

## HWMR - CRYSTALLIZATION STUDY OF LEVITICUS, Book 4, Week 12

**The Processed Triune God,  
His Work, and the Result of His Work**

Scripture Reading: Lev. 26:1-13; 1 John 5:20-21; Matt. 28:19; 1 Tim. 3:15-16; Eph. 2:21-22

- Leviticus 26: 1 You shall **not make for yourselves idols**, nor shall you raise up for yourselves a graven image or a pillar, nor shall you place a stone figure in your land to bow down to it; for I am Jehovah your God.
- Leviticus 26: 2 You shall **keep My Sabbaths** and **reverence My sanctuary**; I am Jehovah.
- Leviticus 26: 3 If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments and do them,
- Leviticus 26: 4 Then I will give you your rains in their season, and the land will yield its produce, and the trees of the field will yield their fruit.
- Leviticus 26: 5 Indeed your threshing will overtake the vintage, and the vintage will overtake the sowing time. Thus you will eat your bread until **satisfaction** and dwell **securely** in your land.
- Leviticus 26: 6 And I will give you **peace** in the land, so that you will lie down and no one will make you afraid; and I will cause wild beasts to cease out of the land, and no sword will pass through your land.
- Leviticus 26: 7 And you will chase your enemies, and they will fall by the sword before you.
- Leviticus 26: 8 And five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand; and your enemies will fall by the sword before you.
- Leviticus 26: 9 And I will turn My face toward you and make you **fruitful** and **multiply** you, and I will **establish My covenant** with you.
- Leviticus 26:10 And you will eat the old supply long stored and will have to clear out the old because of the new.
- Leviticus 26:11 And I will **set My tabernacle among you**; and My soul will not abhor you.
- Leviticus 26:12 And I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be **My people**.
- Leviticus 26:13 I am Jehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt so that you should not be their slaves; and I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk upright.
- 1 John 5: 20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding that we might know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son **Jesus Christ**. This is **the true God and eternal life**.
- 1 John 5: 21 Little children, **guard yourselves from idols**.
- Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the **Father** and of the **Son** and of the **Holy Spirit**,
- 1 Timothy 3: 15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to **conduct** himself in the **house of God**, which is the **church** of the **living God**, the pillar and base of the truth.
- 1 Timothy 3: 16 And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was **manifested** in the flesh, **Justified** in the Spirit, **Seen** by angels, **Preached** among the nations, **Believed** on in the world, **Taken up in glory**.
- Ephesians 2: 21 In whom all the building, being **fitted** together, is growing into a **holy temple** in the Lord;
- Ephesians 2: 22 In whom you also are being **built** together into a **dwelling place of God in spirit**.

Furthermore, there is still a solid proof, which cannot be overturned, and that is the five items that follow He who was **manifested in the flesh**: "*Justified in the Spirit, / Seen by angels, / Preached among the nations, / Believed on in the world, / Taken up in glory*" (v. 16). I would ask you, "Was the Lord Jesus Taken up in glory before or after He was believed on in the world?" We all know that the Lord Jesus ascended to the heavens after His resurrection, so **He was Taken up in glory before** He was preached among the nations and believed on in the world. This would tell us here that **He who was manifested in the flesh... / Taken up in glory does not refer to Christ**, because Christ was Taken up in glory before being preached among the nations. The Lord Jesus was first Taken up in glory, then the day of Pentecost came, and then He was preached among the nations.

But here I would ask you to pay attention to the fact that there is a **universal man** in the universe whose **Head** is **Christ** and whose **Body** is the **church**. **The Head of this universal man is in glory today, but the Body is not yet in glory. The Head is already in the heavens, while the Body is still on earth.** Therefore, according to 1 Timothy 3:16, the sequence of **being Taken up in glory after** being preached among the nations proves that **this manifestation of God in the flesh does not refer only to Christ but to the two aspects of Christ**: the Head and the Body. **The Head has already been Taken up in glory, but the Body has yet to be Taken up in glory.** Whether the Head or the Body, both are the great mystery of godliness, God manifested in the flesh. (The Subjective Truths in the Holy Scriptures, Chapter 8, Section 2)

**I. Leviticus 26:1 and 2 speak of not making idols, keeping Jehovah's Sabbaths, and reverencing His sanctuary; we need to understand the intrinsic significance of these three points—the processed Triune God, His work, and the result of His work.**

**II. We should not have idols; this signifies that besides God we should have no other goals that we are seeking after, so that we may not lose the position to enjoy our divine inheritance—v. 1:**

A. **God Himself must be our unique goal**; as God's children, we should not seek anything other than Him—Psa. 73:25-26.

B. **Idols** refers to the heretical substitutes for the true God— 1 John 5:21:

1. An idol is anything that **replaces** the true God, the Triune God experienced by us as our life—v. 21.
2. As genuine children of the genuine God, we should be on the **alert to guard** ourselves from heretical **substitutes** and from all vain **replacements** for our genuine and real God, with whom we are organically one and who is eternal life to us—3:1; 5:11-13, 20-21.

