

Life-Study of Exodus Review – Messages 35-60

Manna

Manna in the Old Testament is a **type** of Christ. As the real manna, Christ was sent by God the Father for us to **live** by Him. The **manna** in **Exodus 16** is the **tree of life** in **Genesis 2**; the manna is the tree of life, and the tree of life is the manna. Today, the Christ who is our food is the Christ who has become **subjective** to us. Christ is our unique diet, and we should live by Him and on Him alone. By having Christ as our **unique food**, we will have **one ministry**, ministering the same kind of food to all people. Praise the Lord that as the manna, he is full of life, rich in nourishment and is in a form that is edible by us yet mysterious! Christ is not only the open manna, but also the **hidden manna**. Without hidden manna, we shall not be able to function as **priests**. As functioning priests, we **serve** God by **enjoying** Christ as our specific portion. Every proper priest is an **overcomer**. We can become overcomers by **enjoying** Christ as manna. May we understand the picture of the manna in a subjective way according to our experience. In this way, we will see that we are the tabernacle and that the contents of the tabernacle are within us!

The Living Water

After we receive the word, which is the manna, the Spirit begins to **flow** in us like a river of **living water**. Even after we have experienced Christ as our manna, we still need to experience Him as our living water. In our Christian life, we need not only to eat, but drink as well. Drinking is necessary for proper **digestion**; we need experience the Spirit to help in the digestion of the word. In our family life or church life, God often allows us to come to a stage of **dryness**. The Lord brings us to such a stage for the purpose of **exposing** us. God is the only One who can pass such test; for us to pass this test, we must take Him in as our **manna** and **living water**. By eating and drinking, we take God into us. We have been **positioned** to drink by baptism, however, we need to be those who are **thirsty** for the living water. If we are not thirsty, then we need to pray; then we need to come to the Lord to drink by **calling on His name**. When we drink of Him in such a way, we are **worshipping** Him in a **genuine** way. Then we need to **flow** the water of life. Without the flowing of the water of life, our drinking is in **vain**. If we do not flow, we **cannot** continue drinking. To flow the water of life in a practical way, we need to **call** on the name of the Lord, **pray**, and **sing** to the Lord. We must flow the living water by **speaking**; the more we speak, the more we are brought into a state where we are **flooded** with eternal life. May we flow the water of life by speaking and by being identified with the smitten Christ. Then rivers of living water fill flow out from our innermost being.

The Word of God

God **reveals** Himself to His people and thus enables them to know what kind of God He is. The law does not merely consist of **commandments** for us to keep, rather, it is a **testimony** which reveals what kind of God the Lord is. As such, we need to be the **loving seekers** of God, those who love, seek, and dwell with God. We need to have the same experience as that of the **psalmists** in the Old Testament; in principle, the experience of the psalmists in the Old Testament was the same as our experience today. If we love the Lord, seek Him with our whole heart, dwell with Him, and enjoy His riches, His substance will be **infused** into us. As His words infused Himself into us, we become **one** with Him in life, nature, and expression. In this way, we become those who can **keep** God's law by loving Him and His word. By loving the Lord as our Beloved and becoming one with Him, even becoming His love, His word will become the **life supply** to us, allowing us to **grow**, become His **expression**, and **live** in a way which corresponds to what He is. Then, we will receive the **blessing** from the Word of God. We will be **enlightened**, we will have the **life supply**, and then finally, we will have the highest blessing of all—the **enjoyment of God Himself as our portion**. May we all be encouraged to be in a proper condition whenever we contact the Word, so that the Word may come into our mind and then pass through our mind into our spirit, where it becomes the life supply.