

EXPERIENCING, ENJOYING, AND EXPRESSING CHRIST (1)

KEY STATEMENTS

Christ came to minister as a
Physician to heal, recover,
enliven, and save us
that we might be reconstituted to be His new and heavenly
citizens, with whom He could establish His heavenly
kingdom
on this corrupted earth.

We need to know, experience, and testify
that the kingdom of God is the power to subdue
rebellion and is the transfiguration of the Lord
Jesus.

Christ as the Word of God speaks
for God through His becoming
the ladder
that brings heaven (God) to earth
(man) and joins earth (man) to
heaven (God) as one for
God's building.

Even as the Divine Trinity is the
framework of the entire New
Testament,
so the Divine Trinity is the structure of the book of
Acts; chapter after chapter of Acts
unveils the operation of the Divine Trinity
for the carrying out of God's New Testament economy.

HWMR: EXPERIENCING, ENJOYING, AND EXPRESSING CHRIST (Week 4)

Scripture Reading: Reading: Mark 4:35-41; 9:1-13; Matt. 13:43a

The Kingdom as the Subduing of Rebellion and as the Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus

- Mark 4:35** And He said to them on that day when evening had fallen, Let us go over to the other side.
- Mark 4:36** And leaving the crowd, they took Him along, just as He was, in the boat; and other boats were with Him.
- Mark 4:37** And there arose a great windstorm, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already beginning to fill up.
- Mark 4:38** And He was in the stern, sleeping on the cushion. And they woke Him and said to Him, Teacher, does it not matter to You that we are perishing?
- Mark 4:39** And having awoken, He rebuked the wind and said to the sea, Be silent! Be still! And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.
- Mark 4:40** And He said to them, Why are you cowardly in this way? How is it that you do not have faith?
- Mark 4:41** And they became greatly frightened and said to one another, Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?
- Mark 9:1** And He said to them, Truly I say to you, there are some of those standing here who shall by no means taste death until they see the kingdom of God having come in power.
- Mark 9:2** And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up alone into a high mountain privately. And He was transfigured before them,
- Mark 9:3** And His garments became sparkling, exceedingly white, such as no fuller on earth could whiten them.
- Mark 9:4** And Elijah with Moses appeared to them, and they were conversing with Jesus.
- Mark 9:5** And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tents, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah.
- Mark 9:6** For he did not know what to answer, for they had become extremely frightened.
- Mark 9:7** And a cloud appeared, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud: This is My Son, the Beloved. Hear Him!
- Mark 9:8** And suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone, but Jesus only with them.
- Mark 9:9** And as they were coming down from the mountain, He ordered them not to relate to anyone the things which they had seen, except when the Son of Man has risen from the dead.
- Mark 9:10** And they kept the word, discussing among themselves what rising from the dead was.
- Mark 9:11** And they asked Him, saying, Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?
- Mark 9:12** And He said to them, Elijah does indeed come first and restore all things. And how is it that it is written of the Son of Man that He should suffer many things and be counted as nothing?
- Mark 9:13** But I tell you that Elijah has indeed come, and they did to him the things that they wished, even as it is written of him.
- Matthew 13:43** Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

Day 1

- Acts 26:18* - To open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.
- Colossians 1:13* - Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

I. The kingdom of God is the power to subdue rebellion—Mark 4:35-41:

• The Realization of Authority Being a Great Revelation

- In the universe there are two great things:
 - **believing** unto salvation (trust)
 - **submitting** to authority (obey)
- To be lawless is to **disregard** the authority of God, and to disregard the authority of God is sin.
- To transgress is a matter of conduct, but to be **lawless** is a matter of **attitude** and **heart**.
- There are **two principles** in the universe
 - God's authority
 - Satan's rebellion
- We **cannot** serve God on the one hand, **while** taking the way of rebellion with a spirit of rebellion on the other hand.

(Authority and Submission, chapter 1)

• God Desires to Establish His Kingdom

- God **desired** that His creatures would **accept** His authority; however, both kinds of creatures rejected His authority.
- Although Satan rebelled against God's authority, and although man daily violates His authority by rebelling against Him, God will **not** let this rebellion continue.
- How did the Lord establish God's kingdom?
 - He did it through **submission**.

(Authority and Submission, chapter 6)

• Satan and Man Having Rebelled Against God's Authority

- Isaiah 14 reveals that Satan wanted to exalt his throne to be equal with God.
 - This means that Satan intends to **violate** God's sovereignty, **usurp** God's authority, and overthrow God's throne; he intends to establish his own kingdom in the universe.
- There are two kingdoms in the universe.
 - One is **God's kingdom**
 - God's exercise of His authority.
 - God's establishing of His throne for the exercise of His authority.
 - The other is **Satan's kingdom**
 - Satan's usurpation of God's authority.
 - Satan's overthrowing of God's throne for the setting up of his own authority.

(What the Kingdom is to the Believers, chapter 3)

✚ The church today must also allow God's authority to have a free way and manifest His kingdom through submission.

Day 2

Matthew 6:10 - Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth.

Matthew 12:28 - But if I, by the Spirit of God, cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Mark 3:27 - But no one can enter into the house of the strong man and thoroughly plunder his goods unless he first binds the strong man, and then he will thoroughly plunder his house.

