

All-Inclusive Christ – Messages 4-8

The Goodness of the Land

Water

Springs, Fountains, and Streams

- With a well, there is always a spring. Underneath, at the bottom of the well, is a spring of water which feeds the well. The water that issues from that **spring** and fills the well, and the well becomes the “**fountain**,” or the “deep waters.” Then from this deep water, there flows out a **stream**.
- These waters are types of the various kinds of **supply** of Christ’s life.
- The supply of the life of Christ is just as living water within us. When we contact the Lord Jesus, it is not long before we feel **watered**, and our thirst is **quenched**.
- In the land there is not only one stream but **many streams**. Sometimes when we are beset with troubles and trials, we contact the Lord and receive something from Him. We experience the Lord as a spring, as a fountain, and as a stream in our trial.

Valleys and Mountains

- In **2 Cor. 6:8-10** “Glory” is a mountain; “dishonor” is a valley. The “evil report” is a valley; the “good report” is a mountain, and so on. In these verses there at least nine pairs, nine valleys and nine mountains.
- If you are someone without any mountains and valleys, **if your life is just a plain, there will be no water flowing within you.**
- All the **valleys** are the **experiences of the cross**, the experiences of the death of Christ, and all the **mountains** are the **experiences of the Lord’s resurrection**. Whenever we experience the death of the cross, we will experience the resurrection. The living waters flow forth from all these experiences.
- If we can **experience Christ in times of trouble and trial**, how much we will have flowing out to others.

The Eyes of the Lord

- All the living waters, all the streams, come from heaven.
- When we are enjoying Christ as the land, the **eyes of God** will be upon us from the beginning to the end; we will enjoy **God’s presence** continually.

Food

Seven Kinds of Food

- **Deut. 8:8** - “A land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates; a land of olive trees with oil and of honey;”
- There are six items, all of which belong to the vegetable kingdom, and a seventh that is quite peculiar—honey.
- All these things, the wheat, barley, vines, fig trees, pomegranates, olive trees, and honey represent Christ.

Wheat and Barley

- The **wheat** represents **Christ incarnated**. Christ is God incarnated as man to fall into the earth—to die and to be buried.
 - When we are in a certain environment in which we are **restricted** and **suppressed**, if we have a living touch with Christ and pray to Him “O Lord, You are the infinite God, but You did become a finite man. There is power in You to suffer any kind of limitation.” we will **experience Christ as the wheat**.
- **Barley** represents the **resurrected Christ**. When Jesus fed the five thousand, he fed them with five loaves made of barley. This is resurrection. Christ can only be rich to us in His resurrection.
 - In order to experience Christ as the grain of wheat, the limited Jesus, we must apply Him as the barley, as the resurrected Christ. **The unlimited Christ living within us is our enablement**.
 - If we are followers of Jesus, **we must be limited**. The power that enables us to be limited is the power of His resurrection.
 - When you come to the meeting, apply Him as the one loaf of barley to **feed all the others by your prayer or by your testimony**.

The Vine

- In one sense the **vine** depicts the **sacrificing Christ**, the Christ who has sacrificed everything of Himself. The main significance is that **out of His sacrifice He produced something to cheer God and man**—new wine.
- Sometimes under the Lord’s sovereignty we are put into a certain situation in which we must **sacrifice ourselves** to make others happy and the Lord happy. When in this

situation we come to contact the Lord, it is then that we [experience Him as the wine-producing vine](#).

- To make God and others happy, you must be pressed. [We must be broken](#) in order to [produce something in the house of the Lord to make others happy](#).

The Fig Trees

- The fig tree represents [sweetness and good fruit](#). It speaks of the sweetness and satisfaction of Christ as our supply.
- The more we enjoy Christ as the as the resurrected One, the more we will be pressed, and the more we will enjoy Him as the vine. But [praise the Lord, at that very moment we realize the sweetness and the satisfaction of Christ as our supply](#).

The Pomegranates

- Pomegranates represent the [abundance and the beauty of life](#).
- When we enjoy and experience Christ as the wheat, as the barley, as the vine, and as the fig tree, the beauty of Christ is about you, and the abundance of the life of Christ is with you.

