

Life-Study of Job Summaries – Messages 21-25

God's Move in Christ to Bring Forth the Body

The New Testament unveils to us the move of the processed and consummated Triune God. In the Old Testament we do not see God's move but only God's preparatory work for Him to move. God's move began in the four Gospels with Christ's incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension.

Before, God's move was just in **one person**, Christ. Now, since Christ ascended and descended to bring forth the church, God's move has entered into a second stage—the stage of God's move in a **corporate vessel**. As such a vessel the church is the enlargement of Christ, the expansion of Christ. Now **God's move is in a corporate way**. This corporate way is just the Body of Christ, the church, the new man, the organism of the Triune God.

This stage of God's corporate move is revealed in Acts through Revelation. **Christ is the mystery of God, and the Body of Christ is the mystery of Christ**. These two mysteries are the contents of the divine economy. We need to learn to exercise our spirit. Just as we breathe without ceasing, we need to **pray unceasingly**. Every time we pray we need to pray in our spirit. This is spiritual breathing. In our spiritual breathing by the exercise of our spirit, we **enjoy, receive, and absorb** the divine substance with the divine essence, the divine element, and the divine expression. This will cause us to be **deified**, that is, to be **constituted with the processed Triune God** to be made God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead.

Man Moving in God's Move and God Moving in Man's Move

The New Testament, a record of God's move, shows us that **God can never move apart from man**. In the beginning of the New Testament, God moved into man, gained man, and became a man. He moved not only as God and not merely as man; He moved as the God-man. In the four Gospels God moved in man's move, but in Acts man moved in God's move. **God and man moved together**.

Genuine Christians are **mysterious** and cannot be understood by unbelievers. We Christians are a mystery because we move in God's move, and God moves in our move. **God and we, we and God, move together**. We are not merely on *with* the Spirit, but we *and* the Spirit are one. We should not take any action apart from the all-inclusive Spirit. When He moves, we move; when we move, He moves.

We need to learn not to do things too quickly. Acting hastily is the living of a descendant of Adam. We must remember that, **as Christians, we are not the only ones moving**. On the contrary, we are moving in another One's moving, and another One is moving in our moving. This kind of life is a constituent of the church. This kind of life keeps the Body of Christ in a living condition. However, **not to move in the Spirit's move and not to have the Spirit in our move will bring death into the church**.

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