand.

CP2 Receive the word of God by means of all prayer in spirit, and the negative things within will be killed

III To receive the word of God as the breath of God in order to be constituted with God is also to receive the word of God as the sword of the Spirit in order to slay God's adversary. [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 and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints. Please read **A~D** in the OL.

Because the self is the greatest enemy, we need to experience the killing power of God's word. As we pray-read, we are nourished on the one hand, but certain elements are killed on the other hand. Perhaps you are troubled by doubts, hatred, jealousy, pride, or selfishness. Do you realize that these things can be killed through pray-reading the Word?...By pray-reading, the inward adversary is slain. After a time of pray-reading the Word, we may discover that the adversary who was attacking us has disappeared. In a very practical sense, he has been slain by the word we have taken into us.

A brother who is having a problem with his wife may pray-read Paul's word about husbands loving their wives. The more he pray-reads this verse, the more he senses that love for his wife is imparted into him in a practical way that swallows up the negative element of his problem....The more we take the word of God by means of all prayer in spirit, the more the negative things within us will be put to death. Thus, pray-reading is not only feasting; it is also a way of fighting. As we pray-read the Word, the battle is raging as the negative elements in our being are slain. Eventually, the self, the worst foe of all, will be put to death. When the negative things in us are killed through pray-reading, the Lord is victorious. Because He is victorious, we are victorious also.

Pray-reading is the way to kill the adversary within us. Every day and in every kind of situation, you should pray-read. Whenever you are troubled by something negative within you, take the word

of God by means of prayer in spirit. As you do this, the negative element will be killed.

Application to young people, college students, new ones

Testimony 1 I began serving in the church after getting married. There are more opportunities for gospel and shepherding people, as well as visiting various churches and blending with brothers and sisters. In the process, I became enlightened to the fact that I am a highly individualistic person and try to avoid doing things with others. But as the Bible says, “Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.” (Eph.4:16) The Lord's desire is for all the members to be joined, knit together, and functioning according to their own measure, building the Body of Christ. Now I am meeting with the young people in the YP district. They are also members that should not be belittled just because they are young. I am learning to encourage young people to be vital and joyful and to be able to function according to their measure in the Body.

Testimony 2 I did not understand before why the ministry of the Lord's recovery always emphasized "life rather than doctrine" and "life rather than good/evil/knowledge". One day, in a radio program provided by Living Stream Ministry (LSM), the words are spoken, “the words which I (the Lord) have spoken to you are spirit and are life.” (John6:63) “I (the Lord) have come that the sheep (we) may have life.” (John10:10) Here the Lord left me with no excuse to give in, as He tells us that the words He speaks are not doctrine but life, and that we are to receive the supply of life. At the same time, I read a message given by Brother Witness Lee in 1946 on the principle of the tree of life, using examples from Genesis and the Gospel of John. Brother Lee said to the saints who are plotting to argue (I Timothy 1:4; Titus 3:9) about a particular person or matter, “You are arguing all the time about right and wrong because you are in the realm of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and not in the realm of the tree of life. Is your spirit alive when you are arguing? Or is it dead?” All the saints who heard Brother Lee's speaking repented. I was even more impressed by the importance of “life.”

I decided to join the Life Study group after realizing the importance of this "line of life". Through the words of the Bible, which are sharper than two-edged sword, I was freed from my confusing mind.

Prayer Oh Lord Jesus, in every situation I exercise my spirit to pray-read and receive the Word of God. In this way, I can experience the power to kill my greatest enemy, myself. Whenever I am troubled by something negative within me, such as doubt, hatred, envy, pride, selfishness, etc., I immediately pray in the spirit and receive the Word of God. That way the negative elements will be killed, and I will be victorious.

神戸に在る召会交わりと報告事項

1. 諸召会等の訪問:

7/5-8 台北31集会所 25名
7(主)9:30～ @各地区、集会&ランチ
7/13-15 台北61集会所(北投)100名(内60名
神戸宿泊、大阪・東大阪120名)
13(土)17:00～18:00@魚崎 愛宴
18:00～20:00 集会
14(主)10:00～12:00 主日集会
12:00～13:00 ランチ
18:00～19:00 神戸宿泊60名とブレン
ディング夕食(本山、六甲)
19:00～19:30 交わり
19:30～20:30 夜の主日集会
7/16-8/16 周洪斌B、李徳英S
7/25-28 彰化郡瑜Sと弟さん(在職青年)

2. 7月ビデオ訓練: 7/12(金)-8/3(土)

金曜日: 19:30-21:00、土曜日: 8:30-12:00
場所: 第一大地区@本山、第二大地区
金曜日@三宮、土曜日@六甲
※1金曜日のビデオ訓練に参加出来ない在職の兄弟姉妹は、土曜日16:30-18:00@本山でビデオ訓練に参加してください。
※2 7/13日(土)は、魚崎で愛宴とブレンディングがあるため、ありません。

3. 2024年SST(真理のサマースクール8/12(月)-

17(土)): 東京基臨ビルで行われます。現在神戸からは14名の青少年、10名の奉仕者が参加します。若者たちが時間を聖別して、真理の中に入り込み、仲間たちと共に主をエンジョイすることができるように祈ってください。