Finally, there is a **warning**: “*Little children, guard yourselves from idols*” (v. 21). This means that anything that is not of the true God, not of the eternal life, and not in the regenerated spirit is an idol. Our reading of the Bible may be an idol, our prayer may be an idol, and even our bread-breaking may be an idol, because we may be reading the Word, praying, worshipping, serving, and even breaking bread **outside** of our regenerated spirit! **We may be lying in the evil one because we are not in the spirit.**

(Living in the Spirit, Chapter 5, Section 6)

C. The New Testament reveals that our God is the processed and consummated Triune God, the One who has passed through the processes of incarnation, human living, crucifixion, and resurrection—John 1:14; 6:57a; Heb. 9:14; Rom. 1:3-4:

1. **Processed** refers to the steps through which the Triune God has passed in the divine economy; **consummated** indicates that the process has been completed—John 1:14; 2:22; 7:39; Gal. 3:14.
2. Although God is eternal and unchanging in His nature and substance, He has passed through a process in His economy—John 1:14; 1 Cor. 15:45b.
3. Before His incarnation God was unprocessed, having only the divine nature, but through incarnation, human living, crucifixion, and resurrection, **the Triune God was processed and consummated to become the Spirit**—John 7:39.

D. The Spirit is the consummation of the processed Triune God—Gal. 3:2, 5, 14; 5:5, 16, 18, 25; 6:8:

1. The processed and consummated Triune God is **the Spirit**—3:2, 5, 14:
  - a. We all need to **receive** a vision of the Spirit—the compound of the Triune God, the man Jesus, His human living, His death, and His resurrection—John 7:39; Acts 16:7; Rom. 8:9-11; Phil. 1:19; Gal. 3:14.
  - b. **The Spirit is the processed, compound, all-inclusive, life-giving, indwelling, sevenfold intensified, consummated Spirit as the ultimate consummation of the processed Triune God to be the eternal portion of His chosen, redeemed, regenerated, renewed, transformed, conformed, and glorified tripartite people as their life, life supply, and everything.**
2. Before the Lord Jesus was crucified and resurrected, the consummated Spirit was “**not yet**”—John 7:39:
  - a. The Spirit of God was there from the beginning (Gen. 1:2), but the Spirit as “the Spirit of Christ” (Rom. 8:9), “the Spirit of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:19), was “not yet” at the time of John 7:39, because He was not yet glorified.
  - b. The Lord Jesus was glorified when He was resurrected, and through this glorification the Spirit of God became the Spirit of the incarnated, crucified, and resurrected Jesus Christ—Luke 24:26; Phil. 1:19.
  - c. The last Adam, who was Christ in the flesh, **became** the life-giving Spirit in resurrection; since then, the Spirit of Jesus Christ has both divine and human elements, including the reality of the incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection of Christ—1 Cor. 15:45b; Acts 16:7; Rom. 8:9.
3. The term **the consummated Spirit** indicates that the Spirit has been processed and thus has become the consummated Spirit—John 7:39; Gal. 3:14:
  - a. The Spirit is the Triune God after He has **passed through the processes** of incarnation, human living, crucifixion, and resurrection—John 7:39.
  - b. Having passed through all the steps of the process, **the Triune God is now the consummated Spirit as the blessing** of God's New Testament economy—Gen. 1:1-2; Gal. 3:14.
  - c. **The consummated Spirit, the compound Spirit, is the divine and mystical realm into which the believers in Christ may enter today**—John 14:20.

