

Cooperation with God to Carry Out His Move in His Economy by Knowing the Age and by Knowing the Present Truth

Based on the prophecies in the Bible, what will happen at the consummation of this age is very much related to the situation in **Europe**. The European Union with 20+ countries is a strong power, and it is very much related to the fulfillment of God's prophecies. Furthermore, in **Russia** the Lord has worked very much to open this country to the gospel; this country is strong, but under God's sovereign arrangement, it has been limited due to its environment and geography. The **Arabic-speaking** countries, which once used to be closed to the gospel, now are quite open to the gospel simply because of the war and then the immigration of 4-5 million refugees from **Syria** and other Arabic countries to Europe. Many refugees went to **German** (over 600,000) in an unprecedented move, thus joining Europe and the **Middle East**.

Due to such a situation, from last year (2016) onward, we had the burden to preach the gospel and contact the refugees in hope that they would receive God's salvation; many of them believed into the Lord and started to meet with the saints, enjoying the rich portion of Christ together with us all. The whole world situation is continually changing, and **God is moving** in the world situation – the divine history is developing in the human history...Today **we need to see the world situation and the Lord's move**, and we need to ask the Lord,

Oh Lord, how do You want us in Your recovery to cooperate with You to go on the way You want us to go? We want to go on with You, and we want to be one with You for Your move today, in this age! Grant us to have a thorough knowing and understanding of this age, and grant us to know the present truth, so that we may cooperate with You in carrying out Your move!

In cooperating with God to carry out His move we need to realize that **we believers** in Christ **are living creatures**, and **the move of God's work depends upon our moving**; God's move follows our move, we follow the Spirit, and the Spirit is in the wheels – God's move. This is signified by the four living creatures in Ezekiel 1, who each had a wheel by their faces, and when they moved, the wheel moved; they followed the Spirit, the Spirit was in the wheel, and whenever they moved, God moved with them and through them. They will see us having "the eagle's wings" and "the calf's hoofs", and they will be convicted in their conscience.

In addition to this move, however, there should be an extraordinary move of the Lord with us, the high and awesome wheel; such a move will cause some of them to repent and be gained by the Lord. Wherever we go, we should have the high and awesome wheel of the Lord's move with us; wherever we are, the Lord's move should be with us. We may be little, even less than the least of all the saints (Eph. 3:8), but the Lord's move should be with us.

It's not easy to determine who follows who: is it us following the Spirit, or is the Lord following us with His move. In the New Testament age God moves and does things in the principle of incarnation: God in man, man in God, God mingled and blended with man to speak and do things as one. In 1 Corinthians Paul spoke concerning marriage, and he had the confidence that, even though he charged the saints, it was the Lord who charged them; on the one hand it was his opinion or feeling, but it was actually **the Lord speaking through him**.

Today in His economy God needs us to cooperate with Him; if we don't cooperate with Him, He can't move, but if we move one spirit with Him, God has a way to move. **Such a move in oneness** with the Lord as we follow the Spirit **is the Lord's move** on earth today, and **this is the Lord's recovery**. The Lord's recovery is not a group of

zealous people who are determined to do a great work for God, neither is it a group of passive people who are not doing anything except waiting for the Lord to move. The Lord's recovery is a group of people who are living, and their spirit is mingled with the Lord; God moves in them, they move in the Lord, and God's move is through them, as they follow the Spirit.

In Jeremiah 8:7 the Lord says that the swallow knows the time and seasons, but His people don't know Jehovah's commandments. The birds know when a change in weather is taking place, and they fly somewhere warm when the winter comes, but **God's people don't know the world situation and they have no feeling**. The world situation is the indicator of the Lord's move on the earth. In order to see the world situation as the indicator of the Lord's move on earth, **we need divine and mystical eyes**. We need to view human history with divine and mystical eyes. Because of today's world situation, there are mass migrations to Europe from Syria and other areas in the Middle East. The preaching of the gospel to these migrants by teams of saints who are going to various places in Europe is a move of the divine history within human history. We need to see that the world situation is the indicator of the Lord's move on earth.

May the Lord have mercy on us, wake us up, and save us from having no feeling concerning the world situation today. May we realize that today we live at the consummation of this age, and in this last stage of our race, may we not ignore the age the Lord put us in. We shouldn't be foolish but wise, like the birds, adapting to the changing of the seasons and the weather. The Lord told His disciples something similar when He said, *How can you discern the season and the weather but cannot discern the age* (Matt. 16:3)?

We need to have the ability to **discern the age we live in**, and we need to see **the religious world** and **know the present age of Christianity** in a particular way, in the light of the divine revelation of the Bible with the divine truths and the genuine and proper theology. In the church life in the Lord's recovery we have been brought to see the high peak of the divine revelation, **but** we may not be aware of what is among those in Christianity, what truths they hold, and what they speak and know..

As we see and realize that the present truth is the full ministry of Christ in three stages – incarnation, inclusion, and intensification – we need to do **a work of three sections** to fulfill God's eternal purpose. First, we need to do a work in the **stage of incarnation** to produce redeemed people, that is, **preach the gospel to get people saved** and come into the kingdom of God, the church life today. Then, we need to do a work in the **stage of inclusion** to produce the churches; we need not only to preach the gospel to save sinners but **bring these ones into the church life** and raise up churches to be the Lord's testimony on earth... Furthermore, we need to do a work in the **stage of intensification** to **produce the overcomers** to build up the Body, which consummates in the New Jerusalem as the unique goal of God's economy... This is the present truth, the central revelation in the Bible, and the Lord's present recovery which He has entrusted us in the twenty-first century with; we don't know how long until the history turns, but we know that the time is short. May we be faithful to what the Lord has given us, and may we know Him, experience Him, enjoy Him, and fulfill our responsibility..! (*Excerpt from the Ministry of the Word: Special Fellowship concerning the World Situation and the Lord's move*)

We have to consider the present world situation and our present direction. Should we just look at the situation and say that everything is good with the Lord's recovery? Many young ones among us have been trained in the past few years, and we presently have **over one hundred** in the full-time training. We are praying about this matter. It may be that in our next term of training, we will change our language lessons to Russian, French, and German, plus British English. If one has a knowledge of these four **languages**, he can travel and speak to people throughout nearly all of Europe and Russia. I encourage the young people to learn French, German, and Russian for the Lord's move. (*Excerpt from the Life Study of Isaiah, chapter 39*)