

Life-Study of Exodus Summaries – Messages 87-91

MESSAGE 87–89 – The Ark of the Testimony

The ark of testimony in the Holy of Holies signifies the Christ who dwells in our spirit. Christ, the resurrected One, lives as the indwelling Spirit in our regenerated spirit. The very Christ who is in our spirit is the ark. As the ark, Christ is God's testimony. He stands as the testimony of God in our spirit and in the whole universe. The gold-wood ark typifies Christ as the God-man. The propitiatory cover of the ark signifies the topmost part of Christ. The picture of the propitiatory cover with the cherubim shows that God's glory is upon Christ. When God comes to meet with us, His standing is the redeeming blood. Because the blood has been sprinkled on the propitiatory cover and because God's standing is on the blood, He can meet with us in the midst of His shining glory.

Although the way to the tree of life was closed before, something has happened to open the way. By the blood of Jesus, the way to the tree of life has been opened! Through the redeeming blood of Christ we can once again enjoy the tree of life. When we spend time with the Lord in the Holy of Holies, we are infused by Him with all He is. Then, through this infusion, spontaneously we will be able to live Christ. We praise the Lord that Christ is not only the One who propitiates and is the propitiatory sacrifice, but even the place of propitiation.

The throne of grace is now in our spirit. Whenever we pray by turning to the spirit, we touch the throne of grace. This throne of grace is the all-inclusive Christ typified by the ark. Our daily walk should be controlled by the vision we see when we meet with Christ on the cover of the ark. Praise the Lord! (Life-Study of Exodus, 87–89).

MESSAGE 90–91 – The Table of the Bread of the Presence

After the ark of the testimony, we have the table of the bread of the Presence. This implies that the table is connected to the ark. The ark is for God's testimony, and the table is for our nourishment. When we meet with God upon Christ as the propitiatory cover, enjoying fellowship with God and hearing words from His mouth, the ark becomes a table where we enjoy a nourishing feast. In particular, the table of the bread of the Presence signifies Christ as the feast for God's priests. The experience of feasting on the bread of the Presence is different from the experience of eating manna. Where the manna was gathered outside the court of the tabernacle, the bread of the Presence was in the Holy Place. The table signifies Christ as our weekly supply. The weekly supply enables us not only to live, but also to serve the Lord.

When we have the bread of Presence, we have God's presence, God's face. When we eat this bread, we eat the presence of God, the face of God. The bread of Presence was the most holy of the people's offerings to Jehovah made by fire. It signifies the surplus of the believers' experience and enjoyment of Christ offered to God for His satisfaction. The significance of this matter is that the believers should experience Christ and enjoy Him daily. Then they should bring the Christ they have experienced and enjoyed, and they should offer Him to God for His satisfaction. The display of the bread on the table signifies the life supply. Praise the Lord that we have both the ark of God as God's testimony and the table with the bread of the Presence as our nourishment! (Life-Study of Exodus, 90–91).