The Olive Tree

- If we enjoy Him as the wheat, barley, vine, fig tree, and pomegranate, we will certainly enjoy Him as the olive tree, which means that we will be [filled with the Spirit](#).
- If we would [honor God or man](#), we must do it by the olive oil.

The Animal Life

- With the Lord Jesus Christ there is the aspect of the [vegetable life](#) and the aspect of the [animal life](#).
 - The [vegetable](#) life is the life that [generates](#), that [multiplies](#).
 - The [animal](#) life is the [redeeming](#) life, the [sacrificing](#) life.
- Whenever we would apply Christ as the items of the vegetable life, at the [same time](#) we must apply Him as the lamb, as the One who died on the cross, shedding His blood to redeem us from our sins.

Milk and Honey

- Milk and honey are items that have aspects that require both the animal life and the plant life. Honey, for the most part, belongs to the vegetable life, while the greater part of milk belongs to the animal life.
- When we enjoy Christ as all the aspects of the plant life, and at the same time we enjoy Him as the bullock and as the lamb, we realize that the Lord is so good, that the Lord is so sweet and so rich to us, just as milk and honey.

Minerals

- Deut. 8:9 - “A land whose stones are iron, and from whose mountains you can mine copper.”
 - There are four items altogether: stones, hills or mountains, iron, and copper. The stones are for the building, the hills or mountains are for the city, and the iron and copper are the materials for the weapons.

Four Categories of Riches

- We have seen that the land is rich first in waters, second in vegetables and plants, third in animals, and last in mines, or minerals.
- The Holy Spirit put the water first. The spring, the fountain, and the stream bring in all kinds of plant and vegetable life. Then the cattle feed upon the vegetables. After these three the Spirit turns to the stones and to the mountains, out of which the iron and the copper come.

The Stages of the Spiritual Life

- In the first stage of the spiritual life, we experience Christ as the living water.
- The living water brings us the supply of Christ as food. By experiencing Christ as the living water, we will find growing in this water different kinds of plants; we experience Christ as our food supply.
- All these kinds of food will bring us to maturity; they will bring us to the place where we are filled with the Holy Spirit. We will be an olive tree before the Lord, a son of oil.
- At this point we are mature. Our experience of Christ is so rich and sweet, just as milk and honey.
- The last stage is the stage of the minerals. We come to the place where we have something to do with the stones, mountains, iron, and copper.

- These are for the **building**, for the **kingdom**, for the **battle**, and for the **security**.
- Whether or not we have arrived at this stage depends upon the measure of our experience of Christ.

Transformed from Clay to Stone

- For the building of the Lord to be among us, **we must be matured by experiencing Christ**. We as pieces of clay must be transformed from clay to stone by the Holy Spirit through the practical experience and enjoyment of Christ.
- After becoming a stone, we are **burned and pressed** so that we may be **transformed even further**—from an **ordinary stone** to a **precious stone**.

The Mountains and the Hills

- The mountains and hills in the Scriptures always represent resurrection and ascension. **We are transformed from clay to stone only in the resurrection life.**
- The mountains and the hills are for the building of the house, the city, and the kingdom of God. In the Old Testament Scriptures the city is always the symbol of the nation or the kingdom.
- Whenever there is some spiritual hill or mountain among the Lord's children, there are automatically some stones, some materials for the building of the house and the city. **The authority of God and the kingdom of God are there.**

Iron and Copper

- Because of the need for the building of God and the divine government, **we must fight the spiritual warfare.**
- The last items of the riches of Christ are iron and copper or bronze, because **the last stage of Christian experience is the spiritual warfare.**
- **Iron** stands for the **authority of Christ**. Christ is the One with full authority over the entire universe.
 - We have the right to claim the authority of the Lord.
 - Regardless of how strong the enemy is, the most he has is power. **We have the authority of the Head of the whole universe.**
 - When we are stones, **living in Christ, living in the resurrection**, we **automatically** have the authority.

- **Bronze** stands for the **judgment of Christ**. He has been qualified to judge others, because He has first been tested, judged, and refined.
 - Sometimes a thought of how dirty and sinful we are enters our mind. At such a time, we ask the Lord to cover us with His precious blood and cover our mind with Himself. This is the **helmet made of bronze**.
- When we have the authority, there is no need for us to deal with so many things. Even to pray about many matters is not necessary. We may and we must simply **take our ground and exercise our authority**.

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