

All-Inclusive Christ – Messages 9-13

How to Possess the Land

By the Lamb, the Manna, the Ark, and the Tabernacle

A Corporate Matter

- We can **never possess** the all-inclusive Christ by ourselves as **individuals**.
- To enter in and take possession of the good land is not for individuals but for a **corporate body**.

The Lamb

- Christ is the lamb for our **redemption**.
- We must **first** be **redeemed** by Him before we can ever obtain Him as the **all-inclusive One**.
- We must experience Christ as the **limited** lamb; then we may press on to obtain Him as the **unlimited** Christ.

The Manna

- Manna is a substance with the nature of the **vegetable** life, the nature of the **animal** life, and the nature of the **transformed** life.
- By partaking of Christ as our daily manna, we may be **transformed into material** for the building of God.

The Ark

- The Ark is the **testimony** of God; the **manifestation** of God, the **expression** of God.
- Inside the Ark were the tablets with the **Ten Commandments**.
 - The Ten Commandments are the manifestation of God.
 - We may know what kind of God is by the Ten Commandments.
- The Ark is the type of Christ with two natures, the **human** nature (wood) and the **divine** nature (gold).
- We must not only have the lamb as our Redeemer and the daily manna as our food but also have the Ark of the Testimony as our **center**.

The Tabernacle

- The tabernacle is the **enlargement** of the Ark. The Ark, which is Christ, is within as our center, and **we are the enlargement** of this Christ as the tabernacle embodying the Ark.
- The tabernacle had four layers of covering over it.
 - The outermost one is **porpoise skins**, a strong protection against the wind, the rain and the heat of the sun.
 - Under the porpoise skins is **rams' skins dyed red**, signifying that Christ died and shed His blood for our sins.
 - The next under is the covering of **goats' hair**, signifying that Christ was made sin for us.
 - The innermost covering is of **linen**, so fine, so full of glory, with the cherubim embroidered upon it.
- To be strengthened and qualified to enter the land, we must be **unified** by the divine nature.
- When we have the Ark as our center and we are built together as the tabernacle to embody this Ark, then **the glory of God comes down and fills the tabernacle**.

By the Offerings and the Priesthood

The Offerings

- **The only proper way** for us to approach the entrance and contact the tabernacle is by the offerings.
- **Christ Himself is our offerings**. The burnt offering, meal offering, peace offering, sin offering, and trespass offering are all Christ.
- We have to **experience** Christ and **apply** Christ hour by hour, instance by instance, in such a way that we will be qualified, enabled, and strengthened to go on and take possession of the all-inclusive Christ.

The Priesthood

- Aaron and his sons were all adorned and qualified to serve as priests to God. We must have this; we must have Christ as our Aaron, **Christ as our High Priest**, and **all of us** must be His sons, **the priests to serve the Lord**.
- Those who are **living in Christ** and **by Christ** to **manifest Christ** are the **priests of today**.

- The essential and basic thing is that one living in, walks in, enjoys, experiences, and applies Christ to all their life.

By the Governing Principles

The Presence of the Lord

- When, how and where the Lord's people should **move** and **act** depend on the presence of the Lord revealed to them in the pillar of cloud and in the pillar of fire.
- If we would go on to **possess the land**, we must do so **by the presence of the Lord**.
- Many times, the Lord goes with us, but **His presence does not**.
 - Never think that as long as the Lord helps us, it is sufficient. We must have the Lord's presence.
- The **firsthand presence** of the Lord will **strengthen us** with might to obtain the fullness, the all-inclusiveness of Christ.
- The Lord's presence is always in two things, either in the **Spirit** (cloud) or in the **Word** (fire). We can follow the Lord by His presence in the Spirit and in the Word.

The Priesthood with the Urim and the Thummim

- The second governing principle is the priesthood under the anointing with the Urim and the Thummim.
- The **Lord's presence** in the pillars of cloud and fire is for **guidance**, while the **priesthood in the anointing** with the Urim and Thummim is for **judgment**.
- The priesthood includes three things: communion or fellowship with the Lord, the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and the Urim and Thummim.
- All our **problems** and **questions** are solved by **fellowship and anointing**, reading in love the circumstances, natures, and daily lives of the believers with the light of the Lord's Word.

The Regulations of a Holy Life

- The regulations can be summed up into **three minor principles**.
 - We are the people who **belong to the Lord**.
 - We have been **separated from this world**.
 - The Lord is holy, so **we too must be holy**.

By the Formation of the Army

- Only **after** the experiences of Exodus and Leviticus is it possible for the people of God to be formed into an army to fight the battle for Him.

From the Lamb to an Army—A Checklist

- To possess the good land is not so simple.
 - We must enjoy Christ as the redeeming Lamb.
 - We must leave Egypt and enjoy Christ as our daily manna, as our daily supply.
 - We must enjoy Christ as the rock with living water flowing forth.
 - We must enjoy Christ as the tabernacle.
 - We must experience Christ as all the offerings.
 - We must experience Christ as the High Priest that we can assume the priesthood.
 - We must be formed into an army.

Qualifications for the Army

- To be formed into an army, everyone must give his pedigree, his **spiritual genealogy**.
- A soldier must be someone with a **matured life**.
- All the people of Israel must be under their **own standard according to their houses**. They have no choice.
- We must be in order; we must **learn the lesson of submission**.
- We must **always be fresh and young**. Whenever we begin to get old, we must be renewed.
- We must first **assume the priesthood**. If we do not know how to keep the fellowship with the Lord, we will be unable to fight.

The Opposing Factors

Independence and Individualism

- In order to possess the good land, we must be **built up**; we must all be **united** into one body as the tabernacle.
- If we as a group of the Lord's people would go on to enjoy Christ in a more solid way than the redeeming lamb and the daily manna, we must be built up together into one body as the tabernacle under the cover of the fullness of Christ.
- **If you are not built** into the tabernacle, you are **cut off**, you are **kept out**.
- After the tabernacle, we come to the **priesthood**.

- The priesthood is not the ministry or service of any individual person but the **service of the Body**.
- For an **army** we need a host of people—the more the better.

Strange Fire

- Strange fire is our **natural enthusiasm**; it is the fervency of our natural emotions, our natural zeal of heart.
- We must be **dealt with by the cross**. Our natural zeal must be put to death by the cross.

Rebellion

- We must learn never to **be rebellious**, and learn to **recognize authority**.
- If we **rebel**, we will be **spiritually cut off**, and to a certain extent we will **kill** the testimony, the priesthood, and the army.

Unbelief

- We must avoid **unbelief** as this will surely kill us.
- In our natural strength we will never be able to attain the good land. It is possible by resurrection power alone.

Worldly Connections and Murmuring

- When the enemy can do nothing else to spoil us, he will come in a very subtle way to deceive us and cause us to **forge a union with something worldly**.
- We must be watchful never to **murmur against the Lord**. We must always sing His praise.

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