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Bearing the Ultimate Responsibility in God's Ultimate Move

As we see that the world has an ultimate situation, the Lord has an ultimate move, and we are in His ultimate recovery, we should not have the attitude of, "Lord, here I am, send him – send someone else", but, "Lord, here I am, ready to fulfill my part, my measure, my function, in this ultimate responsibility we need to bear for Your ultimate move on earth!"

Our ultimate responsibility today is to be saturated and permeated with Christ for the church as the Body of Christ, the one new man. Therefore, we need to consecrate ourselves, enjoy the Lord in the word and in the ministry, and bear our ultimate responsibility of letting the Lord saturate us and permeate us so that we may live in spirit and walk according to the Spirit for the Body of Christ.

The degree to which Christ saturates and permeates our inner being is the degree to which we can cooperate with the Lord in His ultimate move. The way for us to fulfill the desire of God's heart is by daily seeking to be saturated and permeated with Christ until we live Him corporately. This has to burn in our heart every day and every night, realizing that, if the Lord doesn't get a built-up Body so that the bride is prepared, He will not return. Every member of the Body of Christ has the responsibility to be filled and saturated with Christ for the building up of the Body of Christ, for God to gain a corporate expression in Christ through His Body on earth...

According to Rev. 1:2 and 9, our ultimate responsibility is to bear the testimony of Jesus by being the corporate expression of Christ....How can we be the corporate expression of Christ? Our soul has the function of enjoying the Lord and expressing Him. For the church to be the corporate expression of God, there has to be an expression of the Christ of glory from our spirit through our soul as a result of transformation. We need to pray for this, linking our personal longing with God's desire, that we would be the testimony of Jesus, the corporate expression of God. This expression is corporate: there's no individualism here, no independence.

We need to Know and Experience Christ as the Center of the Divine Administration

In order for us to bear the ultimate responsibility in God's move to match God in His ultimate recover, we need to know and experience **Christ as the center of the divine administration** according to God's eternal economy. In His mercy, the Lord has revealed to us that He has an ultimate move, which is His ultimate recovery, and that today's situation is the ultimate world situation. We need to be those who bear the ultimate responsibility related to the world's ultimate situation, God's ultimate move, and God's ultimate recovery.

First, our ultimate responsibility is that we would be saturated and permeated with Christ for the church as the Body of Christ, the one new man. We need to be living witnesses of Christ in our daily living, and we need to meet in our locality in such a way that we may be the Body of Christ, the one new man, the lampstand, and the bride. Second, our ultimate responsibility is to bear the testimony of Jesus (Rev. 1:2, 9). The church is the reproduction of Christ, the corporate expression of Christ, who is the embodiment and expression of the Triune God. Third, our ultimate responsibility is to spread the testimony of Jesus by establishing local churches as golden lampstands (Rev. 1:11-12). We need to plant "church trees" as golden lampstands especially in Europe before the Lord returns, so that God would have a corporate expression practically manifested in the local churches.

We need to see that we all need to be personally involved and participate in God's move, and on a personal level we all need to bear the ultimate responsibility for the Lord's ultimate move. There can't be anything

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corporately or collectively manifested if the saints personally don't enter into the reality of the Lord's move. There has to be a **connection** between our life – our human life, our spiritual life, our Christian life, and our church life – with God in His eternal purpose and His ultimate move.

Outwardly we are going through the human life, fulfilling our responsibilities and doing our duty, not being exempt from afflictions and our share of sufferings, and inwardly we simultaneously live in a different realm – the divine and mystical realm. We may never physically move to Europe and in particular to Germany for the Lord's move, but inwardly, our spirit and heart is toward the Lord's move, and our prayers and finances are available to the Lord for His ultimate move.

If we would fulfill the ultimate responsibility in God's ultimate move, we need to follow the Lamb wherever He may go, seeking His leading and following Him on the journey ordained by Him, faithfully walking on it and being one with Him. On the one hand, Christ is the One **enthroned in the heavens** as a Man, and the God-man Jesus Christ is the Ruler over the kings of the earth; on the other hand, **He is the Lamb** who leads us in God's move, and we need to follow Him on the way ordained by Him.

In Rev. 14 we see the scene of the rapture of the firstfruits before the great tribulation for the Father's satisfaction, and the manchild attaining the out-resurrection from the dead to deal with the enemy. The firstfruits, that is, the living overcomers raptured by the Lord before the great tribulation, are those who follow the Lamb wherever He may go. We need to settle this matter before the Lord, knowing that He as the Lamb is on the throne, and we follow Him wherever He may go. Even though we may wrestle with the Lord in our time with Him, honestly struggling with Him, we need to come to the conclusion, *Lord, wherever You may go, I want to follow the Lamb!*

If we as members of the Body do this, following the Lamb wherever He may lead us, then He has a corporate Body on earth who cooperate with His move. We need to drop having the church life on our terms, where we want it to be and how we want it to be, and follow the Lamb wherever He leads us to go! To follow the Lamb is to be one with the crucified, resurrected, ascended, and enthroned Redeemer in His move to carry out the divine administration for the consummation of the divine economy. We all should follow the Lamb on the journey ordained by Him. The apostle Paul speaks of the course given to each one of us by the Lord, saying at the end that he has finished his course... We all are compelled, constrained, by the Lord to take the way He has ordained for us, and faithfully walk on it. However, not many seek the Lord concerning the way He has ordained for them, and if they *do seek* Him about it, not many follow the Lamb wherever He may lead [them] in the context of the Body.

For us to bear the ultimate responsibility in God's ultimate move requires faithfulness; we therefore need to ask the Lord for mercy to be faithful....We may go through things and be involved in things in which the Lord may not give us a particular leading or commandment, but we open to the Lord and remain one with Him, and even our own feeling concerning things will be one with the Lord.

We need to be one with the Lord in big things and in small things until **our opinion** expresses the Lord's desire, and we are found faithful to Him in all things...May we all look to the Lord to be faithful to the end. May we be faithful to the Lord in this ultimate world situation in His ultimate move for His ultimate recovery, for us to be saturated with Christ for the reality of the Body of Christ, as the preparation of the Bride of Christ. And may we be faithful to fulfill the measure of responsibility God has measured out to us, following the Lamb wherever He may go. On that day, we want to hear those words from Him, Well done, good and faithful slave! (Excerpt from the Ministry of the Word: Special Fellowship Concerning the World Situation)