**III. We should keep God's Sabbaths; this signifies that we should know that the work of God was done entirely by Himself that we might enjoy it, and that there is no need for us to do any work—Lev. 26:2a:**

A. We need to learn to **receive, regard, respect,** and **enjoy** what **God has done** and not try to do something for ourselves—John 1:16; 20:22; 1 Cor. 3:21-23; 4:7:

1. We should deny our work but **honor God's work and rest in Him**—Matt. 11:28-29.
2. God wants us to **stop** our doing, **be replaced** by Christ, and **keep away** from the taste of anything other than Christ—Gal. 2:20; John 6:57; Isa. 55:1-2; 58:3.
3. The **way to enjoy** the unsearchably rich Christ is to take Him as our real Sabbath rest, **stopping** ourselves with our living, doing, and activity, and **receive** Him as our life, person, and replacement; then we will experience Christ as the power of resurrection to be transformed and to soar in the heavens far above every earthly frustration—Matt. 11:28-30; Isa. 40:28-31.

B. We need to know what the **Triune God has done for us** and highly regard the work of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit— Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14:

1. The **work of the Father** includes:
  - a. Choosing the believers before the foundation of the world—Eph. 1:4
  - b. Predestinating the believers unto sonship—v. 5
  - c. Sending His Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin—Rom. 8:3
  - d. Coming in the Son and working within the Son—John 5:17, 24, 30
  - e. Passing through death in the Son—Heb. 9:12; Acts 20:28; 1 John 1:7.
  - f. Raising up Christ from the dead—Acts 2:24.
  - g. Seating Christ in the heavenlies, subjecting all things under His feet, and giving Him to be Head over all things to the church—Eph. 1:20-23.
  - h. Calling, forgiving, justifying, reconciling, receiving, regenerating, washing, sanctifying, and glorifying the believers—Rom. 8:30, 33; 5:10; 14:3; 1 Thes. 2:12; 5:23; Heb. 8:12; 1 Pet. 1:3; 1 John 1:9
  - i. Sending forth the Spirit of His Son into the believers' hearts—Gal. 4:6
  - j. Causing all things to work together for good to those who love God and who are called according to His purpose—Rom. 8:28.
  - k. Crushing Satan under the believers' feet—16:20
  - l. Bringing many believers into glory—Heb. 2:10.
2. The **work of Christ** includes:
  - a. Bringing God into man and making God one with man—John 1:1, 14.
  - b. Serving people—Matt. 20:28.
  - c. Sowing the seed of the kingdom—13:19, 24, 37
  - d. Undoing the works of the devil—1 John 3:8
  - e. As the Lamb of God, taking away the sin of the world—John 1:29
  - f. Destroying the devil, who has the might of death—Heb. 2:14.
  - g. Rebuilding God's temple, making it a corporate one—John 2:19-22
  - h. Becoming the life-giving Spirit—1 Cor. 15:45b
  - i. As the Lord, exercising His sovereignty over all for the accomplishment of the divine economy—Acts 2:36
  - j. Building the church—Matt. 16:18
  - k. As our High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek, interceding for us—Heb. 5:10; 7:24-26
  - l. As the Ruler of the kings of the earth, ruling the whole world that the gospel may spread and the church may be produced—Rev. 1:5.
3. The **work of the Spirit** includes:
  - a. Convicting the world—John 16:8-11. 60
  - b. Regenerating the believers—3:5-6
  - c. Supplying the believers with His bountiful supply—Phil. 1:19.
  - d. Sanctifying the believers—2 Thes. 2:13
  - e. Transforming the believers—2 Cor. 3:18
  - f. Guiding the believers into all the reality—John 16:13
  - g. Pouring out God's love in the believers' hearts—Rom. 5:5.
  - h. Anointing the believers—2 Cor. 1:21; 1 John 2:20, 27
  - i. Being the oneness of the Body of Christ—Eph. 4:3-4
  - j. Speaking to the churches—Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22

### Proving That the Israelites Belonged to God

1. *"It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever"; "That they might know that I am Jehovah who sanctifies them"* (Exo. 31:17; Ezek. 20:12, see also v. 20).

God wanted the Israelites to keep the Sabbath because the **Sabbath was a proof that they belonged to Him**. God chose the Israelites from among all the nations as His special chosen ones. The people of the ancient world, no doubt, had special days, but they did not keep God's Sabbath; this proves that they did not belong to God. **Only the Israelites belonged to God, so God told them to keep His Sabbath as proof that they belonged to Him**. During the age of the law, the Sabbath was a sign that the Israelites were separated from the rest of the people in the world and signified that they had been separated from the world to be sanctified to God.

2. *"You shall keep My Sabbaths; I am Jehovah your God"* (Lev. 19:3).

God wanted the children of Israel to keep His Sabbaths to prove that He was their God; **He wanted them to testify with the Sabbath that they took the God of the Sabbath as their God**.

