

## The High and Awesome Wheels

This portion of the Word [in Ezekiel 1:15-21] is very mysterious. We need the ministry of the age to open up the intrinsic significance of this portion, and we also need the Lord to enlighten us and to open our understanding. Two crucial points of emphasis in this message are: **first**, a clear definition of God's move and the direction of God's move and, **second**, the principle of God's move, which is the principle of incarnation. Having a clear view of these two crucial points will give us a clear understanding and will help us to enter into the experience of the high and awesome wheels. The vision in Ezekiel 1 presents to us a great vision as a picture, a type. The high and awesome wheels are a part of this picture, and they present to us a clear picture of **God's move**. In these days we are very burdened for God's move and burdened to participate in God's move. Therefore, we need to be clear concerning **what God's move is**. In order to know what God's move is, we need to trace it back to its origin and source. In eternity past the Triune God had a good pleasure and a heart's desire (Eph. 1:9-10). According to this good pleasure, He willed something and purposed in Himself to fulfill His heart's desire. He had an eternal purpose and made an economy, which was His plan, His administration, and His dispensation to carry out His eternal purpose.

The **first crucial point** is to have a clear definition of God's move and to know what the direction of God's move is. **What is God's move? God's move is the present advance of His economy.** God's move is what God is doing at this time, in this age, to carry out His economy. When we talk about God's move, we **cannot separate** God's move from God's economy. If we separate God's move from God's economy, we end up with merely a movement. Because God moves in a purposeful way, His move also has a very definite direction. When you move with a purpose, you are moving in **a definite direction**. The direction of God's move today is to build up the organic Body of Christ, to prepare the beautiful bride of Christ, and to bring in the kingdom of Christ. The built-up Body of Christ is the prepared bride of Christ, who will usher in the kingdom of Christ. To build up the Body, to prepare the bride, and to bring in the kingdom are the direction of God's move.

The **second crucial point** is to know **the principle** of God's move, which is the principle of incarnation. Both God's move and the principle of God's move are seen in the picture of the high and awesome wheels. We need to see not only God's move but also the principle by which God moves. Otherwise, we may easily fall into something else, which is not God's move but a movement of man. Christianity is full of such movements. Even among us in the Lord's recovery we have had our share of movements of men. This may be attributed to the fact that we were not that clear about the principle of God's move. The principle of God's move is the principle of incarnation. The principle of incarnation is presented in the way of a picture in this portion on **the high and awesome wheels**; we may describe this picture plainly by saying that the principle of God's move is the principle of incarnation.

The principle of incarnation is that God's way to move is only **in man, through man, and with man**. He does not move alone, and He does not move apart from man. The preceding messages on the four living creatures presented to us how significant man is to God's manifestation, move, and administration. God cannot move until He has man, a corporate man, who is coordinated together not only with each other but also with Him, the coordinating Triune God. When He has man, He is able to move in man, through man, and with man. This is the principle of His move, the principle of incarnation.

The first man that **He could move** through in this way was the Lord Jesus; in the four Gospels we see God's move in man **through the living of Jesus**. God began to carry out His New Testament economy in the man Jesus. God had a free and unhindered way to move in this man because His living was absolutely one and in coordination with the Triune God. His moving, His working, His speaking, and His actions were all in coordination with the

Triune God. Then, in the book of Acts, God continued His move no longer merely through the individual Jesus but **through the corporate Christ**. In the book of Acts we see God's move in His economy to propagate Himself through His disciples. Thus, God's move was no longer merely in the individual Christ but through a group of His witnesses. This portion on the high and awesome wheels presents to us a picture of man moving in God's move and God moving in man's move. This is truly mysterious. May the Lord open our understanding and show us in a clear way His move and the principle of His move.

### **Our Participation in the Lord's Move**

The experience in Acts 13 is a pattern for every local church. If a local church is in a city for thirty years yet remains the same size as it was thirty years ago, then something is wrong. You may say, "But the saints there really enjoy the Lord and love the ministry." However, we must ask, "Where is the wheel?" If the saints really enjoy the Lord and love the ministry, there must be a wheel with them in the church. There must be the move of the Lord in that city. **The Lord should be advancing His economy in that city**. We must pray that the Lord would have a wheel in every city where there is a local church. I pray for the city where I meet, *"Lord, in the city of Seattle, may the wheel be there. May the wheel move. May You have a way to carry out Your economy in that city."*

Every individual believer must also have a wheel with him or her. We must be careful not to misinterpret this. If you as an individual are to have a wheel, first, you must be coordinated with three other living creatures. However, we must still bear in mind that as we go forth, whether it is on our job, on our college campus, or in our community, wherever we are to go, a wheel should go with us. **God should be able to move with us**. If we are at a job for ten years and no one is gained for the Lord's interest, then something is wrong. This lack of fruit indicates that we do not have a wheel with us. It indicates that something is missing. The wheel is not present with us. It could be that we ourselves have not been vitalized, or it could be that we have not been coordinated with others. Whether or not we have a wheel with us is a test of whether or not we are truly in God's move.

This should not make us introspective, but it should bring us to the Lord. I can testify that when I worked at a company for a number of years, I prayed very much for those at my workplace. I asked the Lord, *"Lord, if I have to come to this office every day and sit at this desk surrounded by these people, then You must move here. Otherwise, I have no heart to come to this place."* And the Lord surely answered that prayer.

In ourselves we should be small, but the wheel beside us, that is, the move of God's economy with us, should be high and awesome. We should not be high and awesome, but the wheel should be. Paul was such a person. As a person, he was small. He even took the name Paul, which means "small." However, **everywhere he went, the wheel went**. Paul's arrival in a city was the wheel's arrival. His showing up at a house was the wheel's coming to that house. He was a small person, but the wheel was high.

Although Paul was a man who was less than the least of all saints, a very high and awesome wheel was beside him wherever he went. In this regard, we should be just like Paul. We are not Paul, but Paul says that he is less than the least of us. If Paul could have the wheel with him wherever he went, then each of us can have the wheel wherever we go. **Students** can have a high wheel on their college campuses. A student just needs to find three more living creatures with whom to pray and be coordinated. If a student does this, there will be a high and awesome wheel on that student's campus. We can also have the wheel at our job. Wherever we go, the wheel ought to be there. Even though we are small, we are connected to something high and awesome. When people touch us, they should not merely touch a small person; they should touch a high and awesome wheel.

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