

Life-Study of Exodus Summaries – Messages 72-76

MESSAGE 72 – The Implications, Indications and Significances of the Ordinances of the Law (3)

Exodus 23:18 tells us **not** to mix Christ's **redemption** with our **sinful life**. In order to enjoy Christ's redemption, we must be **separated** from our sinful life. This verse also says that as Christians we should **enjoy Christ today** and not put off this enjoyment until **tomorrow**. Verse 19 continues to tell us that our experience and enjoyment of Christ should be the **topmost of the top** experiences. This experience should be kept in **secret** and then brought to God's temple and offered directly to God Himself for His satisfaction. This verse also says that the word of Christ which produces milk should be used always to **nourish** babes, not to **kill** them. May we heed the warning not to use our milk, the supply of Christ, to boil others, but always use it to feed them. (Life-Study of Exodus, 72).

MESSAGE 73-75 – The Angel of Jehovah for His People to Take Possession of the Promised Land

The Angel typifies Christ as the One sent by God to **guard** us in the way and to **bring us into** the land. The good land typifies Christ in His **all-inclusiveness**. Thus, Christ as the sent One brings us into **Himself** as the good land. It God's **intention** was to bring the children of Israel **into** the good land, not just to simply give the law to His people. For this reason, **immediately** after the decree of the law and the ordinances, God speaks of the **Angel** bringing the people into the good land. God's speaking was the Angel's voice. This involves the matter of the Trinity; the **dispensation** of God to man. Concerning the good land, its **boundaries** signify the waters of death and the barrenness, meaning that the promised land is surrounded by **death** and **barrenness**, but is filled with abundance of fruit. This indicates that **outside of Christ**, there is nothing but death and barrenness. God promised to bless the people's bread and water and to remove sickness from their midst. This indicates that **spiritually**, God will give us **food** to **nourish** us and **drink** to **satisfy** us. He will **take away** our **weaknesses** that we may come to full age, full maturity, full growth in life. In this way we shall take the all-inclusive Christ as our possession for our enjoyment. If we would **take possession** of the promised land, we must learn to **obey** the Angel of Jehovah, in particular, His voice. We should take heed to Him, **obey** Him, **not provoking** Him, and **not being pardoned** by Him of our transgressions. We may confess our wrongdoing and seek His forgiveness, but He may not pardon us immediately. In this matter we should not be careless. We must **cooperate** with Him in destroying the pagan tribes. This indicates that our natural life is the source of sin. The **natural life** frustrates God's people from possessing Christ as the good land. We must hate the natural life and as we grow, we must be willing to drive it out. Praise the Lord that He takes **full** care of us. We are given proper food and water, taking sickness away from us, then we become fruitful and live to full age. Hallelujah! (Life-Study of Exodus, 73-75).

MESSAGE 76 – The Enactment of the Covenant

After Moses received the charge from God to bring the leaders of Israel up on the mountain, Moses **enacted** the law. After the law was enacted, it became a **covenant**. With the enactment of the law through Moses, there are certain particular, uncommon points. First, there was an **altar**, and there were **twelve pillars**. Then two types of **offerings**. Finally, we have the **blood**. The altar indicates that we cannot keep the law of God and that we need to be **redeemed**. We need to be **terminated** and **replaced** by the sacrifices. The twelve pillars stand for a **testimony**. The children of Israel should stand as a testimony **reflecting** God and what He is. God has no intention to make us law-keepers. His intention is to make us pillars which stand on earth as a reflection of Himself as the divine Person who is holy, righteous, and full of love and light. This is to be a **living testimony** of what God is, as portrayed by the law. (Life-Study of Exodus, 76).