(Crucial Truths in the Holy Scriptures, vol. 5, Chapter 4, Section 2)

**IV. We need to reverence God's sanctuary; this signifies that we should regard with reverence all that God is and has accomplished in Christ as God's dwelling, embodiment, and expression and in the church as the enlargement of Christ for God's dwelling and eternal manifestation—Lev. 26:2b; John 1:14; 14:2-3; Col. 2:9; 1 Cor. 12:12; Eph. 2:21-22; 1 Tim. 3:15-16:**

- A. First, we have the processed Triune God and His work for our rest, and then, as the result of His work, we have the church as the expression and the enlargement of Christ—Lev. 26:1-2.
- B. “Let them make a sanctuary for Me that I may dwell in their midst”—Exo. 25:8:
1. The book of Exodus reveals that the goal of God's salvation is the building of God's dwelling place on earth—vv. 8-9; 29:45-46; 40:1-2, 34-38.
  2. The sanctuary in Leviticus 26:2 implies God's dwelling, embodiment, and expression in Christ and God's dwelling and eternal manifestation in the church—Eph. 2:21-22; Rev. 21:10.
- C. The church is God's house, the dwelling place of God—1 Tim. 3:15; Heb. 3:6; 1 Pet. 4:17:
1. As the house of God, the church is the dwelling place of God—the place where God can have His rest and put His trust—Eph. 2:21-22.
  2. The church of God is the house of the living God—1 Tim. 3:15:
    - a. The house of God is the household of God—Eph. 2:19:
      - 1) The dwelling place (the house) and the family (the household) are one entity—a group of called, regenerated ones indwelt by God Himself—1 Pet. 1:3; 2:5; 1 Cor. 3:16.
      - 2) Just as Christ is not separate from the members of His Body but dwells in them, the Father is not a separate member of His household but is in all the children—Rom. 8:10; 12:4-5; 2 Cor. 6:16.
    - b. The house of God is organic in the divine life, organic in the divine nature, and organic in the Triune God; because the church is organic, the church grows—Eph. 2:21.
    - c. In speaking of the church as the house of God, Paul refers to God as the living God—1 Tim. 3:15:
      - 1) The living God, who lives in the church, must be subjective to the church and not merely objective—1 Cor. 3:16.
      - 2) Because God is living, the church as the house of God is also living in Him, by Him, and with Him; a living God and a living church live, move, and work together.
  3. The church as the house of God—the Father's house—is the enlarged, universal, divine-human incorporation as the issue of Christ's being glorified by the Father with the divine glory—John 12:23; 13:31-32; 14:2.
  4. First Timothy 3:15-16 indicates that the church as the house of God is the manifestation of God in the flesh:
    - a. These verses imply not only that Christ as the Head is the manifestation of God in the flesh but also that the church as the Body is the manifestation of God in the flesh.
    - b. God is manifested in the church, the Body of Christ, and the house of the living God, as His enlarged, corporate expression in the flesh.

The sanctuary in Leviticus 26:2 implies God's dwelling, embodiment, and expression in Christ and God's dwelling and eternal manifestation in the church. However, among Christians today these things are neglected, for many do not have the adequate knowledge of what God is in Christ as His embodiment and of what God has done in the church to make it the enlargement of Christ and the manifestation of God. Because neglecting these matters is against God's economy, we need to be warned to regard them.

(Life-Study of Leviticus, Chapter 59, Section 2)

**V. Seeing the vision of the processed Triune God with His work and the result of His work will constitute us into obedient ones who will receive God's blessing—Lev. 26:3-13.**

**Receiving God's Blessing**

If we obey God, we shall receive His blessing. According to Leviticus 26:3-13, this blessing has six issues. The first of these issues is the rain, which signifies the Spirit. The second issue is the food of the land for our satisfaction, which signifies dwelling in Christ as our good land and enjoying the riches of Christ for our satisfaction and security. The third issue is the peace given in the land, which signifies a peaceful life in the church. The fourth issue is chasing the enemies, with five chasing a hundred and a hundred chasing ten thousand, which signifies the church chasing the enemies in the coordination of the Body. Once we were individuals, but now we are a corporate Body. The fifth issue is fruitfulness in multiplication, which signifies the church being fruitful and multiplying. The sixth issue is God's dwelling place being among the people, which signifies that God's dwelling place will be built up in the church for God's delight that He may dwell among His people. To be God's dwelling place is a great blessing, even the consummate blessing. If we obey God, we shall enjoy His blessing with these six issues.

(Life-Study of Leviticus, Chapter 60, Section 4)