- **The Kingdom of God**

- God created man for a twofold purpose.
 - On the **positive** side, God created man in **His image** so that man may express Him.
 - On the **negative** side, God gave man **His dominion** over all created things.
- As God incarnate, the Lord Jesus came to **establish** the kingdom of God, to establish a realm in which God can carry out His purpose through the exercise of His authority.
- The Lord declared that the kingdom of God had drawn near and that people must **repent** in order to enter into the kingdom.
- Satan has captured all sinners and has placed them into his house, which is a prison.
- But the Lord Jesus, who has the power of the Spirit, has come to **preach the gospel**. He has come to plunder Satan's house and to release his captives.
- As He was preaching the gospel, the Lord was **destroying** the kingdom of Satan by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Life-Study of Mark, chapter 12)

✚ The Spirit of God is the power of the kingdom of God. Where the Spirit of God is in power, there the kingdom of God is, and there the demons have no ground.

Day 3

Mark 4:39 - And having awoken, He rebuked the wind and said to the sea, Be silent! Be still! And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

Ephesians 6:12 - 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.

- **The Subduing of Rebellion**

- First, chapter 4 of Mark speaks concerning the **kingdom of God**.
- Then immediately after the record of the kingdom, there is a record of **rebellion**.
- From God's point of view, the kingdom is the development of God Himself as the **seed of life**.
- But from the point of view of God's enemy, the kingdom is the **subduing of rebellion**.

- **The Lord Rebuking the Wind**

- The Lord **rebuked** the wind and commanded the sea to be silent because of the rebellious angels and demons that were behind the scene.
- When the Lord cast out those demons, that was the coming of the kingdom.

(Life-study of Mark, chapter 17)

✚ Immediately after the unveiling of the kingdom, we have the subduing of rebellion. This is for the carrying out of the kingdom of God.

Day 4


Mark 9:1-2 - And He said to them, Truly I say to you, there are some of those standing here who shall by no means taste death until they see the kingdom of God having come in power. And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up alone into a high mountain privately. And He was transfigured before them,

II. The kingdom of God is the transfiguration of the Lord Jesus—9:1-13:

- **The Lord Being Transfigured in Us**

- The transfiguration of a **seed** requires the **growth** of that seed into a mature plant and the blossoming of that plant.
- **We are the soil**, and the Lord **Jesus is the seed** of the kingdom.
- The Lord Jesus we received needs to grow in us until He **blossoms from within us**.
- The transfiguration of the Lord Jesus within us becomes not only our enjoyment but also **God's ruling**.
- The Christ who lives in so many believers is **still** a seed; He has **not yet** been transfigured.
- Therefore, with us there may be **only** the **seed of the kingdom** but not the appearing of the kingdom.
- In order to have the appearing of the kingdom from within us, we need to experience the **Lord's being transfigured within us**.

(Life-study of Mark, chapter 66)

 We all have the Lord Jesus within us, but He has not yet been transfigured in us. Hence, we need Him to grow in us until by transfiguration He blossoms into the expression of the kingdom of God in our experience.

Day 5

Mark 8:35-36 - For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever will lose his soul-life for My sake and the gospel's shall save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul-life?

- **The Way to Build Up the Church**

- According to biblical terms, the way to build up the church is to be **crucified and resurrected**.
- Through death and resurrection **Christ was permanently transfigured**.

- **The Church Transfigured Through the Losing of the Soul.**

- The **losing of the soul** is the basic factor in our being built up together.
- If you are **willing** to lose your soul for the sake of others, those with you will be **enlightened, nourished, and filled**.
- But if we are **not willing** to lose our soul, **we shall not** share in this transfiguration.
- On the contrary, for us the church life will be darkness, and, during the time of transfiguration, we shall be **rewarded with suffering**.

- **Losing the Soul in the Family Life and in the Church Life**

- The reason a husband is not willing to lose the case to his wife is that it would mean the **losing of his soul**.
- There **cannot** be a proper family life **without** the losing of the soul.
- For the sake of the family, you need to **lose your enjoyment**. Then the Lord Jesus will reward you in a positive way when He causes a transfiguration to take place in your family.

(The Exercise of the Kingdom for the Building of the Church, chapter 5)

✚ In the church we all need to learn to lose our soul, to lose our soulish enjoyment. By losing our soul, a transfiguration will take place. Then in the Lord's transfiguration we shall be rewarded positively, and the Lord will save our soul.

Day 6

Matthew 13:43 - Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

Philippians 3:21 - Who will transfigure the body of our humiliation to be conformed to the body of His glory, according to His operation by which He is able even to subject all things to Himself.

III. "Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father"—13:43a:

- **Christ Transfigured on a High Mountain**
 - Not many Christians realize that **Christ's transfiguration** was His **coming** in His kingdom.
 - His coming was His **transfiguration**, and His transfiguration was His **glorification**. When He was transfigured, He was glorified.
 - Glory is God manifested, God expressed. It is nothing other than God Himself **manifested and seen by man**.
 - In His transfiguration His humanity was **thoroughly saturated** with His glorious divinity.
 - To be glorified is to be saturated with God's glory. It is to be transfigured, not from without but from **within**.

(Life-Study of Matthew, chapter 49)

✚ We now have the divine life with the divine nature within us. However, we still have our natural humanity. No matter how spiritual and holy we may be, our humanity is still natural. It has not yet been saturated with the divine glory. But at the time of the manifestation of the kingdom, our humanity will be glorified by the glorious divinity within us.