

## Module 4 – Lesson 20

### Having a Clear Vision of the Lord's Recovery

- Our need to have our vision [of the Lord's Recovery] refreshed and made clear
- In order to have a clear view of the Lord's Recovery, we must understand the terms the mystery of the faith; the faith of God's chosen ones; the full knowledge of the truth, which is according to godliness; the hope of eternal life; and the faithful word, which is according to the teaching of the apostles. If we review the details of these great items, our vision of the Lord's recovery will be refreshed
- The Lord's recovery requires our full effort. It should be our cause. Because of the great number of Christians on the earth today, some may think that being a Christian is a common thing. However, to be a Christian is a great thing. It requires much exercise, and to be in the Lord's recovery requires even more exercise. Therefore, we need to pray that we may see the vision of the Lord's recovery in a fresh way.
- We must first see the eternal purpose of God. Second, we need to know why God is triune and why He created the universe. Then we must see why God came into man and made Himself one with man
- The elders must also be apt to teach (1 Tim. 3:2). Any time we spend teaching the saints concerning the mystery of the faith is not a waste.
- The elders need to pray for a vision of the Lord's heart's desire, eternal plan, and accomplishments in time, such as creation, incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection. They also need to pray for an understanding of why He came again as the life-giving Spirit and how and why the church was produced. Finally, they need to ask the Lord for a realization of why we are regenerated, sanctified, transformed, conformed, and glorified. We need to pray about these things, learn them, and repeat them in the presence of the Lord until they are wrought into us. This is the way for every elder to be strengthened and enabled to teach. The teaching of the elders is a matter not of skill or technique but of having a clear view of what God wants, a clear vision of the Lord's recovery.
- We have not seen this vision if we consider the Lord's recovery to be an ordinary Christian work. The Lord's recovery is absolutely different; it is something from deep in the heart of God and revealed in His Word.
- If we see the vision of God's heart's desire, we will never leave the Lord's recovery. If we do not see the vision, we will stay in the local churches as long as we feel that the meetings and the saints are good, but we may leave as soon as any suffering comes.
- Our vision, which is the mystery of the faith, comprises Christ as the mystery of God and the church as the mystery of Christ. We should never think that we know this mystery sufficiently. We need to continually review God's full revelation in order to see this vision afresh.